



Antigua and Barbuda

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2017-11-27**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

| | Due date | Status |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| Notified all category ABC designations | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 37.0% B - 10.5% C - 52.5% | Not yet notified - 0.0% | |
| Notified indicative dates in Category B | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified definitive dates in Category B | by 22 February 2018 | Yes |
| Notified indicative dates in Category C | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified definitive dates in Category C | by 22 August 2019 | Yes |
| Notified Technical Assistance requirements | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support | by 22 February 2018 | No |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support | by 22 August 2019 | No |

Transparency notifications

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| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 01 January 2025 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 1 January 2035 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 1 January 2034 | No |

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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| Notified Art. 22.3 | Yes |
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Legend:

Yes

Notification presented

No

Notification due

No

Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.1 | Publication | C | by 31 December 2025 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | C | by 31 December 2030 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | C | by 31 December 2030 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 1.4 | Notification | B | by 01 January 2022 | by 01 January 2025 |
| 2.1 | Comments and information before entry into force | B | by 01 January 2022 | by 01 January 2025 |
| 2.2 | Consultations | C | by 31 December 2025 | by 01 January 2030 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | C | by 31 December 2025 | by 01 January 2038 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | B | by 01 January 2025 | by 01 January 2030 |
| 5.1 | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 5.2 | Detention | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 5.3 | Test procedures | C | by 31 December 2030 | by 01 January 2034 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | C | by 31 December 2031 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 6.2 | Specific disciplines on fees and charges | C | by 31 December 2031 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 6.3 | Penalty Disciplines | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.1 | Pre-arrival processing | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | C | by 31 December 2031 | by 01 January 2035 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|-------|---|--|
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | B | by 01 January 2021 | by 30 November 2021 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | C | by 31 December 2030 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | C | by 31 December 2031 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 7.8 | Expedited shipments | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.9 | Perishable goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 8 | Border Agency Cooperation | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | B | by 01 January 2030 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 31 December 2031 | by 01 January 2035 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.7 | Common border procedures | Ap Bp | from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2022 | from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2025 |
| 10.8 | Rejected Goods | Ap Cp | from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2031 | from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2036 |
| 10.9 | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 11 | Transit | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 12 | Customs cooperation | C | by 31 December 2030 | by 01 January 2034 |

Legend

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| 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/ATG/1/Add.1/Corr.1 | 2022-01-11 | Category B notification - Addendum 1 - Corrigendum 1 |
| G/TFA/N/ATG/1/Add.1 | 2022-01-05 | Category B notification - Notification of earlier implementation - Addendum 1 |
| G/TFA/N/ATG/2 | 2020-09-17 | Article 22.3 |
| G/TFA/N/ATG/3 | 2020-09-17 | Article 10.6.2 |
| G/TFA/N/ATG/1 | 2019-08-23 | Categories B and C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/ATG/1 | 2015-06-08 | Category A notification |

1.1 Publication



1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

Legal expertise to update/draft relevant legislation

- Assistance to formulate written policy between government departments that regulates the publication of information
- Technical assistance to translate information into other WTO languages as well as Mandarin, as appropriate
- Training of human resource in the relevant ministries and departments inclusive of the Ministry of Information
- Develop a sustainable platform to address security concerns
- Assistance to publish information in a timely manner; to be user friendly etc. rulings on the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes
- Assistance to review Agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation and exportation or transit
- Develop administrative procedures relating to the imposition on tariff quotas to be made readily available
- Develop a strategic approach to the publication of trade related information to allow for access in an easy and reliable manner – Legislations (tariffs, fees, import and export procedure)
- Coordinate an approach to disseminate information between relevant agencies in a timely manner

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

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal expertise to develop legislations
- Develop a comprehensive information technology (IT) strategy system
- Technical assistance related to ITC hardware and software setting
- Training of staff and additional human resource is required to deal with the task of the issue of monitoring laws online
- Assistance to create/update an information management system
- Implement web-publication policy and guidelines
- Assistance to develop security and protection of domain
- Develop mechanism to determine funding for continuous hosting of website

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



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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Establish a central enquiry point
- Designate satellite departments to act as representative disciplines such as: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Protection Unit, Ministry of Health
- Establish a sustainable network to receive and disseminate information
- Develop a coordinated approach to handle enquiries in a timely manner
- Training of human resource to monitor and disseminate information to other government agencies
- Financial assistance and technical advice for certain government agencies and departments with limited financial and human resources

