

WTO Trade Facilitation Self Assessment of Needs for Lao PDR

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TFA under WTO

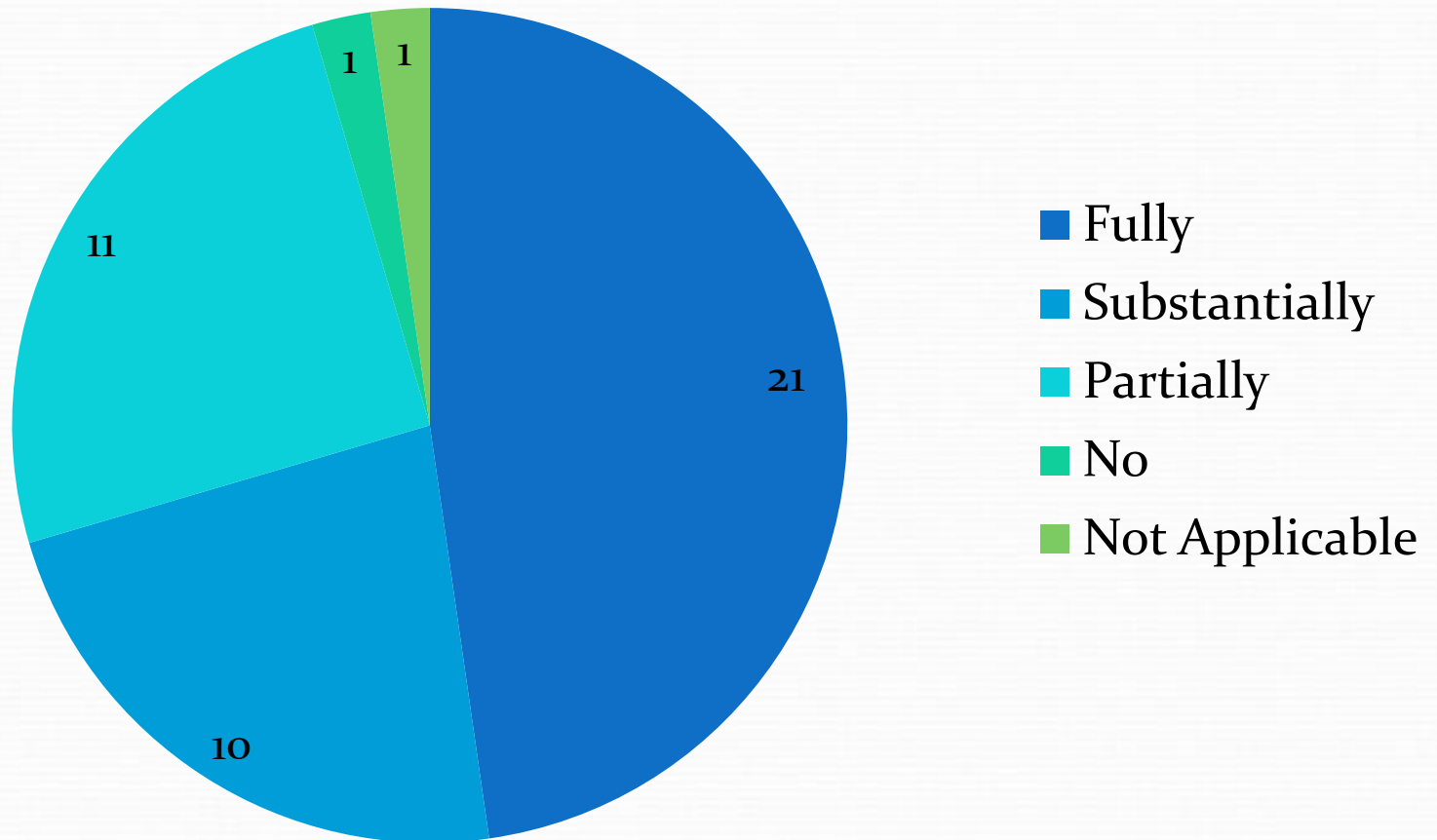
- Started negotiation on 2004
- Established group for negotiation on Trade Facilitation Agreement or WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- WTO Trade facilitation self assessment of Needs 02 times in 2009 and October 2013
- Ministries level Meeting on WTO at Bali (December 2013) Lao PDR agreed to support TFA
- Workshop on TFA agreement for whole nation in July 2014

