

Transparency Obligations

PACER Plus aims to make it easier for businesses from PACER Plus countries to know as much as possible about the conditions of trade in the other PACER Plus countries.

The world 'transparency' is not defined but the Chapter's goal is to achieve a greater degree of clarity, predictability and information about trade policies, rules and regulations of Members. PACER Plus achieves this goal through requirements for countries to make their laws, regulations, procedures etc readily available to those who want to find out about them. Making materials readily available is usually achieved in practice by countries putting relevant documents and information online.



Around the world, improving regulatory transparency has been associated with:

- using information and communication technology to publish trade and investment-related information,
- setting up enquiry points within government agencies to respond to questions on rules, regulations and procedures,
- setting up mechanisms for prior consultation on new or amended laws and regulations with stakeholders,
- allowing reasonable intervals between publication and implementation to enable businesses to respond to regulatory change, and
- developing effective appeals mechanisms with rulings provided in a timely manner.