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training*

2.2

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2030

Assistance required for implementation

- Develop relevant Legal and Administrative document that deals with policy on consultation and procedures
- Assistance to establish a formalised mechanism to facilitate consultations on a regular basis which involves;
 1. Inviting the private sector into the NTFC
 2. Conducting surveys to collect information on trade-related procedures and sharing findings with the public and consultations; and
 3. Collaboration with the technicians as well as the legal team from different ministries.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*



| | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
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| 3.1 | | |
| 3.2 (a), (b) | 31 December 2025 | 1 January 2038 |
| 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) | | |

Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to develop relevant laws and administrative procedures
- Establish a process to facilitate the continuous update of content
- Technical assistance to regularly update tariff classification and valuation
- Provide ICT technical support to ensure that publications are always accessible in an easy manner
- Training of personnel assigned to the task
- Establish procedure for making and processing request

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

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2034

Assistance required for implementation

- Develop required legislation
- Review of administrative procedure
- Draft legal or administrative procedure for second testing
- Establish a laboratory accreditation program (human and financial resources)
- Establish accredited list of laboratories
- Training of human resource to build technical capacity
- Financial assistance to allocate financial resources for infrastructure and equipment development for testing facilities
- Procedure to ascertain cost for services rendered

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

| | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
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| 6.1.1 | 31 December 2031 | 1 January 2035 |
| 6.1.2 | | |
| 6.1.3 | | |
| 6.1.4 | | |

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to update legislation
- Policy guidance to analyse existing fees and reasons for adjusting
- Assistance to draft guidelines for levying charge
- Categorizing of services charged
- Procedure to ascertain cost for each of these services rendered
- Regularly update information

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

6.2 (i), (ii)

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Reliable update mechanism to analyse existing fees and reasons for adjustment
- Drafting guidelines for levying charge
- Categorize services charged
- Ascertain cost for each of these services rendered
- Regular update of information

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework*

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7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to establish a framework that would encourage collaboration amongst relevant agencies such as the Bureau of Standards, Plant Protection, Ministry of Health and Customs Department and Custom Brokers
- Technical assistance to develop a sustainable ICT framework such as portal
- Training of human resource to improve Customs operations
- Assistance to train and sensitize customs brokers
- Technical assistance required for infrastructural and equipment upgrade to border

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

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to establish and have access to average release time
- Training of human resource to improve capacity of borders agencies to accomplish task
- Assistance to train and sensitize custom brokers
- Establish a portal link to ASYCUDA WORLD, since multiple agencies are involved, verification must be done with all

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

| 7.7.1 | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
|---|--|--|
| 7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii) | 31 December 2031 | 1 January 2035 |
| 7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) | | |
| 7.7.4 | | |
| 7.7.5 | | |
| 7.7.6 | | |

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal expertise to update/draft the relevant legislation
- Assistance required to develop accurate record keeping and readily availability of information
- Establish a system to encourage coordination among stakeholders
- Create a single window for declaration for all imports or exports in a given period; to encourage fewer physical inspections and examinations
- Formalization of a regulatory framework for authorized operators
- Establish mechanism of specific warehouses that are secured
- Develop criteria that would be designated specific to trusted trader
- Training of human resource, to improve Customs operations

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



10.4.1
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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to develop harmonize legislation
- Establish coordination between border agency
- Technical assistance to build capacity – training human resource
- Identify and maintain a framework which encourage confidentiality
- Develop and update of IT systems
- Provide ICT technical support to ensure IT networking integration
- Financial assistance to support infrastructure

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

10.8.1

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation

1 January 2036

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to develop legal and regulatory framework to deal with rejected goods
- Training of human resources technical capacity assigned to the task
- Assistance to develop appropriate Customs procedure to build capacity to implement this measure

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



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| 12.1.1 | 31 December 2030 | 1 January 2034 |
| 12.1.2 | | |
| 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 | | |

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to develop legal and regulatory policies to deal with Customs cooperate with each other in the region (required harmonized legislations)
- Assistance to develop a physical agreement to establish a formal system; among multiple border agencies
- Training of human resource to promote border coordination
- Assistance to develop appropriate Customs procedure
- Provide ICT technical support to ensure IT networking integration
- This measure is currently being implemented (may be fully) as part of the WCO accession process
- Financial assistance to support infrastructure and interconnectivity

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

Legend

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

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