

# **Next steps in implementing the TFA**

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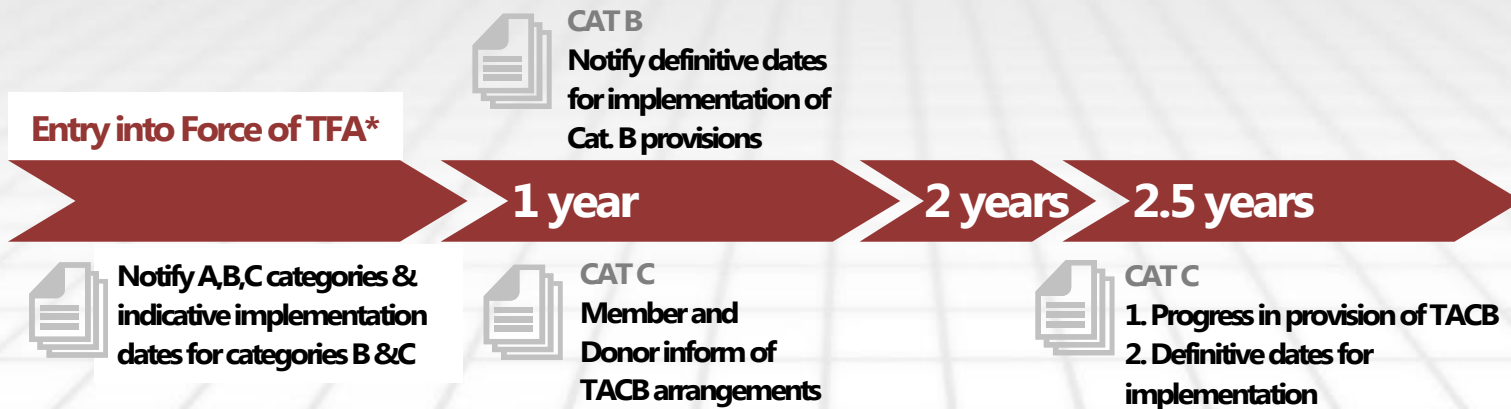
# Key steps



- Establishing a National Committee on Trade Facilitation
- Self-assessment/gap analysis/validation of findings
- Categorization and notification of category A (B and C) commitments
- Ratification of Protocol of Amendment
- Developing/reviewing Strategic/Action plan(s)
- Implementation, including seeking TA/CB support
- Monitoring/evaluating implementation

# Notifications – **developing countries**

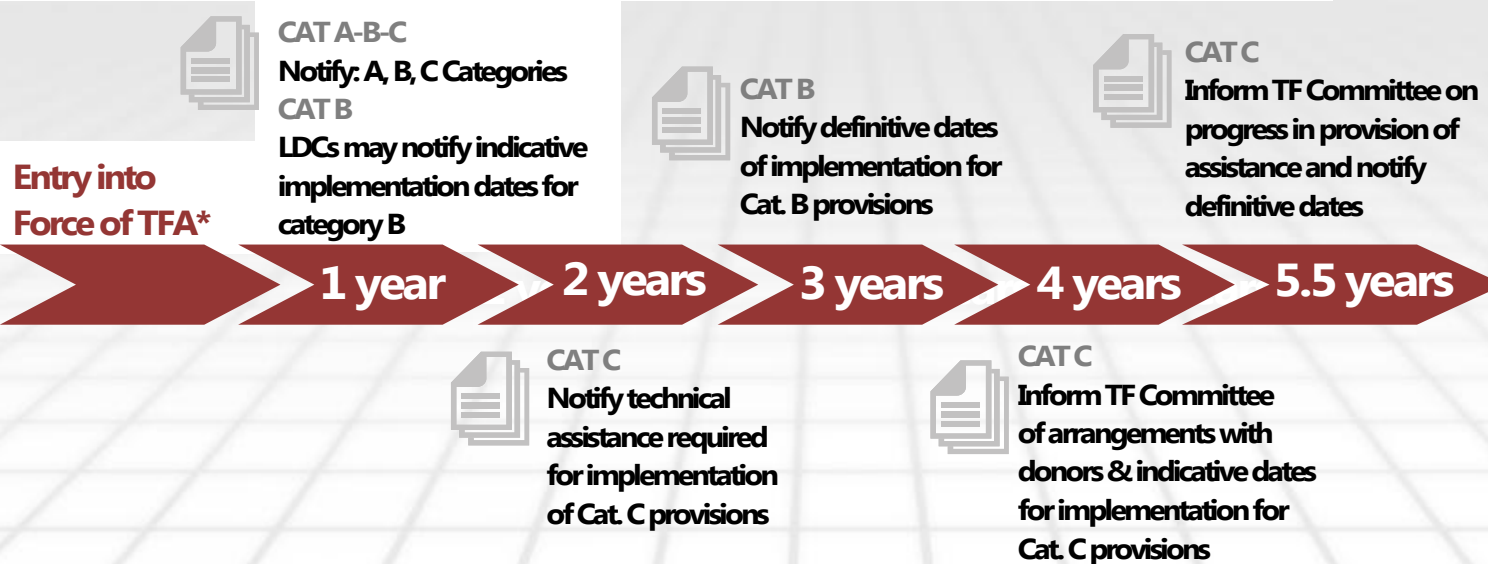
**Figure 1:** Developing Countries Notification for all categories of provisions



