



# **TPS-OIC**

## *Current Status and Recent Developments*

**COMCEC COORDINATION OFFICE**  
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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.

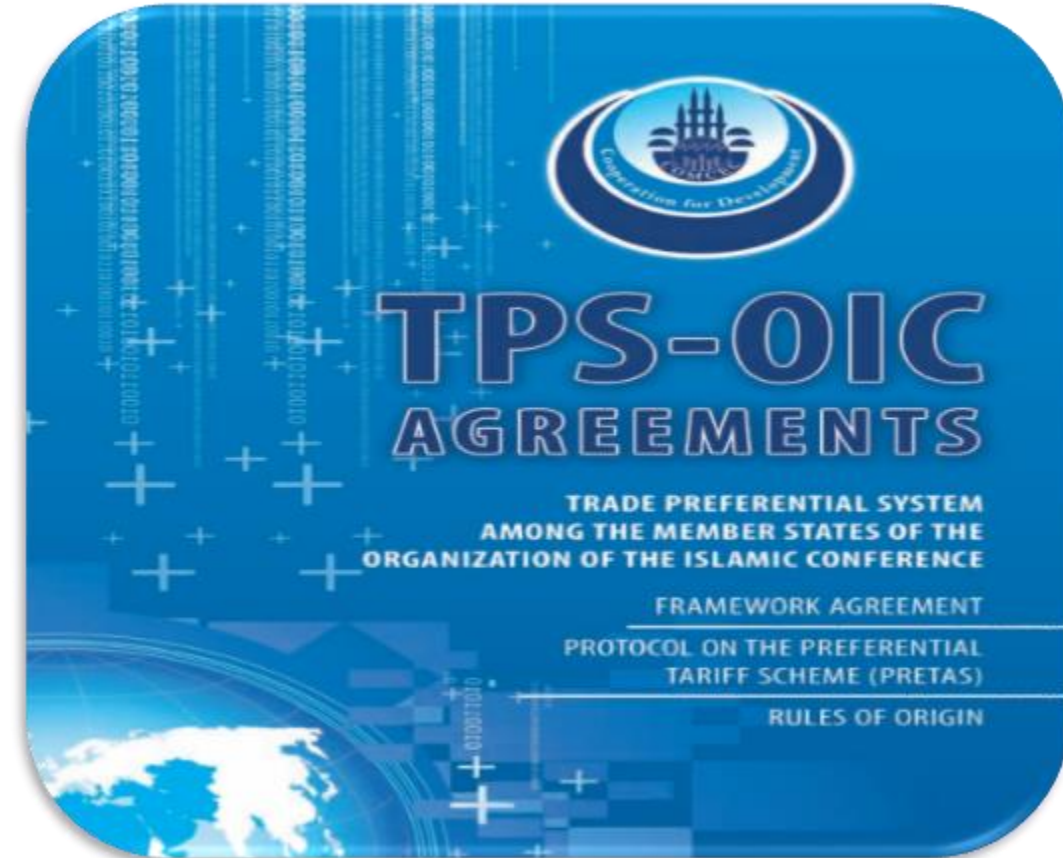
# 1) Background

➤ **Based on Three Agreements:**

**Framework  
Agreement**

**PRETAS**

**Rules of Origin**



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

<b>Framework Agreement</b>		<b>PRETAS</b>		<b>Rules of Origin</b>	
<b>Signed</b>	<b>Ratified</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Ratified</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Ratified</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>

# 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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