



**The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)**  
**ICAO Webinar**  
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# Barriers observed

## Procedures

- Mysterious
- Outdated
- Inefficient
- Excessive
- Time consuming
- Costly



Delays at all stages  
of a product's journey  
before and after import

## Agencies and actors involved



# The TFA has provisions aimed at:

- increase transparency for importers and exporters
- improve governance through disciplines on rule and decision-making processes
- implement streamlined and modernized border procedures and control techniques
- enhance the movement of goods in transit
- improve customs cooperation



# TFA Structure



**TRADE  
FACILITATING  
PROVISIONS**



**IMPLEMENTATION  
PROVISIONS**



**INSTITUTIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS**



## Section I

12 Articles with approximately 40 technical measures



**Article 1**  
Publication & Availability  
of Information



**Article 5**  
Measures to Enhance  
Impartiality, Non-Discrimination  
& Transparency



**Article 9**  
Movement under  
Customs Control



**Article 2**  
Comment  
and Consultations



**Article 6**  
Disciplines on Fees  
and Charges



**Article 10**  
Import, Export  
& Transit Formalities



**Article 3**  
Advance  
Rulings



**Article 7**  
Release and  
Clearance  
of Goods



**Article 11**  
Freedom  
of transit



**Article 4**  
Procedures for  
Appeal or Review



**Article 8**  
Border Agency  
Cooperation



**Article 12**  
Customs  
Cooperation

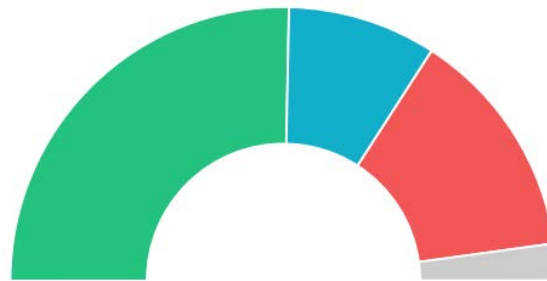
# Ratifications

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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## Implementation notifications