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# Notifications - LDCs

**Figure 2:** LDCs Notification for all categories of provisions



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# Sequencing implementation

## **Ensure high political commitment and engagement of all relevant stakeholders**

- ✓ establish a National Committee on Trade Facilitation
- ✓ raise public awareness

## **Short and middle term commitments**

- ✓ legislative amendments
- ✓ provisions requiring engagement of Customs only
- ✓ provisions requiring limited resources

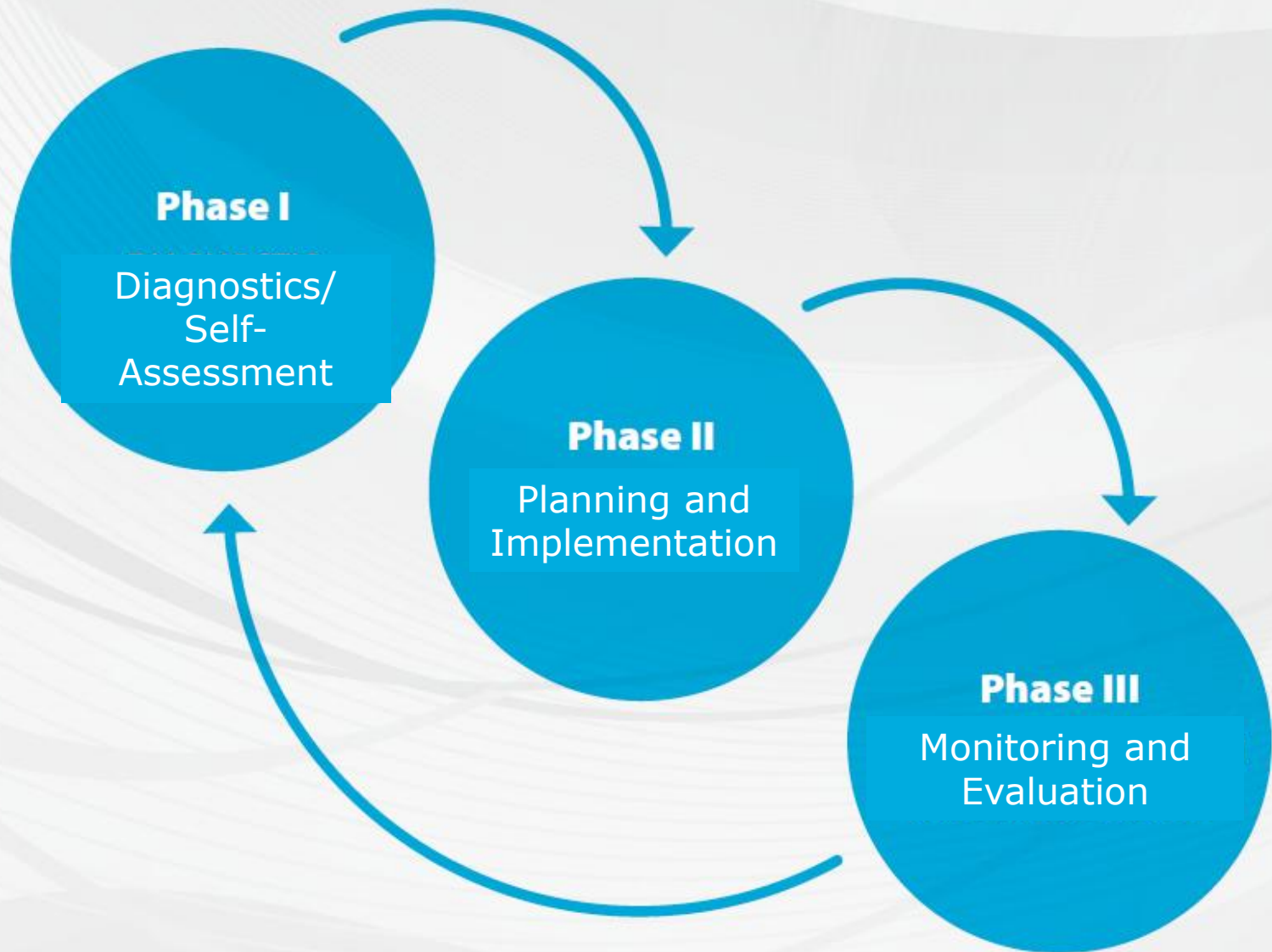
## **Long term commitments**

- ✓ provisions relating to more complex procedures and IT considerations (i.e. Single Window)
- ✓ provisions requiring engagement of various stakeholders
- ✓ provisions requiring more resources

## **Factors to consider**

- ✓ Notification of commitments at national level
