



TPS-OIC

Current Status and Recent Developments

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OUTLINE

1. Background

2. Current Status of TPS-OIC and Recent Developments

1) Background

- The idea for establishing a trade preferential system among the member states dates back to **late 1980's**.
- The **most important project** of the COMCEC in the field of trade for fostering intra-OIC trade and enhancing economic and commercial cooperation.
- **Objective:** to promote intra-OIC trade through exchange of trade preferences among the Member Countries
- Provides the necessary basis for enhancing **intra-OIC trade** and **advanced trade arrangements**.
- The negotiations were held under the **Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)**, established and supervised by the COMCEC.
- **TNC Secretariat:** COMCEC Coordination Office and ICDT

1) Background (timeline)

1988: COMCEC adopted the basic principles (Declaration of Intent) that should guide the efforts for the establishment of a trade preferential system

1990: The Framework Agreement was adopted by the COMCEC, and presented to the signature and ratification by the Member States.

2002: The required number of 10 ratifying states for the entry into force of the Framework Agreement was reached.

2003: Ministerial declaration of the COMCEC for the launching of the First Round of TPS-OIC Negotiations.

2004-2005: First Round of Negotiations (Antalya round, 4 meetings) producing the Preferential Tariffs Scheme (PRETAS)

1) Background (timeline)

2006: Ministerial Declaration for the launching of the Second Round of Negotiations.

2006-2007: Second Round of Trade negotiations (Ankara Round, 4 meetings) producing the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin.

2007: Ministerial Declaration for submitting the Rules of Origin for signing and ratification, and adopting the date of January 1st, 2009 for the operationalization of the System.

2010: The required number of 10 ratifying states for the entry into force of the PRETAS was reached.

2011: The required number of 10 ratifying states for the entry into force of the Rules of Origin was reached.

2014: The required number of at least 10 member states that have both ratified all the three agreements and submitted their concessions lists was reached.

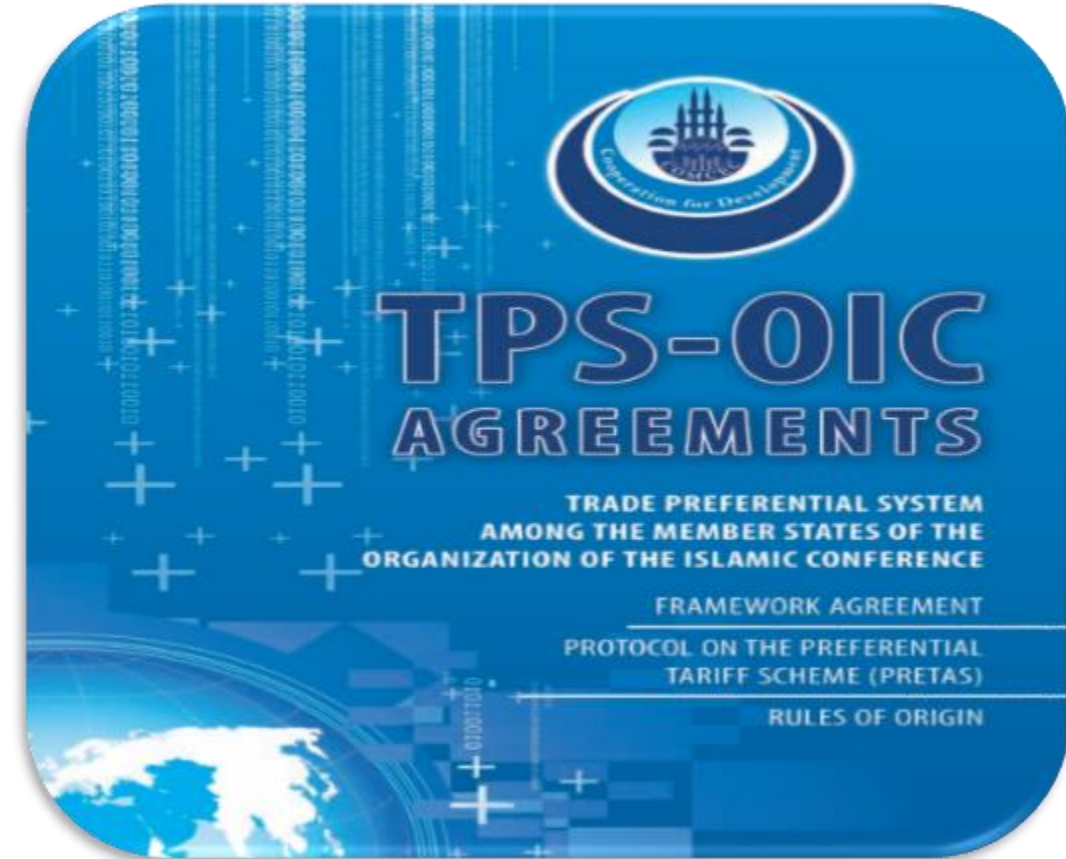
1) Background

➤ **Based on Three Agreements:**

**Framework
Agreement**

PRETAS

Rules of Origin



Number of the Member Countries Signing and Ratifying Three Agreements of the TPS-OIC

Framework Agreement		PRETAS		Rules of Origin	
Signed	Ratified	Signed	Ratified	Signed	Ratified
42	32	33	18	32	18

1) Background

- To be part of the System;

- *Fulfillment of two conditions at the same time*

1. Signing and ratifying all three TPS-OIC Agreements
2. Submission of concession lists to the TNC Secretariat

- *Successful implementation of the System*

1. Printing the TPS-OIC Certificate of Origin documents,
2. Conveying specimen impressions of stamps to the TNC Secretariat and
3. Completing the necessary internal legislative and administrative measures.

LIST OF PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE SYSTEM (CURRENTLY)

Bangladesh

Malaysia

Iran

Pakistan

Jordan

Morocco

Türkiye

**Saudi
Arabia**

Qatar

Oman

Kuwait

Bahrain

**United Arab
Emirates**

2) Current Status and Recent Developments

- Determination of July 1st, 2022 as the cut-off date for the effectuation of the TPS-OIC
- Circulation of relevant documents to the TPS-OIC Participating States
- **Operationalization of TPS-OIC** as of July 1st 2022.
- Formation of TPS-OIC online communication platform among the TPS-OIC Participating States

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2. Current Status of TPS-OIC and Recent Developments

- A TNC Meeting on the margins of 38th COMCEC Ministerial Session in 2022
- Ministerial Breakfast Meeting for TPS-OIC was held on the margins of 38th COMCEC Session.
- A virtual TNC Meeting on 6-7 June 2023
- The Second virtual TNC Meeting (20 November, 2023)
- Ministerial Working Breakfast on TPS-OIC as a side event on 4 December 2023 (Venue: İstanbul Congress Center)
- The Third TPS-OIC TNC Meeting at Ministerial Level in İstanbul (10-11 June 2024)



Awareness Raising Activities on TPS-OIC

- Various activities are being conducted on TPS-OIC
 - *awareness raising & capacity-building*
- TPS-OIC Workshops and Trainings in Indonesia, Sudan, the Gambia, Mauritania, Somalia, Surinam, Iran.
- Recently, an Awareness Raising Workshop for the benefit of Arab countries in the accession process to the TPS-OIC (5 June 2024)
- CCO and ICDT are planning awareness-raising workshops on the TPS-OIC and its impact on the private sector in Bangladesh, Chad, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Arab region, and at the level of ECOWAS and CEMAC



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