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Committee on Regional Trade Agreements

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RTA TRANSPARENCY MECHANISM

STATUS OF THE PREPARATION OF FACTUAL PRESENTATIONS

Background Note by the Secretariat

RTA Name	Notification date	Data due on	Data received	FP sent to Parties	Comments due	Comments received	Status	
Agreements among members.	Agreements among members							
ASEAN - Hong Kong, China (G&S)	10-Feb-21	1-Jul-21	Hong Kong, China: 30-Jun-21 ASEAN: 14-Jan-22	21-Oct-22	2-Dec-22	Most comments received on 9-Dec-2022	FP to be circulated	
ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) (ATIGA) (G)	31-Aug-21	23-Feb-22	Malaysia: 17-Jan-22 ASEAN Secretariat: 25-Jul- 2022; 1-Aug-2022 Lao PDR: 15-Sep-2022				FP to be drafted	
Colombia-Israel (G&S)	14-Mar-23	3-Aug-23						
Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - Entry into force for Chile (G&S)	14-Feb-23	4-May-23						
Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - Entry into force for Malaysia (G&S)	25-Jan-23	17-Apr-23						
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (G)	2-May-19	10-Oct-19	Some data received from ECOWAS Commission: 15-Sep-20 Togo: 14-Sept-20 Niger: 29-Jul-20 Senegal: 13-Feb-20 Benin: 31-May-19 No data from the other Parties				Awaiting complete data from all of the Parties	
EFTA - Ecuador (G&S)	22-Feb-22	5-May-22	Ecuador: 23-May-22 EFTA: 28-Nov-22 and 16- Jan-2023				FP being drafted	
EFTA-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	6-Oct-22	23-Dec-22	Switzerland & Norway: 16-Jan-23				Awaiting data from GCC members and some data from Iceland	
EFTA - Indonesia (G&S)	26-Apr-22	8-Jul-22					Awaiting data from the Parties	
EFTA – Türkiye (G&S)	14-Feb-22	27-Apr-22	Türkiye: 25-Apr-22 EFTA: 9-Mar-23	20-Oct-22	1-Dec-22	Türkiye: 2-Dec-22 EFTA: 6-Dec-22	FP being finalized	
EU - Pacific States (PNG and Fiji) (G)	18-Oct-11	10-Dec-14	Data from the EU, PNG Trade data from Fiji				FP to be drafted	

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EU - Pacific States - Accession of Samoa (G)	26-Oct-20	12-Jan-21	Data received from the EU: 12-Jan-21 Samoa: 12-Jan-21/18-Jan-21				FP to be drafted along with EU-Pacific States (PNG and Fiji)
EU - Pacific States - Accession of Solomon Islands (G)	26-Oct-20	12-Jan-21	Data received from the Solomon Islands: 11-Jan- 21/15-Jan-21/19-Jan-21/ 5-Oct-21. EU: 12-Jan-21				FP to be drafted along with EU-Pacific States (PNG and Fiji)
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) (G)	20-Nov-06 31-Mar-08 17-Nov-09	19-Dec-07 7-Apr-08	Yes	22-Oct-10	19-Nov-10	Yes	Awaiting responses to questions from Members
India - United Arab Emirates (S)	22-Sept-22	13-Feb-23	India: 14-Feb-2023				Awaiting data from UAE
Türkiye - Denmark in respect of the Faeroe Islands (G)	1-Nov-22	12-Jan-23	Türkiye: 22-Nov-22 Faroe Islands:29-Nov-2022				Awaiting tariff data from the Faroe Islands
United Kingdom – Albania (G&S)	3-May-21	13-Jul-21	UK: 7-May-21 Albania: 12-Jul-21	11-Apr-22	9-May-22	Albania: 10-May-22	Final comments pending from the UK
United Kingdom – Cameroon (G)	31-Dec-20	13-Jul-21	UK:19-Mar-21			,	Awaiting data from Cameroon
United Kingdom - Central America (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 5-Jul-21 Panama: 21-Apr-21 Guatemala:5-May-21 Nicaragua: 5-May-21/ 6-May-21 Costa Rica: 6-May-21 El Salvador:28-Jun-21 Honduras: 02-Mar-22	9-Mar-23	6-Apr-23		FP sent for comments
United Kingdom - Côte d'Ivoire (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 19-Mar-21				Awaiting data from Côte d'Ivoire
United Kingdom – Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (G&S)	1-Sept-20	28-Nov-22	Received data from all of the Parties				FP to be drafted
United Kingdom – Georgia (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 12-Apr-21 Georgia: 9-Jun-21/6-Sep- 21/8-Sep-21				FP being drafted
United Kingdom – Ghana (G)	4-Mar-21	17-May-21	UK: 12-Apr-21				Awaiting data from Ghana
United Kingdom - Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway (G&S)	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22	UK: 16-Dec-21/17-Jan-22/ 23-Feb-22 Norway: 03-Mar-22				FP to be drafted