- ✓ On-going TF projects
- ✓ Possible quick wins

# 3-phased approach to TFA implementation



# Role of the Time Release Study

- Diagnostic tool
- Monitoring tool
- Performance measurement tool
- Needs to include all relevant stakeholders
- TFA Article 7.6

## 6. Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times

6.1 Members are encouraged to measure and publish their average release time of goods periodically and in a consistent manner, using tools such as, *inter alia*, the Time Release Study of the World Customs Organization (referred to in this Agreement as the "WCO").



# Stakeholder engagement

- Mapping stakeholders
- National Policy dialogues
- Stakeholder engagement strategy
- Consultative Committees – leading to NATIONAL COMMITTEES ON TRADE FACILITATION





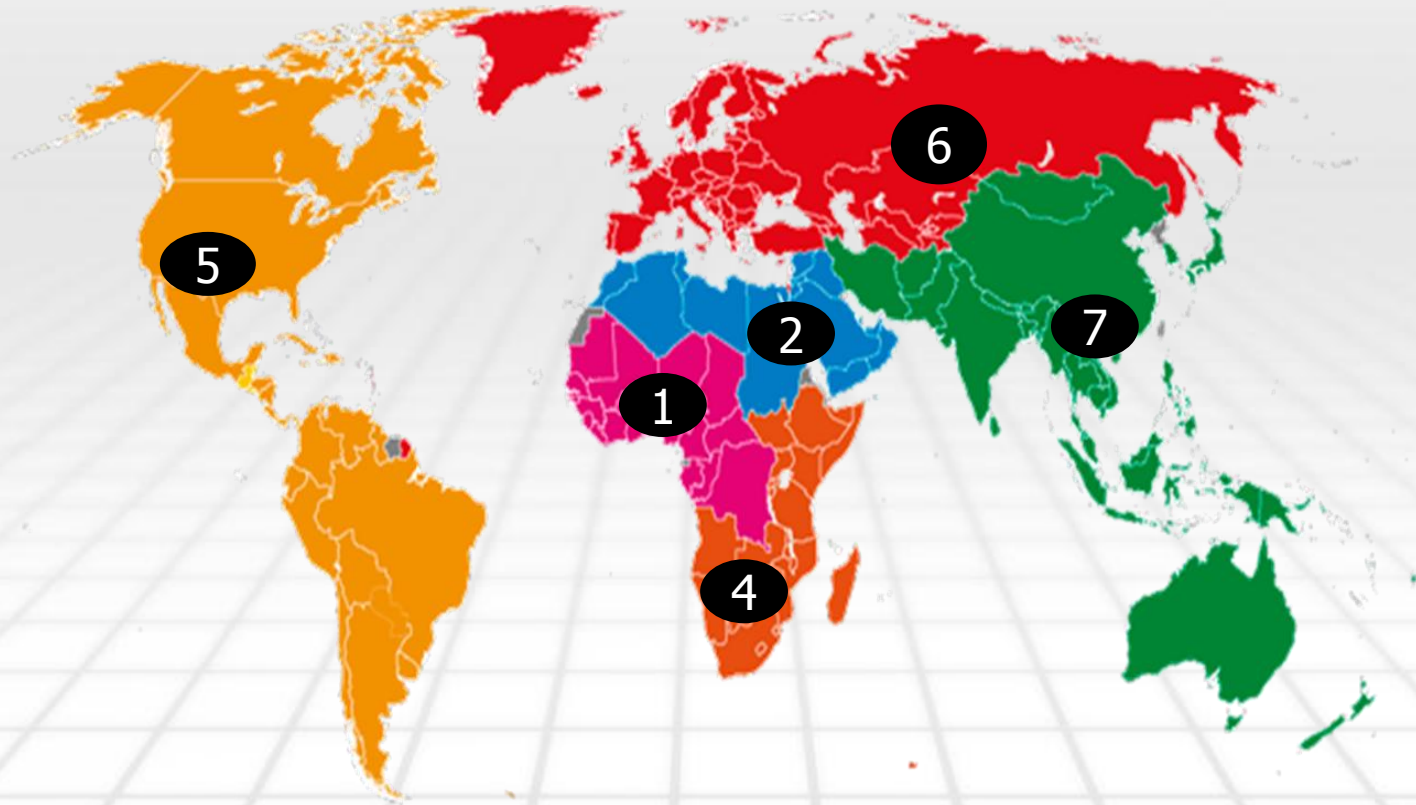
# WCO Survey Results on National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTF's)