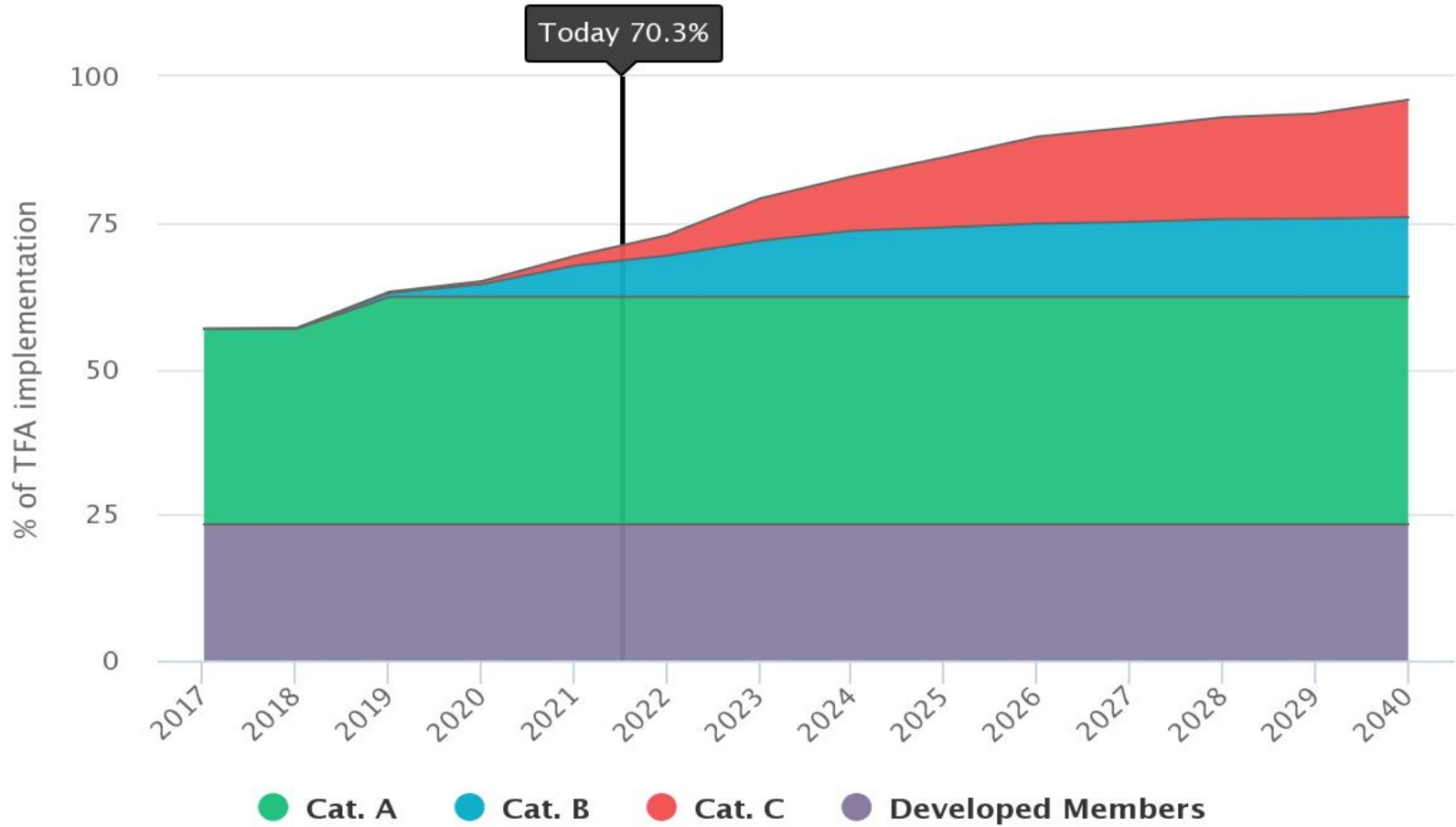


● A - 50.7%   ● B - 17.6%   ● C - 27.4%   ● Not yet notified - 4.3%

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# Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

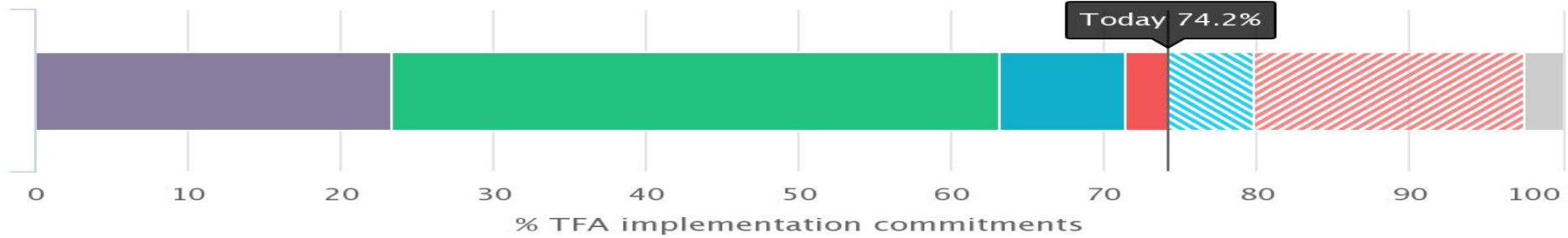


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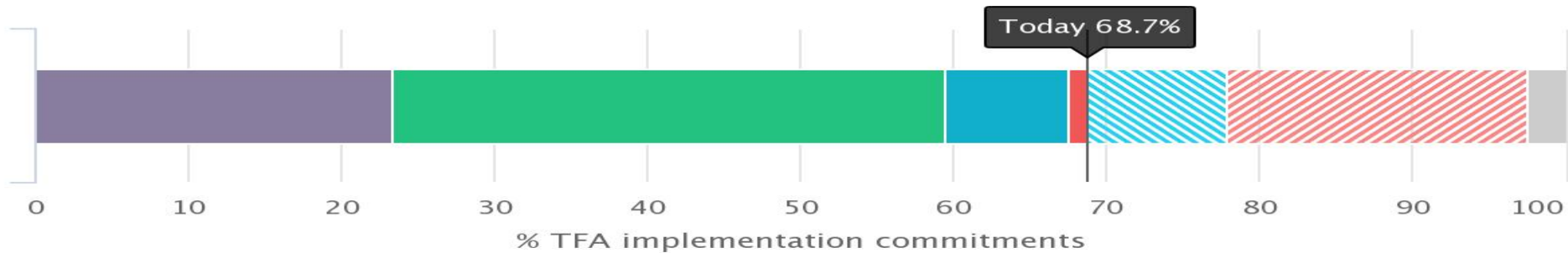
# Global implementation progress

