

Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization

Agreement on Trade Facilitation

Done at Geneva on 27 November 2014

Entry into force: 22 February 2017¹⁹⁵

Text: WTO Treaty Series No. 47, [WT/Let/1030](#), [WT/L/940](#)

UN Registration: 25 April 2018, [31874](#), [No. 68489](#)

UNTS: [not yet determined](#)

Relevant clauses

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1. Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement shall, upon entry into force of this Protocol pursuant to paragraph 4, be amended by the insertion of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, as set out in the Annex to this Protocol, to be placed after the Agreement on Safeguards.
2. Reservations may not be entered in respect of any of the provisions of this Protocol without the consent of the other Members.
3. This Protocol is hereby open for acceptance by Members.
4. This Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article X of the WTO Agreement.¹

¹ For the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member states shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member states of the European Union which are Members to the WTO.

5. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the World Trade Organization who shall promptly furnish to each Member a certified copy thereof and a notification of each acceptance thereof pursuant to paragraph 3.

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Acceptances¹⁹⁶

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into Force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Afghanistan	29 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1188

* Refers to those Members who have acceded to the WTO Agreement following the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA Protocol), and who, by virtue of their Protocol of Accession, are bound by the WTO Agreement as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such legal instruments that have entered into force before their respective Protocol of Accession. Accordingly, those Members are bound by the TFA Protocol.

¹⁹⁵ See [WT/Let/1241](#).

¹⁹⁶ As indicated in document [WT/Let/1337](#), on 1 June 2017 the following communication was received from the Netherlands:

"THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, DECLARES, in conformity with the provisions of Article X, paragraph 7, of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, in conjunction with point 3 of the Protocol amending

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Albania	10 May 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1161
Angola	9 Apr 2019	9 Apr 2019	WT/Let/1431
Antigua and Barbuda	27 Nov 2017	27 Nov 2017	WT/Let/1325
Argentina	22 Jan 2018	22 Jan 2018	WT/Let/1332
Armenia	20 Mar 2017	20 Mar 2017	WT/Let/1247
Australia	8 Jun 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1043
Bahrain, Kingdom of	23 Sep 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1199
Bangladesh	27 Sep 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1201
Barbados	31 Jan 2018	31 Jan 2018	WT/Let/1336
Belize	2 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1077
Benin	28 Mar 2018	28 Mar 2018	WT/Let/1350
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	30 Jan 2018	30 Jan 2018	WT/Let/1335
Botswana	18 Jun 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1044
Brazil	29 Mar 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1151
Brunei Darussalam	15 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1111
Burkina Faso	21 Sep 2018	21 Sep 2018	WT/Let/1404
Burundi	12 Dec 2019	12 Dec 2019	WT/Let/1454
Cabo Verde	6 Feb 2020	6 Feb 2020	WT/Let/1464
Cambodia	12 Feb 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1133
Cameroon	30 Nov 2018	30 Nov 2018	WT/Let/1421
Canada	16 Dec 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1225
Central African Republic	11 Jan 2018	11 Jan 2018	WT/Let/1330
Chad	22 Feb 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1240
Chile	21 Nov 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1214
China	4 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1078
Colombia	6 Aug 2020	6 Aug 2020	WT/Let/1472
Comoros*	21 Aug 2024	21 Aug 2024	WT/Let/1711
Congo	5 Oct 2017	5 Oct 2017	WT/Let/1279
Costa Rica	1 May 2017	1 May 2017	WT/Let/1256
Côte d'Ivoire	8 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1104
Cuba	12 Mar 2018	12 Mar 2018	WT/Let/1349
Djibouti	5 Mar 2018	5 Mar 2018	WT/Let/1343
Dominica	28 Nov 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1218

the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, done at Geneva on 27 November 2014, that the Kingdom of the Netherlands ACCEPTS the said Protocol for the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), and that the provisions so accepted shall be observed in their entirety.

Signed and sealed at The Hague, 16 November 2016".

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Dominican Republic	28 Feb 2017	28 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1244
Ecuador	15 Jan 2019	15 Jan 2019	WT/Let/1424
Egypt	24 Jun 2019	24 Jun 2019	WT/Let/1439
El Salvador.....	4 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1178
European Union ^{197, 198, 199}	5 Oct 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1090
Eswatini ²⁰⁰	21 Nov 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1215
Fiji.....	1 May 2017	1 May 2017	WT/Let/1255
Gabon.....	5 Dec 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1222
The Gambia	11 Jul 2017	11 Jul 2017	WT/Let/1270
Georgia.....	4 Jan 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1123
Ghana.....	4 Jan 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1229
Grenada	8 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1105
Guatemala.....	8 Mar 2017	8 Mar 2017	WT/Let/1246
Guinea	24 Oct 2019	24 Oct 2019	WT/Let/1451
Guinea-Bissau	20 Sep 2022	20 Sep 2022	WT/Let/1584
Guyana	30 Nov 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1102
Honduras.....	14 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1179
Hong Kong, China.....	8 Dec 2014	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1025
Iceland.....	31 Oct 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1209
India	22 Apr 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1154
Indonesia.....	5 Dec 2017	5 Dec 2017	WT/Let/1327
Israel.....	8 Dec 2017	8 Dec 2017	WT/Let/1328
Jamaica.....	19 Jan 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1127
Japan	1 Jun 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1042

¹⁹⁷ The text of the instrument of acceptance reads as follows:

"Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

Luxembourg, 1 October 2015

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,
Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4),
in conjunction with point (v) of Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

NOTIFIES by these presents the acceptance, by the European Union, of the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement
Establishing the World Trade Organisation, so that it shall be binding on the Union.