Article 23.2 TFA: “Each member shall establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of the TFA”.



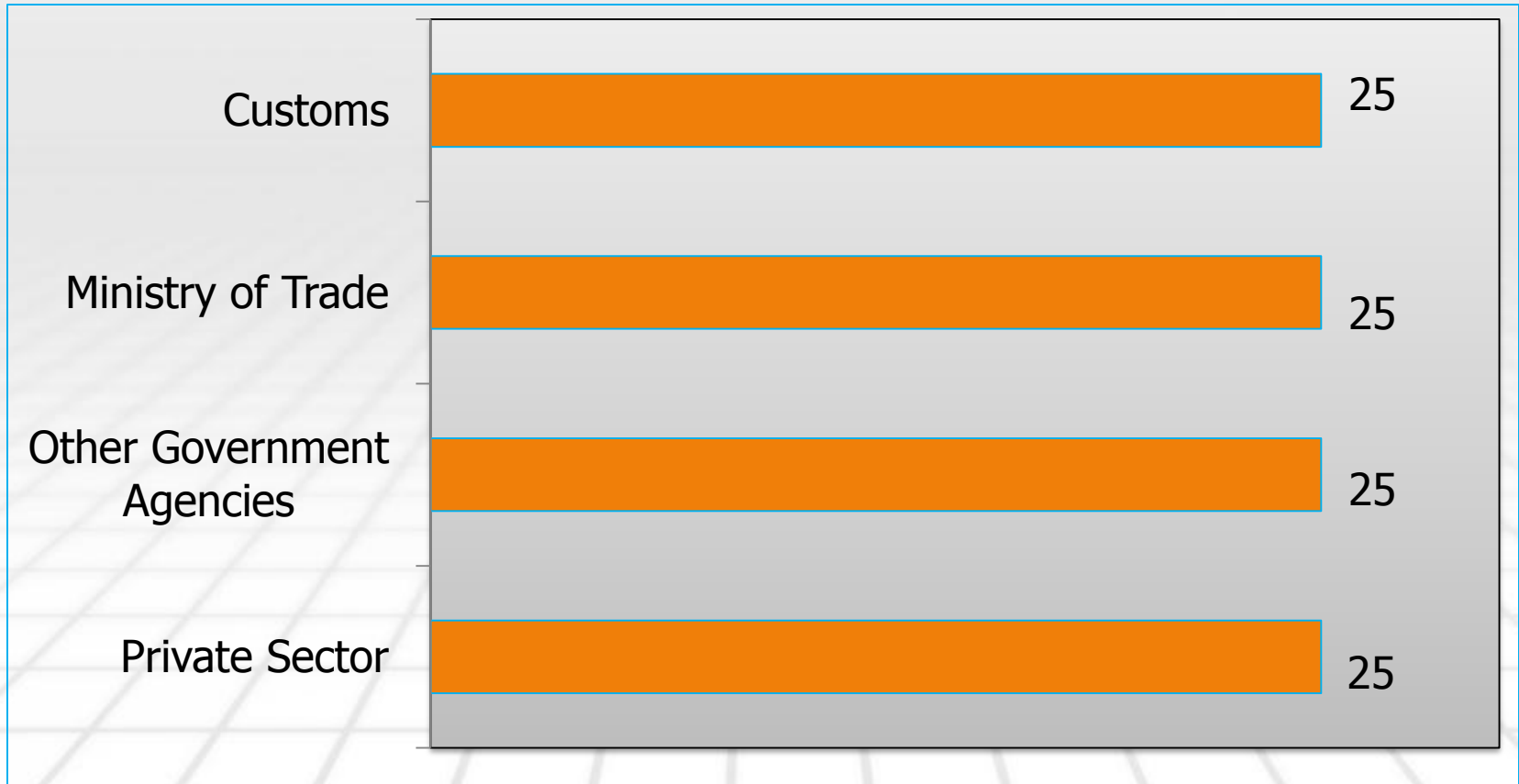
- ❑ December 2014: Survey sent to (then) 179 WCO Members (incl. WTO Members)
- ❑ 68 Members have so far responded to the survey. That is 42% of the 161 WTO Members.
- ❑ 25 Members have reported having established an NCTF or maintaining an existing mechanism as an NCTF:
  - ❑ 16 Existing Committees; and
  - ❑ 9 Newly established Committees