7.1 – Pre-arrival processing  
All Members



# Global implementation progress

7.2 – Electronic payment  
All Members

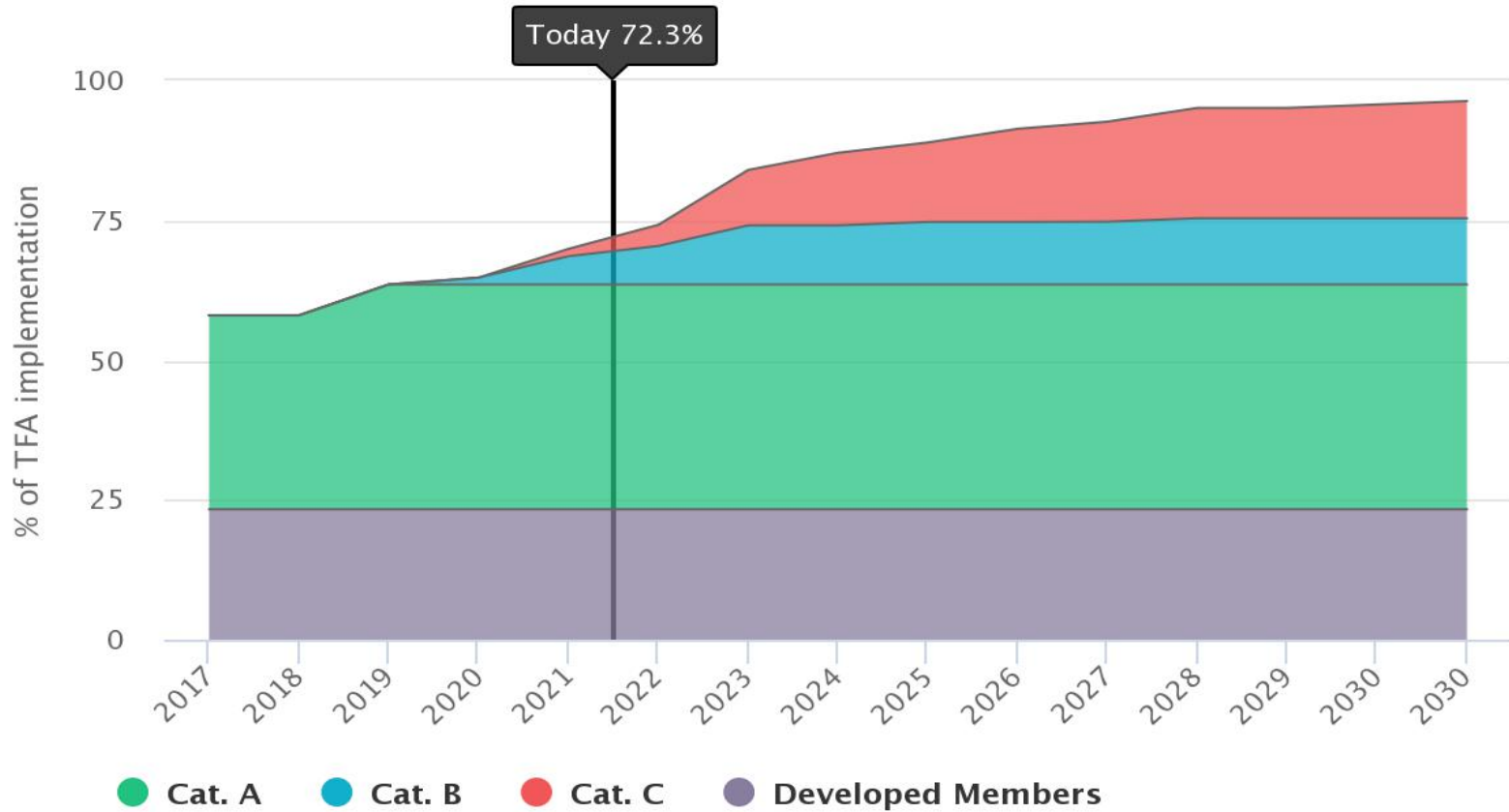


- **Developed members 23.3%**
- **Category A current commitments 36.2%**
- **Category B current commitments 8.0%**
- **Category C current commitments 1.2%**
- **Category B future commitments 9.2%**
- **Category C future commitments 19.6%**
- **Unknown 2.5%**