Readiness of Lao PDR

- Lao PDR Organized WTO needs assessment in October 2013
- 38 participants from public and private sector jointed this assessment
- Considered 44 measures
 - Fully comply 47⁰%
 - Substantially comply 22⁰%
 - Partially comply 24⁰%
 - Non-Compliant 2 %
 - Not Applicable
- *Notes: Used TFA TN/TF/W/165/Rev.17, dated 29 July 2013*

Level of compliance with measures

Level of Compliance with Measures



Fully Comply

1.1 Publication

1.2 Information Available Through Internet

1.3 Enquiry Points

1.4 Notification

2.1 Interval between Publication and Entry into Force

2.2 Opportunity to Comment on New and Amended Rules

4.1 Right to Appeal or Review

5.2 Detention

6.2 Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation

7.1 Pre-arrival Processing

7.3 Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs

Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges

7.6 Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times

8.1 Prohibition of Consular Transaction Requirement

9bis. Declaration of transshipped or In Transit Goods [Domestic Transit]

10.5 Pre-shipment [and Post-shipment Inspections]

10.6 Use of Customs Brokers

10.7 Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements

10.9 Temporary Admission of Goods/Inward and Outward Processing

11.3 Transit Charges, Regulations, and Formalities

11.4-6 Transits Strengthened Non-Discrimination

14. National Committee on Trade Facilitation

Substantially Comply

- 2.3 Consultations
- 5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections
- 6.1 General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation
- 6.3 Penalty Disciplines
- 7.4 Risk Management
- 7.5 Post-Clearance Audit
- 7.8 Expedited Shipments
- 11.13-16 Transit Guarantees
- 11.17-18 Transit Cooperation and Coordination
- 12 Customs cooperation

