

WTO Members

Currently, the WTO has 166 Members. They are listed in the table below according to their designated full names as of the date of membership, or according to the names as subsequently submitted to the WTO Secretariat. In line with the practice of the WTO Secretariat, the remaining sections of this publication use the short names of Members as listed in the latest revision to document [WT/INF/43/Rev.24](#), except in the titles of relevant accession protocols.

WTO Member status has been gained through two avenues: original membership under Article XI, and accession, primarily under Article XII of the WTO Agreement. A prerequisite for both original and acceding WTO Members is having valid goods and services schedules annexed to the GATT 1994 and the GATS, respectively.¹

Original membership was available to "contracting parties" to the GATT 1947, the provisional, *de facto* trade body preceding the WTO, as well as to the European Communities.² By accepting the WTO Agreement, 122 contracting parties to the GATT 1947, and the European Communities, became original WTO Members upon the entry into force of the WTO Agreement (1 January 1995) or within the subsequent two-year period.³

As of the cut-off date of this publication, a total of 43 states or separate customs territories⁴ have acceded to the WTO Agreement either pursuant to Article XII of the WTO Agreement (38 Members, marked with one asterisk in the table below) or through an accelerated accession process provided for in a General Council decision of 31 January 1995⁵ (five Members, marked with two asterisks in the table below). Several accession processes are currently in the negotiations phase. Members that acceded to the plurilateral Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft pursuant to Article 9.1.3 of such Agreement, to the 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement, or to the amended Agreement on Government Procurement, appear in the dedicated pages further below.

¹ Article XI:1 of the WTO Agreement and the Decision on the Acceptance of and Accession to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

² On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)). The European Communities as well as each of its member States have also individually become WTO Members pursuant to Article XI or XII of the WTO Agreement.

³ Article XIV:1 of the WTO Agreement. Exceptionally, Congo became an original WTO Member following expiry of the two-year period by depositing an instrument of acceptance in early 1997 in accordance with the extension of this period by the General Council ([WT/L/208](#)).

⁴ Of these 43 Members, five had gained contracting party status to the GATT 1947 before 15 April 1994 but could not establish their WTO goods and services schedules in time for inclusion in the Marrakesh Final Act. These five contracting parties became WTO Members through an accelerated accession process ([WT/L/30](#)).

⁵ See [WT/L/30](#).

	<i>Date of membership</i>		<i>Date of membership</i>
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of	29 July 2016*	Estonia, Republic of	13 Nov 1999*
Albania, Republic of	8 Sep 2000*	Eswatini, Kingdom of ⁷	1 Jan 1995
Angola, Republic of	23 Nov 1996	European Union ⁸	1 Jan 1995
Antigua and Barbuda	1 Jan 1995	Fiji, Republic of	14 Jan 1996
Argentine Republic	1 Jan 1995	Finland, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Armenia, Republic of	5 Feb 2003*	French Republic	1 Jan 1995
Australia	1 Jan 1995	Gabonese Republic	1 Jan 1995
Austria, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Gambia, Republic of the	23 Oct 1996
Bahrain, Kingdom of	1 Jan 1995	Georgia	14 Jun 2000*
Bangladesh, People's Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Germany, Federal Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Barbados	1 Jan 1995	Ghana, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Belgium, Kingdom of	1 Jan 1995	Hellenic Republic (Greece)	1 Jan 1995
Belize	1 Jan 1995	Grenada	22 Feb 1996**
Benin, Republic of	22 Feb 1996	Guatemala, Republic of	21 Jul 1995
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	12 Sep 1995	Guinea, Republic of	25 Oct 1995
Botswana, Republic of	31 May 1995	Guinea-Bissau, Republic of	31 May 1995
Brazil, Federative Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Guyana, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Brunei Darussalam	1 Jan 1995	Haiti, Republic of	30 Jan 1996
Bulgaria, Republic of	1 Dec 1996*	Honduras, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Burkina Faso	3 Jun 1995	Hong Kong, China	1 Jan 1995
Burundi, Republic of	23 Jul 1995	Hungary	1 Jan 1995
Cabo Verde ⁶	23 Jul 2008*	Iceland, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Cambodia, Kingdom of	13 Oct 2004*	India, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Cameroon, Republic of	13 Dec 1995	Indonesia, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Canada	1 Jan 1995	Ireland	1 Jan 1995
Central African Republic	31 May 1995	Israel, State of	21 Apr 1995
Chad, Republic of	19 Oct 1996	Italian Republic	1 Jan 1995
Chile, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Jamaica	9 Mar 1995
China, People's Republic of	11 Dec 2001*	Japan	1 Jan 1995
Colombia, Republic of	30 Apr 1995	Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of	11 Apr 2000*
Comoros, Union of the	21 Aug 2024*	Kazakhstan, Republic of	30 Nov 2015*
Congo, Republic of the	27 Mar 1997	Kenya, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Costa Rica, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Korea, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Kuwait, the State of	1 Jan 1995
Croatia, Republic of	30 Nov 2000*	Kyrgyz Republic	20 Dec 1998*
Cuba, Republic of	20 Apr 1995	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2 Feb 2013*
Cyprus, Republic of	30 Jul 1995	Latvia, Republic of	10 Feb 1999*
Czech Republic	1 Jan 1995	Lesotho, Kingdom of	31 May 1995
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 Jan 1997	Liberia, Republic of	14 Jul 2016*
Denmark, Kingdom of	1 Jan 1995	Liechtenstein, Principality of	1 Sep 1995
Djibouti, Republic of	31 May 1995	Lithuania, Republic of	31 May 2001*
Dominica, Commonwealth of	1 Jan 1995	Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of	1 Jan 1995
Dominican Republic	9 Mar 1995	Macao, China	1 Jan 1995
Ecuador, Republic of	21 Jan 1996*	Madagascar, Republic of	17 Nov 1995
Egypt, Arab Republic of	30 Jun 1995	Malawi, Republic of	31 May 1995
El Salvador, Republic of	7 May 1995	Malaysia	1 Jan 1995

