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# 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 | Yes |
| 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 |

**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 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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/4 | 2025-01-15 | Article 1.4 |

| Symbol | Date | Description |
|---|---|---|
| G/TFA/2/ATG/INF/1 | 2025-01-15 | Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement |
| 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 |

## Technical Assistance detailled information

### 1.1 Publication

C

**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*

C

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*

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

**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*

C

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*

**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 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**
1 January 2038

## 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*

C

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*

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2031

**Definitive date of implementation**
1 January 2035

## 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*

C

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*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
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*

C

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*

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 2031

**Definitive date of implementation**
1 January 2035

## 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*

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

**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*

Cp

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*

C

**12.1.1**
**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**

**Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2030

**Definitive date of implementation**
1 January 2034

## 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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| 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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