

# WTO TRADE FACILITATION AND AFCFTA

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## Overview

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement to eradicate red tape in moving goods across borders

The red tape can be eradicated by harmonizing, simplifying and modernizing border procedures

The removal of red tape should result in reduction of border waiting time and cross border trading costs

*The Agreement entered into force on 22 February 2018 when two thirds of the WTO had ratified the Agreement*

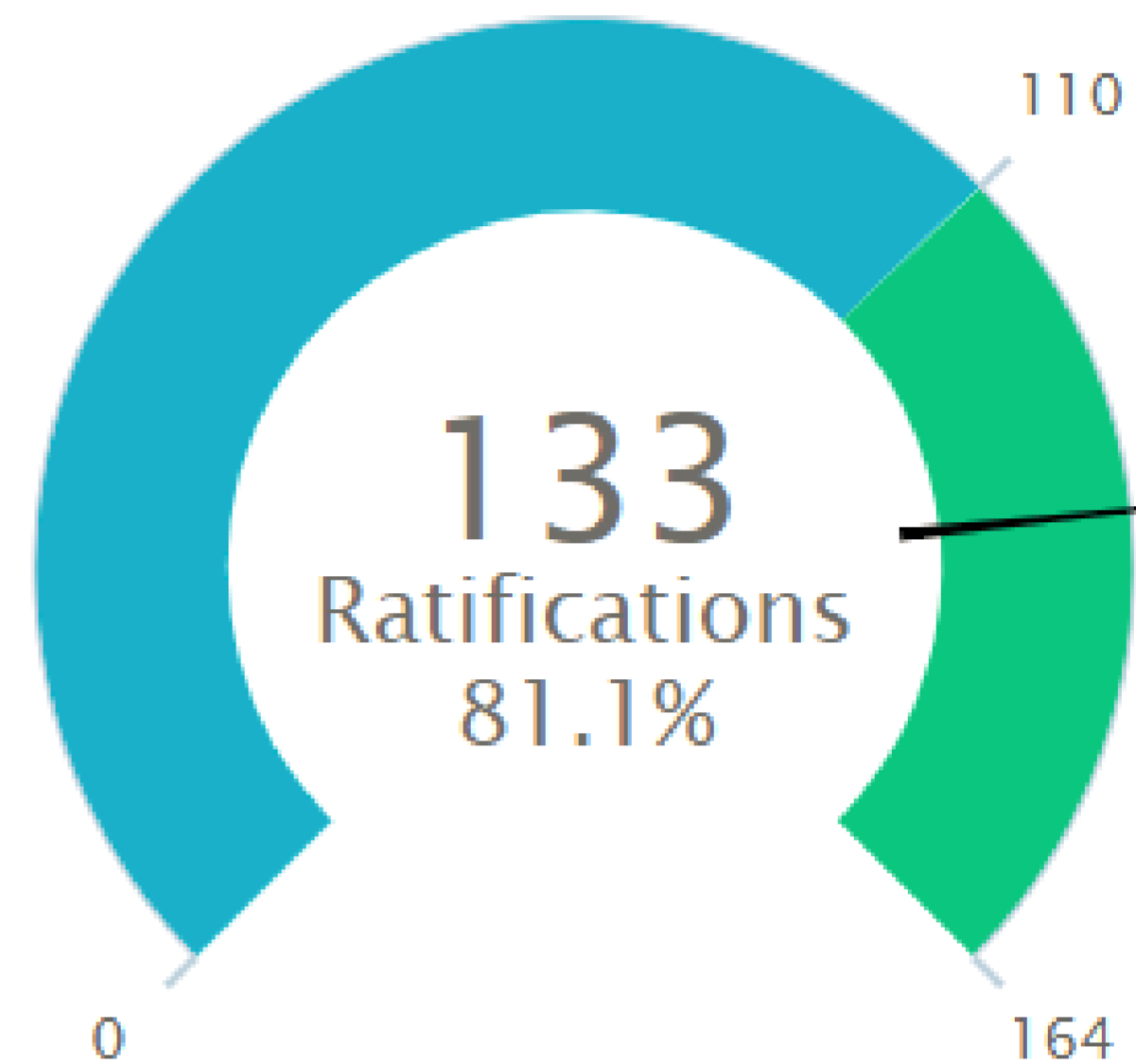
*As at 28 February 2018, 131 WTO members had domestically ratified the Agreement and notified the WTO*

*26 members from Africa have ratified the Agreement*

*11 SADC member States have ratified; Angola, DRC, Tanzania and Zimbabwe are still to ratify the Agreement*

## Ratifications

The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017 when the WTO obtained the two-thirds acceptance from its 164 Members.



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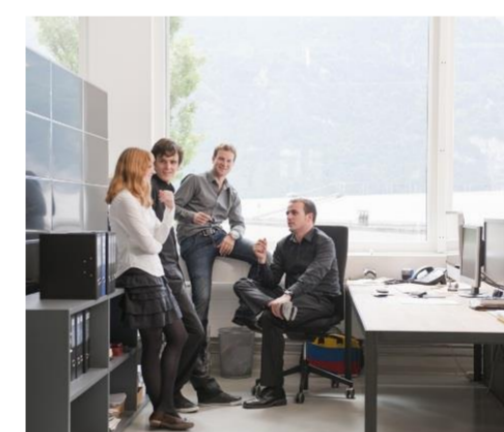
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A = developing Members will implement the measure by 22/02/2017 and LDCs by 22/02/2018

### KEY



B = Members will need additional time to implement the measure

### MESSAGES



C = Members will need additional time and capacity building support to implement the measure

- The AfCFTA includes a Protocol on Trade in Goods
- The Protocol on Trade in Goods has 9 Annexes including: Rules of origin, NTBs, Trade Facilitation, Customs cooperation, Transit, etc.

- The WTO TFA & WCO RKC were a source for most Trade Facilitation Annex text in the AfCFTA

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