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United Kingdom - Moldova, Republic of (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 12-Apr-21 Moldova, Rep of: 31-May- 21/1-Jun-21				FP being drafted
United Kingdom – Morocco (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK:7-May-21				Awaiting data from Morocco
United Kingdom - North Macedonia (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 7-May-21 North Macedonia: 5-May- 21/10-May-21	10-Jan-23	7-Feb-23 Extended to: 22-Feb-23 & 14-Mar-23	North Macedonia: 21-Jan-23 UK: 20-Mar-23	Comments being incorporated
United Kingdom - Pacific States (PNG and Fiji) (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 19-Mar-21 PNG: 29-Jun-22				FP to be drafted
United Kingdom - Pacific States - Accession of Samoa (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	Samoa:5-May-21 UK: 19-Mar-21				FP to be drafted along with UK Pacific States
United Kingdom - Pacific States - Accession of Solomon Islands (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 19-Mar-21 Solomon Islands: 05-Oct-21				FP to be drafted along with UK Pacific States
United Kingdom - SACU and Mozambique (G)	8-Jan-21	5-May-21	UK: 5-Jul-21 Data received from SACU	20-Mar-23	1-May-23		FP sent for comments
United Kingdom – Ukraine (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	Ukraine: 7-May-21/18- May-21/3-Jun-21 UK: 5-Jul-21				FP to be drafted
United Kingdom - Viet Nam (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	Viet Nam: 7-May-21 UK: 3-Sep-21				FP being drafted
 Agreements with Non mer 	mbers	•				•	
EFTA - Lebanon (G)	22-Dec-06	1-Jun-09	Data received from EFTA only				Awaiting data from Lebanon
EU - Eastern and Southern Africa States - Accession of Comoros (G)	14-Jan-21	30-Mar-21	EU: 24-Mar-21				Awaiting data from the Comoros
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) - Iran (G)	31-Jan-20	22-Jun-20	No data received				Awaiting data from the Parties
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) – Serbia (G)	3-Nov-21	28-Mar-22	Serbia: 17-Jan-22				Awaiting data from the rest of the EAEU members
Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus (PACER Plus) (G&S)	8-Apr-21	6-Sep-21	Data received				FP being drafted
Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus (PACER Plus) (G&S) – Entry into force for Tuvalu and Vanuatu	14-Oct-22	6-Jan-23					FP being drafted with PACER Plus
Russian Federation – Turkmenistan (G)	18-Jan-13	11-Jun-13	Data received from the Russian Federation				Awaiting data from Turkmenistan

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Treaty on a Free Trade Area between members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (G)	6-Jun-13	31-Oct-18	Data received from Ukraine	21-Jan-19	4-Mar-19	Ukraine: 12-Mar-19 Moldova: 18-Mar-19	Comments outstanding from Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, and the Russian Federation.
Türkiye – Kosovo¹ (G)	21-Dec-21	11-May-22	Türkiye:19-Apr-22 Kosovo: 7&20-Jul-22				FP to be drafted
Türkiye – Syria (G)	15-Feb-07	13-Aug-09	Data received from Türkiye and some data from Syria				Awaiting complete submission from Syria
Ukraine – Azerbaijan (G)	18-Aug-08	10-Aug-09	Data received from Ukraine, import data received from Azerbaijan				Awaiting tariff data from Azerbaijan
Ukraine - Turkmenistan (G)	18-Aug-08	10-Aug-09	Data received from Ukraine only				Awaiting tariff data from Turkmenistan
United Kingdom - Cariforum States (G&S)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 19-Mar-21 Dominican Republic: 6-Apr-21 Grenada: 7-Apr-21/ 7-May-21 St Vincent:12-Oct-21				Awaiting complete submission from the Dominican Republic and St. Vincent. Awaiting submissions from the rest of the Parties
United Kingdom - Faroe Islands (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 03-Sept-21				Awaiting data from Faroe Islands
United Kingdom – Kosovo¹ (G)	31-Dec-20	12-May-21	UK: 7-May-21 Kosovo: 4-Aug-22				FP to be drafted
United Kingdom – Lebanon (G)	31-Dec-20	5-May-21	UK: 7-May-21 Lebanon: 7-May-21				Awaiting complete data from Lebanon
United Kingdom – Palestine (G)	31-Dec-20	10-May-21	UK:12-Apr-21				Awaiting data from Palestine
United Kingdom – Serbia (G&S)	18-May-21	28-Jul-21	UK: 05-Jul-21 Serbia:26-Jul-21				FP to be circulated

¹ Reference to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).