# Number of NCTF's per Region

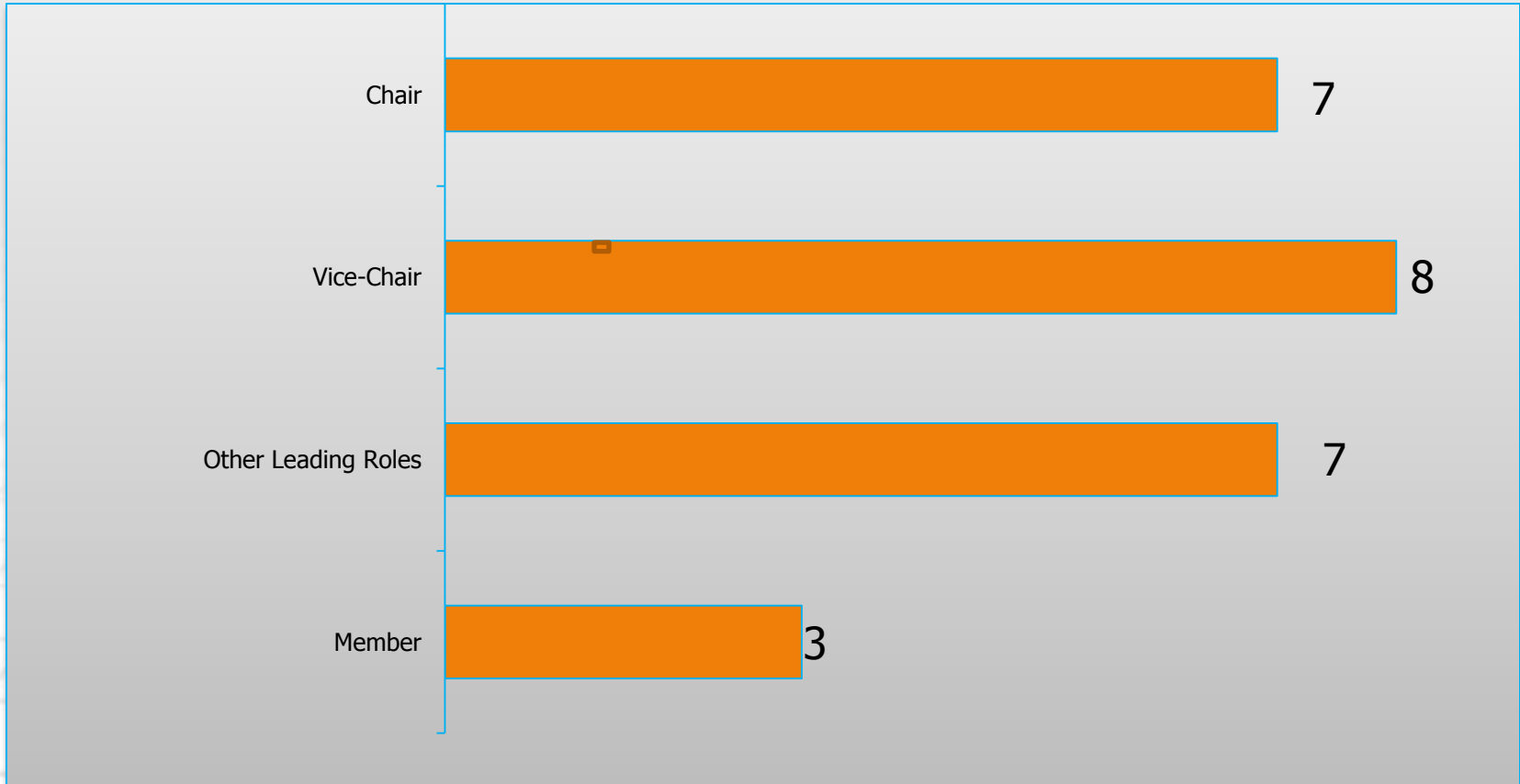


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|  South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean        |  North of Africa, Near and Middle East |
|  Europe   |  West and Central Africa               |
|  Far East, South and South East Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands |  East and Southern Africa              |

