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UN/CEFACT Recommendation 4 1974/2001

Recommends that Governments establish and support national trade facilitation bodies with balanced private and public sector participation in order to:

- Identify issues affecting the cost and efficiency of their country's international trade;
- Develop measures to reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of international trade;
- Assist in the implementation of those measures;
- Provide a national focal point for the collection and dissemination of information on best practices in international trade facilitation; and
- Participate in international efforts to improve trade facilitation and efficiency.

WTO TFA

Section III - Art.23.2 of the TFA: National Committee on Trade Facilitation

WTO Members concluded negotiations on the TF Agreement in Bali

- December 2013

To have a TF Committees has been made a **'binding obligation'**

- This obligation cannot be categorized as B or C
- Must be implemented upon entry into force of the TFA

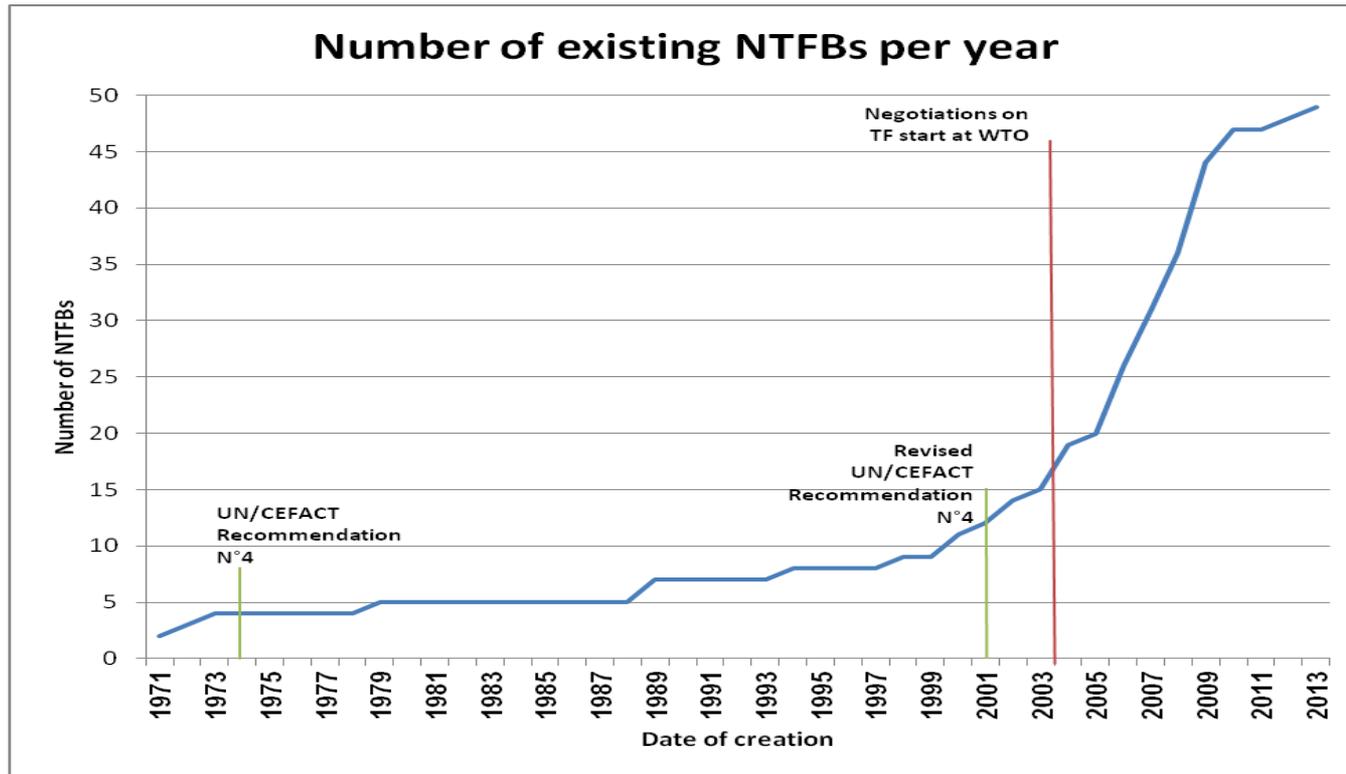
*Art.23.2 - Each Member **shall** establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both **domestic coordination and implementation of provisions** of this Agreement.*

WTO TFA NTFC

Agreement is silent about

- Structure & governance
- Funding and sustainability
- Membership and meeting frequency
- All these have been left to discretion of Members.....
- Experience so far on these issues in different countries....can serve as best guidelines

Rising number of TF Committees



**Number of TF Committees would continue to rise...
...to equal the number of WTO Members over time**

NTFC: Scope and mandate

Overview of common practices



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