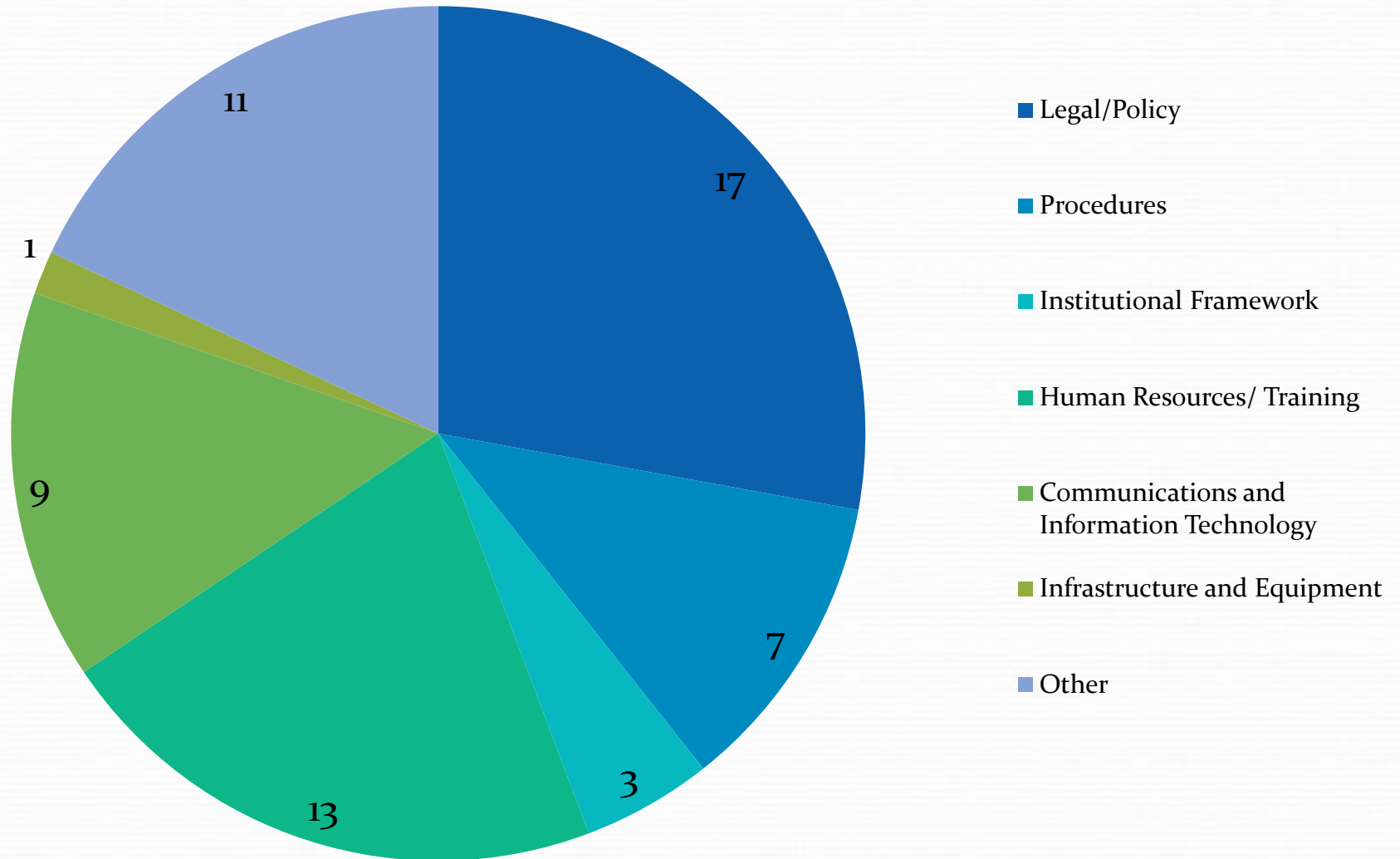
Partially Comply

- 3.1 Provision of Advance Rulings
- 5.3 Test Procedures
- 7.2 Electronic Payment
- 7.9 Perishable goods
- 9 Border Agency Cooperation
- 10.1 Formalities and Documentation Requirements
- 10.2 Acceptance of Copies
- 10.3 Use of International Standards
- 10.4 Single Window
- 10.8 Rejected Goods
- 11.7-12 Transit Procedures and Controls

