

La Commission Européenne lance le processus de ratification de l'Accord OMC sur la facilitation du commerce

The European Commission has launched proceedings for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement after WTO members formalized the protocol at the WTO General Council meeting in November 2014.

The Council and the European Parliament need to consent to the agreement before it can enter into force. Once two thirds of the WTO members have ratified the agreement, it will enter into force. At that point, developed country WTO members will be obliged to implement all the elements mentioned in the agreement. Developing countries will be obliged to implement those elements that they specified as Category A, contained in the annex of the protocol, while the other categories need to be implemented later. Least-developed country will be obliged to implement the Category A commitments no later than one year after entry into force of the agreement.