WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Afghanistan

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2016-07-29

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 11.3%	B - 27.3%	C - 61.3%	**Not yet notified** - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B			by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B			Extension agreed until 31 August 2020	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C			by 22 August 2022	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2019	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2021	No
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2022	No

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2021	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 22 August 2023	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 22 August 2023	No

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	Yes

Legend: Yes Notification presented | No Notification due | No Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
1.4	Notification	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
2.2	Consultations	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
3	Advance rulings	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.2	Electronic payment	C B»C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2018
7.4	Risk management	C B»C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C B»C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.6	Average release times	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
9	Movement of goods	B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
10.1	Formalities	B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 22 August 2023	by 22 August 2023
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2018
10.7	Common border procedures	B	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	A		by 22 February 2018
11	Transit	Ap Bp Cp	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2027	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2027
12	Customs cooperation	Bp Cp	from 22 August 2023 to 31 December 2027	from 22 August 2023 to 31 December 2027

Legend

A	Notified in Cat. A	Ap	Partially notified in A		
B	Notified in Cat. B	Bp	Partially notified in B	C»B	Shift from C to B
C	Notified in Cat. C	Cp	Partially notified in C	B»C	Shift from B to C
N	Not yet notified	E	Extension of time requested		

Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/AFG/2/Corr.1	2021-05-12	Article 22.3 - Corrigendum

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/AFG/2	2021-05-05	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/AFG/1/Add.2	2020-05-18	Category B and C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/AFG/1/Add.1	2020-02-19	Category B notification - Extension of time request to notify Cat. B definitive dates
G/TFA/N/AFG/1	2018-03-02	Categories A, B and C notification

Experience Sharing

11 - Transit

Date	Title
20 October 2020 - 22 October 2020	Status and challenges of Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation in Afghanistan

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.2 Information available through internet

C

1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)
1.2.2
1.2.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance and capacity building for establishment, operationalization and sustainability of Trade Facilitation Portal;
• Training for HR;
• Software and ICT infrastructure to maintain TFP and align with international best practices;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on the use of the portal.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Staff capacity building on operating and maintaining enquiry points;
• Technical assistance, capacity building training for HR and for establishment of and maintenance of enquiry points;
• Support on building institutional mechanism for the functioning of the EP; mandate, procedures, fees; position for the services of the EP within the designated government entity;
• ICT infrastructure and technology for maintaining enquiry points and creating database of requests and information provided, etc.;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on communication with enquiry points.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

2.1.1
2.1.2
2.1.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Staff capacity building on developing procedures; managing notification and public comment on proposed laws and regulations;
• Technical assistance and capacity building and training for HR on managing notification and public comment on proposed laws and regulations;
• Institutional support for establishment of efficient standing body, engaging traders' associations, creation of a single mechanism for providing and receiving comments and effective publishing of information, etc.;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on a new instrument and modalities for comments.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

2.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance and capacity building and HR training for developing public consultation strategy, procedures and on carrying out consultations;
• Legal support, including design, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on consultation mechanism.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

3.1
3.2 (a), (b)
3.3
3.4
3.5
3.6 (a), (b), (c)
3.7
3.8
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance and capacity building for advance rulings implementation;
• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Equipment/technology for upgrading the laboratories;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on advance rulings mechanism.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance on the design and establishment of a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections;
• Capacity building and HR training on implementing a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections;
• ICT Infrastructure for establishing an automated notification system.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Testing kits and other relevant laboratory equipment/materials;
• Technical support to develop testing parameters and accreditation for veterinary laboratories;
• ICT infrastructure, soft infrastructure (networking, automation, high-speed internet).

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

C

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance, capacity building and Hr training on pre –arrival processing, including required changes in the clearance procedure, changes in ASYCUDA and in risk management;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on pre-arrival processing mechanism;
• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance on the design and establishment of an electronic payment system;
• ICT Infrastructure and equipment for enabling the system.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance on the design and establishment of a risk management system;
• ICT Infrastructure and equipment for an automated risk management system;
• Capacity building and HR training on implementing the risk management system.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

C

7.5.1
7.5.2
7.5.3
7.5.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance for mainstreaming of Post Clearance Audit into daily operations;
• Capacity building and HR training.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance and capacity building and HR training on designing, planning and implementing TRS, including on building methodology, testing it and making it sustainable.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

C

7.7.1
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)
7.7.4
7.7.5
7.7.6

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance and capacity building, HR training on design, implementation and review of authorized trader scheme, audit abilities
• Awareness raising for the private sector on application of the scheme

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)
7.8.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.;
• Equipment and facilities for express cargo inspection.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment*

C

8.1
8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, agreements, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance for putting in place technical arrangements for sharing of data and information, developing a strategy/framework for border agency cooperation;
• Capacity building and HR training on border agency cooperation and share of best practices;
• Equipment and facilities for border crossing points.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

C

10.2.1
10.2.2
10.2.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, agreements, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements;
• ICT infrastructure, technology and equipment for border agencies and government agencies;
• Capacity building of HR on the benefits of electronic documentation and processes and treatment of copies;
• Awareness raising for the private sector.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

10.3.1
10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, agreements, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance, capacity building, HR training on the relevant international standards, testing procedures and international best practices.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, agreements, SoP, etc.;
• Technical assistance in developing a comprehensive and operational SW system
• ICT Infrastructure and equipment for automation at each agency;
• ICT infrastructure and equipment for SW;
• Capacity building and training of HR on the use and implementation of SW;
• Awareness raising and capacity building for the private sector on the effective use of SW.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

Cp

11.5

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Physical infrastructure

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment*

11.9

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance, capacity building and Hr training on pre –arrival processing, including required changes in the clearance procedure, changes in ASYCUDA and in risk management;
• Awareness raising for the private sector on pre-arrival processing mechanism;
• Legal support on designing, drafting of legislative changes and necessary regulations, SoP, etc.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

Cp

12.2.1
12.2.2
12.3
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.4.2
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.5.2
12.5.3
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.6.2
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.7.2
12.8
12.9.1
12.9.2
12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)
12.11.2
12.12.1
12.12.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
22 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal support on drafting agreements;
• Technical assistance and capacity building on best practices in customs cooperation and drafting the agreements.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

Legend

C	Notified in Cat. C	Cp	Partially notified in C	E	Extension of time requested
	Donor arrangement notified		Donor arrangement not yet notified		

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