



# **The treatment of government procurement in regional trade agreements: results from empirical analysis, latest developments and implications for the GPA**

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# This presentation...

...is based on an empirical study conducted by the WTO Secretariat on RTAs notified to the WTO since 2000 which remain in force (138 RTAs in total).

Main parts of this presentation:

- Overview: Three different types of agreements
- Text: Features/provisions relating to GP in RTAs
- Coverage: Entity coverage, thresholds, goods & services coverage
- Compatibility of RTAs with the GPA: basic principles



# Overview: three types of agreements

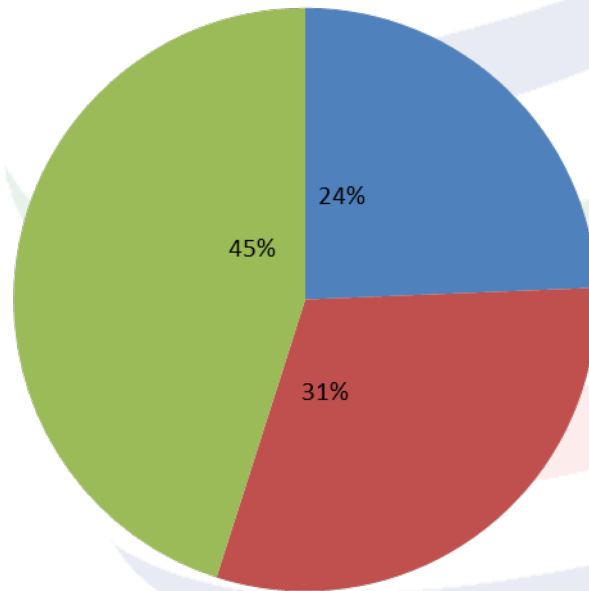
- Agreements without GP provisions
  - 45% of agreements
  - Include plurilateral regional economic integration agreements
  - Focus on other disciplines
- Agreements with a single or few provisions
  - 31% of agreements
  - Typically do not include coverage commitments
  - Often future-oriented/ “first step”
- Agreements with detailed provisions on GP
  - 24% of agreements
  - Typically also include coverage commitments
  - “Alternative” to GPA?



Who concludes which type of agreements?

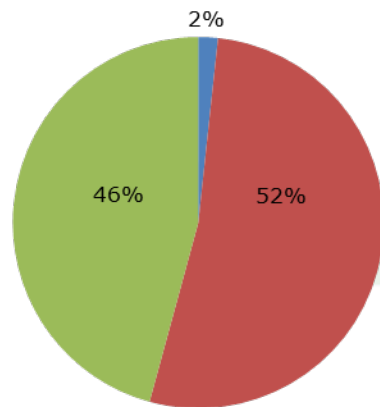


# Overview



- Agreements having detailed provisions
- Agreements having only a single or few GP provisions
- Agreements having no provisions on GP

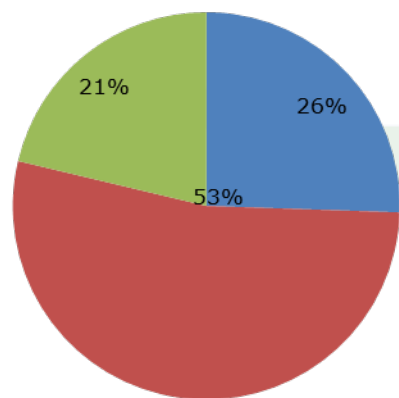
# Agreements with one or few GP provisions



- Between GPA Parties
- Between GPA and Non-GPA Parties
- Between Non-GPA Parties

- Both GPA parties and non-parties active
- Key feature
  - Recognition of relevance of GP to international trade
- Other general characteristics
  - Aspirational, soft commitments
  - Future oriented/future negs
- Main users of this approach
  - EU/EFTA with MENA (Mid East & North African) countries
  - Also Turkey with EEME, Japan / Asia

# Agreements with detailed GP provisions



■ Between GPA Parties

■ Between GPA and Non-GPA Parties

■ Between Non-GPA Parties

- GPA Parties more active
- Generally modelled on GPA
  - Some later RTAs on revised text
- Agreements btw GPA Parties
  - Some further opening beyond GPA
- Between GPA and non-GPA Parties
  - GPA as template
  - Some use of NAFTA rules
- Between non-GPA Parties
  - Some regional patterns



# Text Analysis

The GPA is often taken as a model for RTA chapters.

# Text analysis of GP provisions



- National treatment / non-discrimination
- MFN
- Procedural rules elaborated
- Domestic review / bid challenge
- Dispute settlement mechanism
- Use of offsets regulated
- Commitments to GPA accession
- Further negotiations
- Provisions on integrity

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