

The 128 countries that had signed GATT by 1994

1948

On 1 January 1995, the WTO replaced GATT, which had been in existence since 1947, as the organization overseeing the multilateral trading system. The governments that had signed GATT were officially known as "GATT contracting parties". Upon signing the new WTO agreements (which include the updated GATT, known as GATT 1994), they officially became known as "WTO members".

The list below is historical. It contains the 128 GATT signatories as at the end of 1994, together with the dates they signed the agreement. [Click here \(whatis_e/tif_e/org6_e.htm\)](#) to see the up-to-date list of WTO members.

Angola 8 April 1994
 Antigua and Barbuda 30 March 1987
 Argentina 11 October 1967
 Australia 1 January 1948
 Austria 19 October 1951
 Bahrain 13 December 1993
 Bangladesh 16 December 1972
 Barbados 15 February 1967
 Belgium 1 January 1948
 Belize 7 October 1983
 Benin 12 September 1963
 Bolivia 8 September 1990
 Botswana 28 August 1987
 Brazil 30 July 1948
 Brunei Darussalam 9 December 1993
 Burkina Faso 3 May 1963
 Burundi 13 March 1965
 Cameroon 3 May 1963
 Canada 1 January 1948
 Central African Republic 3 May 1963
 Chad 12 July 1963
 Chile 16 March 1949
 Colombia 3 October 1981
 Congo, Republic of 3 May 1963
 Costa Rica 24 November 1990
 Côte d'Ivoire 31 December 1963
 Cuba 1 January 1948

See also:

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Cyprus 15 July 1963
Czech Republic 15 April 1993
Denmark 28 May 1950
Djibouti 16 December 1994
Dominica 20 April 1993
Dominican Republic 19 May 1950
Egypt 9 May 1970
El Salvador 22 May 1991
Fiji 16 November 1993
Finland 25 May 1950
France 1 January 1948
Gabon 3 May 1963
The Gambia 22 February 1965
Germany 1 October 1951
Ghana 17 October 1957
Greece 1 March 1950
Grenada 9 February 1994
Guatemala 10 October 1991
Guinea 8 December 1994
Guinea Bissau 17 March 1994
Guyana 5 July 1966
Haiti 1 January 1950
Honduras 10 April 1994
Hong Kong 23 April 1986
Hungary 9 September 1973
Iceland 21 April 1968
India 8 July 1948
Indonesia 24 February 1950
Ireland 22 December 1967
Israel 5 July 1962
Italy 30 May 1950
Jamaica 31 December 1963
Japan 10 September 1955
Kenya 5 February 1964
Korea, Republic of 14 April 1967
Kuwait 3 May 1963
Lesotho 8 January 1988
Liechtenstein 29 March 1994
Luxembourg 1 January 1948
Macao 11 January 1991
Madagascar 30 September 1963
Malawi 28 August 1964
Malaysia 24 October 1957
Maldives 19 April 1983
Mali 11 January 1993
Malta 17 November 1964
Mauritania 30 September 1963

Mauritius 2 September 1970
Mexico 24 August 1986
Morocco 17 June 1987
Mozambique 27 July 1992
Myanmar, Union of 29 July 1948
Namibia 15 September 1992
Netherlands 1 January 1948
New Zealand 30 July 1948
Nicaragua 28 May 1950
Niger 31 December 1963
Nigeria 18 November 1960
Norway 10 July 1948
Pakistan 30 July 1948
Papua New Guinea 16 December 1994
Paraguay 6 January 1994
Peru 7 October 1951
Philippines 27 December 1979
Poland 18 October 1967
Portugal 6 May 1962
Qatar 7 April 1994
Romania 14 November 1971
Rwanda 1 January 1966
Senegal 27 September 1963
Sierra Leone 19 May 1961
Singapore 20 August 1973
Slovak Republic 15 April 1993
Slovenia 30 October 1994
Solomon Islands 28 December 1994
South Africa 13 June 1948
Spain 29 August 1963
Sri Lanka 29 July 1948
Saint Kitts and Nevis 24 March 1994
Saint Lucia 13 April 1993
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 18 May 1993
Suriname 22 March 1978
Swaziland, Kingdom of 8 February 1993
Sweden 30 April 1950
Switzerland 1 August 1966
Tanzania 9 December 1961
Thailand 20 November 1982
Togo 20 March 1964
Trinidad and Tobago 23 October 1962
Tunisia 29 August 1990
Turkey 17 October 1951
Uganda 23 October 1962
United Arab Emirates 8 March 1994
United Kingdom 1 January 1948

United States of America 1 January 1948

Uruguay 6 December 1953

Venezuela 31 August 1990

Yugoslavia 25 August 1966

Zaire 11 September 1971 (now known as Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Zambia 10 February 1982

Zimbabwe 11 July 1980