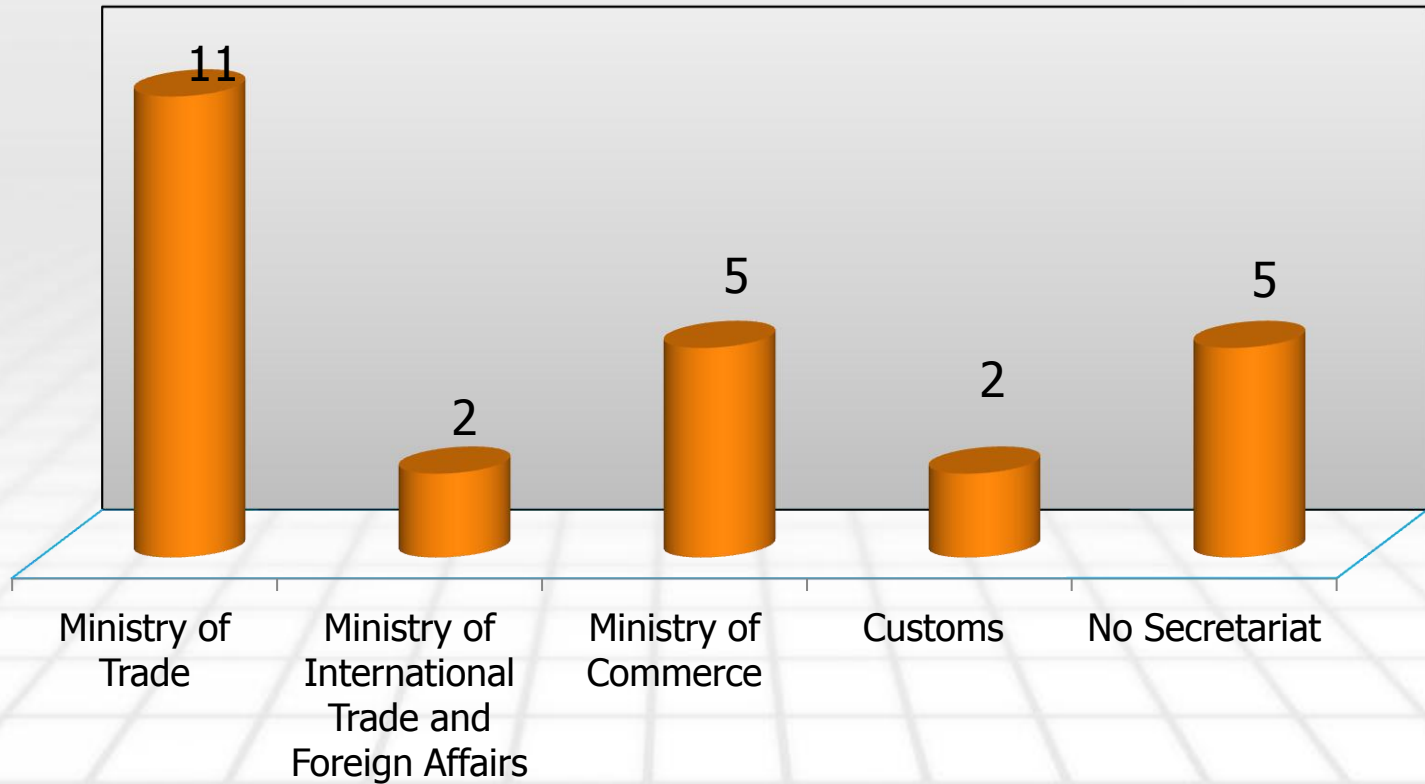
# The Members in the NCTFs



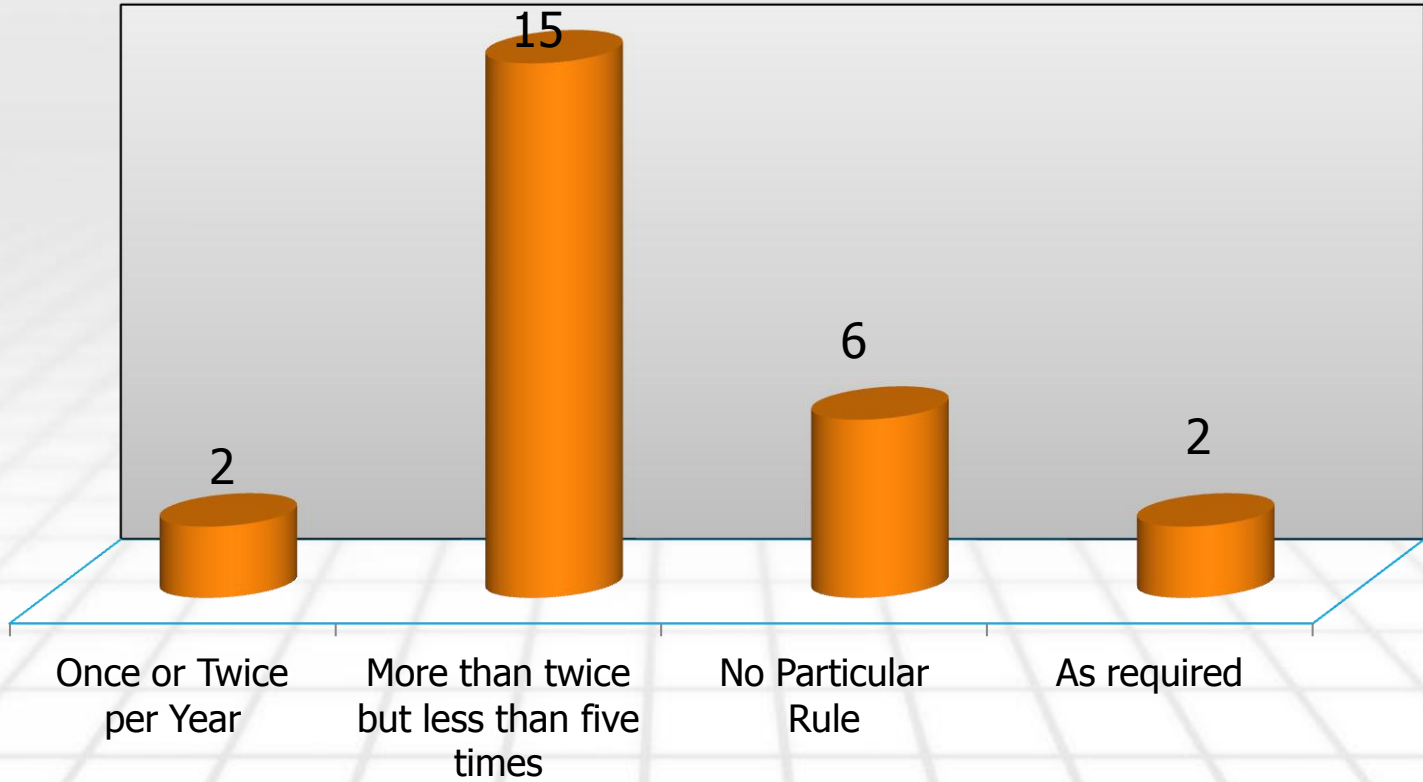
# The Role of Customs in NCTFs



# Secretariat of the NCTF



# Frequency of Meetings



# Overview of expressed TFA-CB needs from Members of the WCO Europe region

## TF(A)-related requests:

- 1) TRS
- 2) AEO
- 3) SW
- 4) TFA implementation incl. NCTF establishment
- 5) Risk Management
- 6) RKC
- 7) others



**Thank you  
for your attention!!**

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