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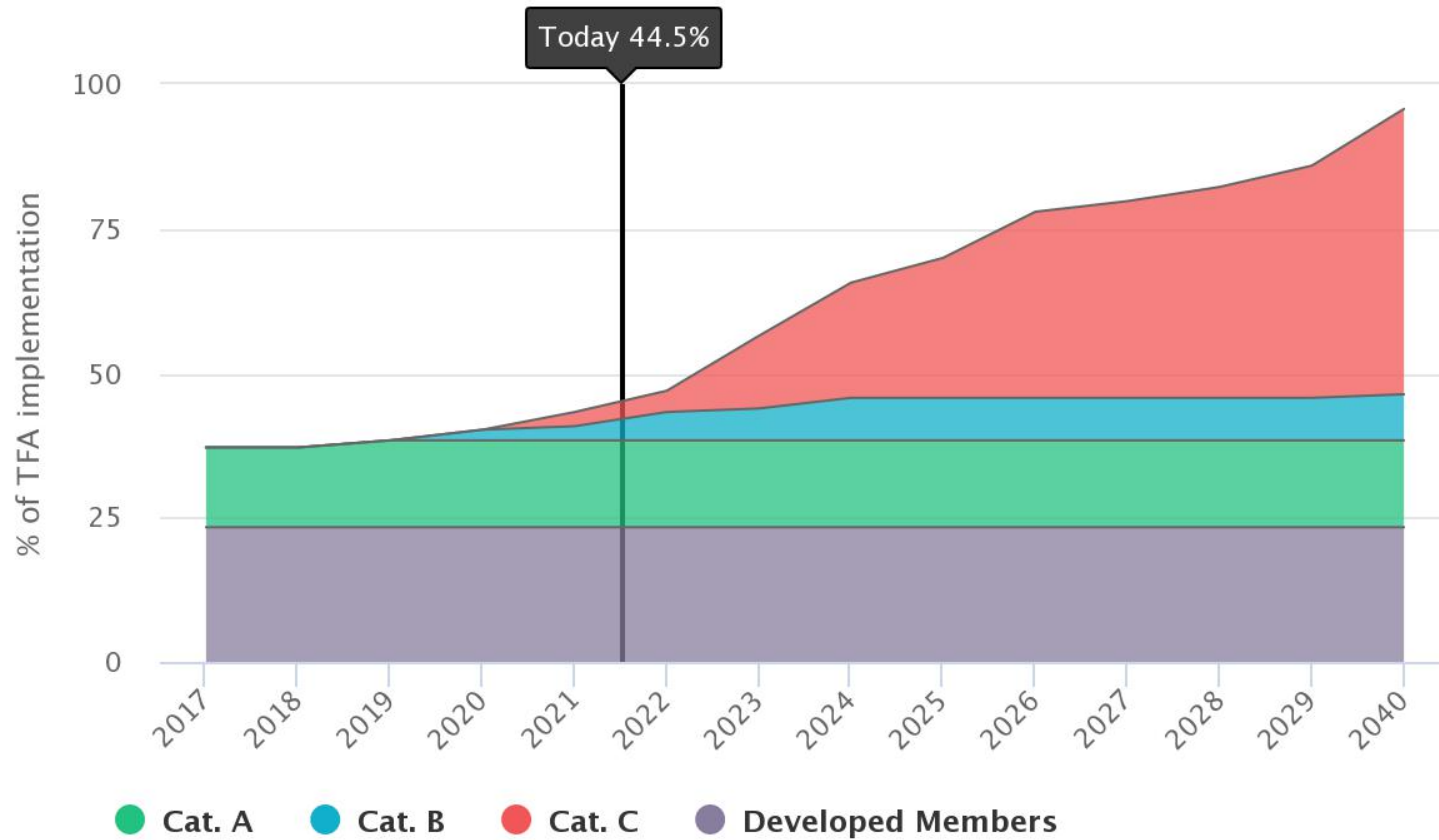
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7.8 – Expedited shipments  
All Members



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10.4 – Single window  
All Members



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***Thank you!***

TFA Database ([tfadatabase.org](http://tfadatabase.org))

- [tfadatabase.org/trade.facilitation.committee/experience-sharing](http://tfadatabase.org/trade.facilitation.committee/experience-sharing)

TFA Facility ([tfafacility.org](http://tfafacility.org))

- [tfafacility.org/covid19-trade-facilitation](http://tfafacility.org/covid19-trade-facilitation)