* Refers to the 36 Members who have acceded to the WTO Agreement pursuant to Article XII of the WTO Agreement.

** Refers to the five Members who have acceded to the WTO Agreement through an accelerated accession process provided for in a General Council decision of 31 January 1995.

⁶ Formerly "Cape Verde".

⁷ Formerly "Swaziland".

⁸ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

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Maldives, Republic of	31 May 1995	Suriname, Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995
Mali, Republic of.....	31 May 1995	Sweden, Kingdom of.....	1 Jan 1995
Malta, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Swiss Confederation	1 Jul 1995
Mauritania, Islamic Republic of	31 May 1995	Separate Customs Territory of	
Mauritius	1 Jan 1995	Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and	
United Mexican States	1 Jan 1995	Matsu	1 Jan 2002*
Moldova, Republic of	26 Jul 2001*	Tajikistan, Republic of.....	2 Mar 2013*
Mongolia.....	29 Jan 1997*	Tanzania, United Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995
Montenegro, Republic of	29 Apr 2012*	Thailand, Kingdom of.....	1 Jan 1995
Morocco, Kingdom of.....	1 Jan 1995	Timor-Leste,	
Mozambique, Republic of	26 Aug 1995	Democratic Republic of.....	30 Aug 2024*
Myanmar, Union of	1 Jan 1995	Togolese Republic.....	31 May 1995
Namibia, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Tonga, Kingdom of.....	27 Jul 2007*
Nepal, Kingdom of.....	23 Apr 2004*	Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of	1 Mar 1995
Netherlands, Kingdom of the.....	1 Jan 1995	Tunisia, Republic of.....	29 Mar 1995
New Zealand.....	1 Jan 1995	Türkiye, Republic of ¹⁰	26 Mar 1995
Nicaragua, Republic of	3 Sep 1995	Uganda, Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995
Niger, Republic of	13 Dec 1996	Ukraine	16 May 2008*
Nigeria, Federal Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995	United Arab Emirates	10 Apr 1996**
North Macedonia ⁹	4 Apr 2003*	United Kingdom of Great Britain	
Norway, Kingdom of.....	1 Jan 1995	and Northern Ireland	1 Jan 1995
Oman, Sultanate of	9 Nov 2000*	United States of America.....	1 Jan 1995
Pakistan, Islamic Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995	Uruguay, Eastern Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Panama, Republic of.....	6 Sep 1997*	Vanuatu, Republic of	24 Aug 2012*
Papua New Guinea.....	9 Jun 1996**	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995
Paraguay, Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995	Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of.....	11 Jan 2007*
Peru, Republic of	1 Jan 1995	Yemen, Republic of.....	26 June 2014*
Philippines, Republic of the.....	1 Jan 1995	Zambia, Republic of	1 Jan 1995
Poland, Republic of.....	1 Jul 1995	Zimbabwe, Republic of	5 Mar 1995
Portuguese Republic	1 Jan 1995		
Qatar, State of	13 Jan 1996**		
Romania.....	1 Jan 1995		
Russian Federation	22 Aug 2012*		
Rwandese Republic	22 May 1996		
Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	21 Feb 1996**		
Saint Lucia.....	1 Jan 1995		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1 Jan 1995		
Samoa, Independent State of	10 May 2012*		
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of.....	11 Dec 2005*		
Senegal, Republic of	1 Jan 1995		
Seychelles, Republic of.....	26 Apr 2015*		
Sierra Leone, Republic of	23 Jul 1995		
Singapore, Republic of	1 Jan 1995		
Slovak Republic.....	1 Jan 1995		
Slovenia, Republic of	30 Jul 1995		
Solomon Islands	26 Jul 1996		
South Africa, Republic of.....	1 Jan 1995		
Spain, Kingdom of	1 Jan 1995		
Sri Lanka, Democratic Socialist			
Republic of	1 Jan 1995		

⁹ Formerly "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

¹⁰ Formerly "Turkey".