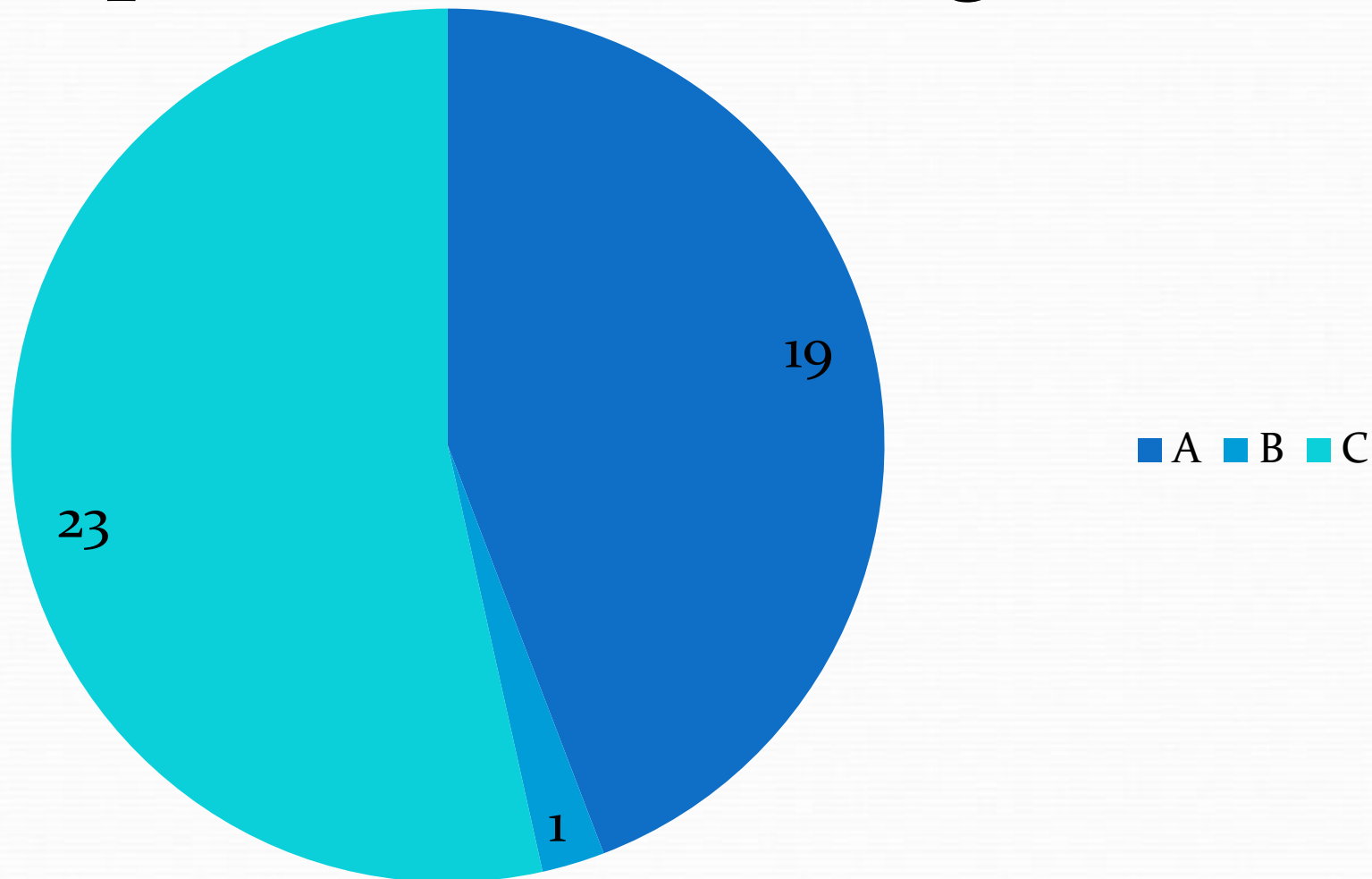
Non-Compliant Measures

7.7 Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators

Types of Actions Required



Implementation Categories

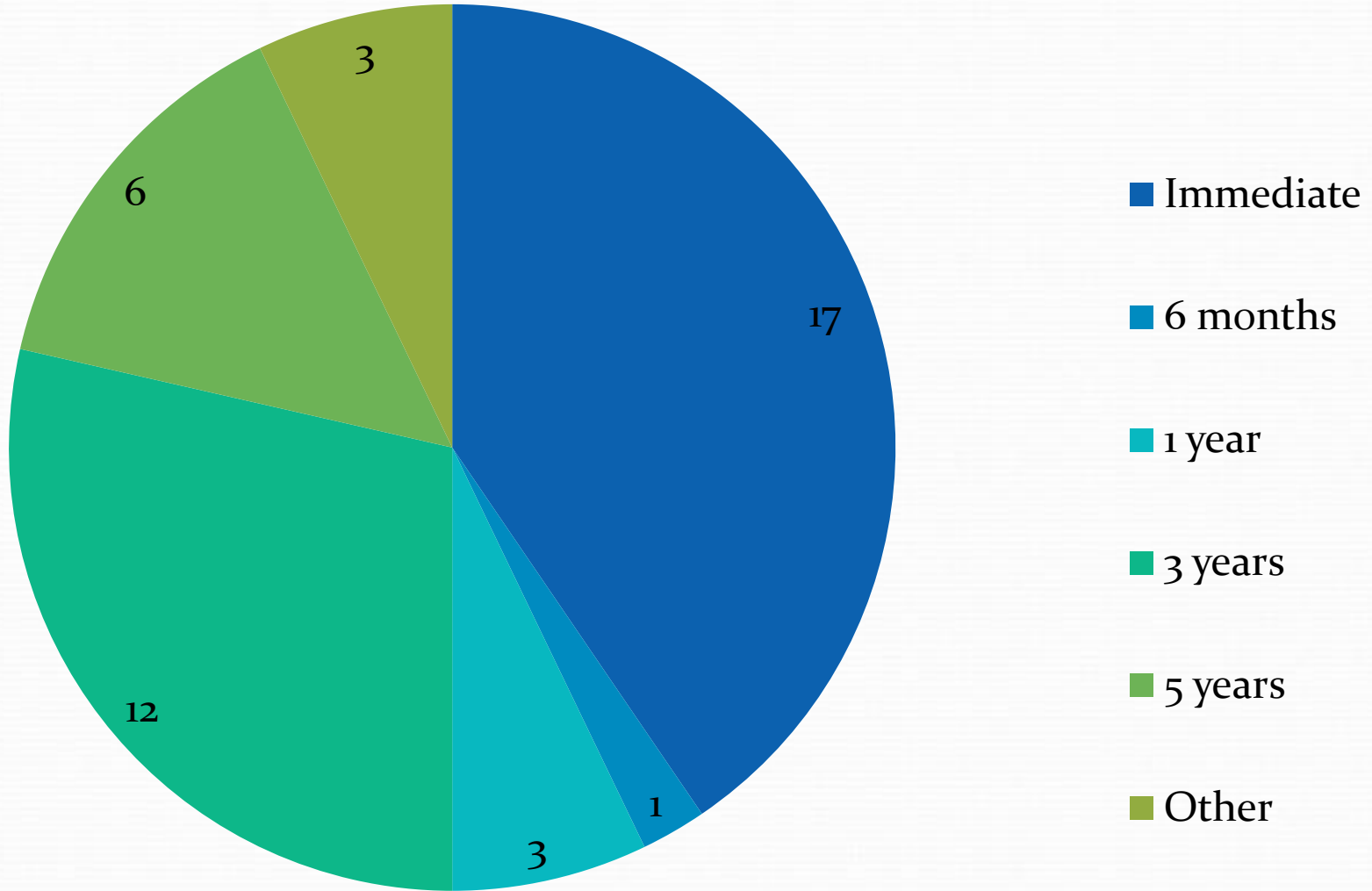


A = we can implement when Trade Facilitation Agreement enters into force

B = we will need additional time to implement

C = we will need additional time and technical assistance to implement

Time Required to Implement



View of Lao PDR

- Support that agreement and has the same position among LLDC and ASEAN nations
- Enhance integration among ASEAN
- TF agreement leads to win-win situation
- Bring high benefit for businesses and government sides
- For Lao PDR
 - Freedom of transit
 - To receive special and different treatment

Benefits

	Benefits for Exporters	Benefits for Government
Transparency and Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Predictability• Reduced time/costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better compliance• Vetter quality decisions
Good Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced costs• Reduced delays• Reduced complexity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• better compliance• More effective and efficient government
Modernization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reduce clearance times and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Align with modern business practice• More effective and efficient government

Challenges

- Improve understanding on the context of TFA in central and provincial levels
- Coordination work between line ministries in terms of harmonization
- Well coordination between public and private sector
- To become international

Thank you

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