



## 5. WTO states with date of joining

WORLD TRADE  
ORGANIZATION

### UNDERSTANDING THE WTO: THE ORGANIZATION

Note: Priority valid if priority application filed in Paris Convention OR WTO-member state

For EP subsequent filing - Art.87(1) EPC

For PCT subsequent filing - Art. 8, R.4.10(a) PCT

## Members and Observers

164 members since 29 July 2016 , with dates of WTO membership.

<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>
Afghanistan — 29 July 2016	Democratic Republic of the Congo — 1 January 1997
Albania — 8 September 2000	Denmark — 1 January 1995
Angola — 23 November 1996	Djibouti — 31 May 1995
Antigua and Barbuda — 1 January 1995	Dominica — 1 January 1995
Argentina — 1 January 1995	Dominican Republic — 9 March 1995
Armenia — 5 February 2003	
Australia — 1 January 1995	<b>E</b>
Austria — 1 January 1995	Ecuador — 21 January 1996
	Egypt — 30 June 1995
<b>B</b>	El Salvador — 7 May 1995
Bahrain, Kingdom of — 1 January 1995	Estonia — 13 November 1999
Bangladesh — 1 January 1995	European Union (formerly EC) — 1 January 1995
Barbados — 1 January 1995	
Belgium — 1 January 1995	<b>F</b>
Belize — 1 January 1995	Fiji — 14 January 1996
Benin — 22 February 1996	Finland — 1 January 1995
Bolivia, Plurinational State of — 12 September 1995	France — 1 January 1995
Botswana — 31 May 1995	
Brazil — 1 January 1995	<b>G</b>
Brunei Darussalam — 1 January 1995	Gabon — 1 January 1995
Bulgaria — 1 December 1996	Gambia — 23 October 1996
Burkina Faso — 3 June 1995	Georgia — 14 June 2000
Burundi — 23 July 1995	Germany — 1 January 1995
	Ghana — 1 January 1995
<b>C</b>	Greece — 1 January 1995
Cabo Verde — 23 July 2008	Grenada — 22 February 1996
Cambodia — 13 October 2004	Guatemala — 21 July 1995
Cameroon — 13 December 1995	Guinea — 25 October 1995
Canada — 1 January 1995	Guinea-Bissau — 31 May 1995
Central African Republic — 31 May 1995	Guyana — 1 January 1995
Chad — 19 October 1996	
Chile — 1 January 1995	<b>H</b>
China — 11 December 2001	Haiti — 30 January 1996
Colombia — 30 April 1995	Honduras — 1 January 1995
Congo — 27 March 1997	Hong Kong, China — 1 January 1995
Costa Rica — 1 January 1995	Hungary — 1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire — 1 January 1995	
Croatia — 30 November 2000	
Cuba — 20 April 1995	
Cyprus — 30 July 1995	
Czech Republic — 1 January 1995	

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Iceland — 1 January 1995	Pakistan — 1 January 1995
India — 1 January 1995	Panama — 6 September 1997
Indonesia — 1 January 1995	Papua New Guinea — 9 June 1996
Ireland — 1 January 1995	Paraguay — 1 January 1995
Israel — 21 April 1995	Peru — 1 January 1995
Italy — 1 January 1995	Philippines — 1 January 1995
J	Poland — 1 July 1995
Jamaica — 9 March 1995	Portugal — 1 January 1995
Japan — 1 January 1995	Q
Jordan — 11 April 2000	Qatar — 13 January 1996
K	R
Kazakhstan — 30 November 2015	Romania — 1 January 1995
Kenya — 1 January 1995	Russian Federation — 22 August 2012
Korea, Republic of — 1 January 1995	Rwanda — 22 May 1996
Kuwait, the State of — 1 January 1995	S
Kyrgyz Republic — 20 December 1998	Saint Kitts and Nevis — 21 February 1996
L	Saint Lucia — 1 January 1995
Lao People's Democratic Republic — 2 February 2013	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines — 1 January 1995
Latvia — 10 February 1999	Samoa — 10 May 2012
Lesotho — 31 May 1995	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of — 11 December 2005
Liberia — 14 July 2016	Senegal — 1 January 1995
Liechtenstein — 1 September 1995	Seychelles — 26 April 2015
Lithuania — 31 May 2001	Sierra Leone — 23 July 1995
Luxembourg — 1 January 1995	Singapore — 1 January 1995
M	Slovak Republic — 1 January 1995
Macao, China — 1 January 1995	Slovenia — 30 July 1995
Madagascar — 17 November 1995	Solomon Islands — 26 July 1996
Malawi — 31 May 1995	South Africa — 1 January 1995
Malaysia — 1 January 1995	Spain — 1 January 1995
Maldives — 31 May 1995	Sri Lanka — 1 January 1995
Mali — 31 May 1995	Suriname — 1 January 1995
Malta — 1 January 1995	Swaziland — 1 January 1995
Mauritania — 31 May 1995	Sweden — 1 January 1995
Mauritius — 1 January 1995	Switzerland — 1 July 1995
Mexico — 1 January 1995	T
Moldova, Republic of — 26 July 2001	Chinese Taipei — 1 January 2002
Mongolia — 29 January 1997	Tajikistan — 2 March 2013
Montenegro — 29 April 2012	Tanzania — 1 January 1995
Morocco — 1 January 1995	Thailand — 1 January 1995
Mozambique — 26 August 1995	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia — 4 April 2003
Myanmar — 1 January 1995	Togo — 31 May 1995
N	Tonga — 27 July 2007
Namibia — 1 January 1995	Trinidad and Tobago — 1 March 1995
Nepal — 23 April 2004	Tunisia — 29 March 1995
Netherlands — 1 January 1995	Turkey — 26 March 1995
New Zealand — 1 January 1995	U
Nicaragua — 3 September 1995	Uganda — 1 January 1995
Niger — 13 December 1996	Ukraine — 16 May 2008
Nigeria — 1 January 1995	United Arab Emirates — 10 April 1996
Norway — 1 January 1995	United Kingdom — 1 January 1995
O	United States — 1 January 1995
Oman — 9 November 2000	Uruguay — 1 January 1995

## V

Vanuatu — 24 August 2012

Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of — 1 January 1995

Viet Nam — 11 January 2007

## Y

Yemen — 26 June 2014

## Z

Zambia — 1 January 1995

Zimbabwe — 5 March 1995

## Observer governments ⓘ

Algeria

Andorra

Azerbaijan

Bahamas

Belarus

Bhutan

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Comoros

Equatorial Guinea

Ethiopia

Holy See

Iran

Iraq

Lebanese Republic

Libya

Sao Tomé and Príncipe

Serbia

Somalia

Sudan

Syrian Arab Republic

Timor-Leste

Uzbekistan

All Paris Convention states except:

- Ethiopia
- Somalia
- Timor-Leste

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