The President of the Council of the European Union" ([WT/Let/1090](#)).

¹⁹⁸ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

¹⁹⁹ On 27 January 2020, the European Union submitted a Note Verbale indicating that the United Kingdom would cease to be a Member State of the European Union and of Euratom on 1 February 2020, and that the Withdrawal Agreement setting out the arrangements for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and Euratom provides for a time-limited transition period during which, save certain very limited exceptions, Union law shall be applicable to and in the United Kingdom. The European Union also indicated that during the same transition period the United Kingdom is treated as a Member State of the European Union and of Euratom for the purposes of relevant international agreements ([WT/Let/1462](#)). See also the confirmation of the latter specifically in regard to the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization in the communication from the United Kingdom dated 1 February 2020 ([WT/GC/206](#)).

²⁰⁰ Formerly "Swaziland".

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Jordan	22 Feb 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1240
Kazakhstan	26 May 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1165
Kenya	10 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1109
Korea, Republic of	30 Jul 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1062
Kuwait, the State of	25 Apr 2018	25 Apr 2018	WT/Let/1352
Kyrgyz Republic	6 Dec 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1223
Lao People's Democratic Republic	29 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1083
Lesotho	4 Jan 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1121
Liberia	29 Apr 2021	29 Apr 2021	WT/Let/1550
Liechtenstein	18 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1081
Macao, China	11 Apr 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1148
Madagascar	20 Jun 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1172
Malawi	12 Jul 2017	12 Jul 2017	WT/Let/1271
Malaysia	26 May 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1041
Maldives	1 Oct 2019	1 Oct 2019	WT/Let/1447
Mali	20 Jan 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1128
Mauritius	5 Mar 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1033
Mexico	26 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1183
Moldova, Republic of	24 Jun 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1175
Mongolia	28 Nov 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1217
Montenegro	10 May 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1160
Morocco	14 May 2019	14 May 2019	WT/Let/1435
Mozambique	6 Jan 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1230
Myanmar	16 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1113
Namibia	9 Feb 2018	9 Feb 2018	WT/Let/1339
Nepal	24 Jan 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1238
New Zealand	29 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1082 , WT/Let/1082/Corr.1
New Zealand declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking account of the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this Acceptance shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.			
Nicaragua	4 Aug 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1063
Niger	6 Aug 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1064
Nigeria	16 Jan 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1237

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North Macedonia ²⁰¹	19 Oct 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1091
Norway.....	16 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1115
Oman	22 Feb 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1240
Pakistan.....	27 Oct 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1092
Panama	17 Nov 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1100
Papua New Guinea.....	7 Mar 2018	7 Mar 2018	WT/Let/1347
Paraguay	1 Mar 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1136
Peru.....	27 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1185
Philippines.....	27 Oct 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1208
Qatar	12 Jun 2017	12 Jun 2017	WT/Let/1266
Russian Federation.....	22 Apr 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1155
Rwanda	22 Feb 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1240
Saint Kitts and Nevis	17 Jun 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1170
Saint Lucia	8 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1106
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 Jan 2017	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1232
Samoa	21 Apr 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1152
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of.....	28 Jul 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1186
Senegal.....	24 Aug 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1193
Seychelles.....	11 Jan 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1124
Sierra Leone	5 May 2017	5 May 2017	WT/Let/1257
Singapore	8 Jan 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1028
Solomon Islands	14 Apr 2022	14 Apr 2022	WT/Let/1568
South Africa.....	30 Nov 2017	30 Nov 2017	WT/Let/1326
Sri Lanka	31 May 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1166
Switzerland	2 Sep 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1076
Chinese Taipei	17 Aug 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1069
Tajikistan	2 July 2019	2 July 2019	WT/Let/1444
Tanzania	8 Apr 2020	8 Apr 2020	WT/Let/1467
Thailand	5 Oct 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1087
Timor-Leste*	30 Aug 2024	30 Aug 2024	WT/Let/1712
Togo	1 Oct 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1086
Trinidad and Tobago	29 Jul 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1061
Tunisia.....	17 Jul 2020	17 Jul 2020	WT/Let/1470
Türkiye ²⁰²	16 Mar 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1143
Uganda.....	27 Jun 2018	27 Jun 2018	WT/Let/1366

²⁰¹ Formerly "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

²⁰² Formerly "Turkey".

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Ukraine.....	16 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1117
United Arab Emirates.....	18 Apr 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1149
United Kingdom (for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey and the Isle of Man) (continued acceptance) ²⁰³	1 Jan 2021	1 Jan 2021	WT/Let/1501
United States of America	23 Jan 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1029
Uruguay.....	30 Aug 2016	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1194
Vanuatu.....	6 May 2020	6 May 2020	WT/Let/1468
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.....	11 June 2024	11 June 2024	WT/Let/1705
Viet Nam	15 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1112
Zambia	16 Dec 2015	22 Feb 2017	WT/Let/1116
Zimbabwe	17 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	WT/Let/1414

²⁰³ See [WT/GC/226](#), paras. 2.8 and 2.10.