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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Congo

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 22.7%	B - 50.8%	C - 26.5%	**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			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 30 July 2022	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2024	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	Yes

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	No

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 30 October 2021	by 30 October 2024
1.2	Information available through internet	C E	by 30 September 2021	by 30 March 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 30 July 2020	by 30 July 2022
1.4	Notification	B	by 30 July 2020	by 30 July 2022
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 30 November 2021	by 30 November 2024
2.2	Consultations	C E	by 30 November 2020	by 30 May 2027
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
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	A		by 22 February 2017
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 30 September 2020	by 30 September 2024
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C E	by 30 November 2020	by 30 May 2027
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 30 July 2020	by 30 July 2024

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B	by 30 September 2021	by 30 September 2024
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 30 November 2020	by 31 December 2024
7.4	Risk management	C E	by 30 September 2020	by 30 March 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B	by 30 June 2020	by 30 June 2024
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 October 2021	by 30 April 2027
7.7	Authorized operators	B	by 12 October 2017	by 12 October 2017
7.8	Expedited shipments	C E	by 30 September 2020	by 30 March 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2027
9	Movement of goods	B	by 30 November 2020	by 30 November 2022
10.1	Formalities	C	by 30 October 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 30 September 2020	by 30 September 2023
10.3	Use of international standards	B	by 30 September 2020	by 30 September 2023

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 30 September 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.5	Preshipment inspection	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2017
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2017
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	by 31 August 2020	by 31 August 2024
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	A		by 22 February 2017
11	Transit	Bp Cp	from 30 December 2020 to 31 December 2020	from 30 December 2024 to 30 December 2026
12	Customs cooperation	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025

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/W/156	2026-06-08	Second Review of the TFA - Joint communication from the ACP, African and LDC Groups

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/COG/1/Add.2	2025-02-26	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/COG/1/Add.1	2025-02-25	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/N/COG/2	2022-10-05	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/COG/1	2019-08-15	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/COG/1	2014-08-06	Category A notification

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
30 September 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 March 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Development and implementation of policy guidelines on publication of trade-related information;
- Timely review and update of trade related information on Internet by the relevant agencies;
- Creation of a trade information portal;
- Institutional capacity building.

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

2.2

Indicative date of implementation
30 November 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 May 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to develop a consultation policy, particularly with respect to developing skills in regulatory impact assessment;
- Technical consultancy to develop the strategy/policy for consultations and designate unit for implementation;
- Legal counsel to define a standardized approach to consultations.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

C

6.2 (i), (ii)

Indicative date of implementation
30 November 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 May 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Drafting/amending all applicable legislation, including the Finance Law, the Foreign Trade Law and the Customs and Excise Administration Law, in order to apply the customs user fee;
- Assistance to develop relevant procedures in order to establish and effectively apply the customs user fee.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Preparation of the strategic document for the development of e-payment;
- Development of e-payment solutions (all banks);
- Establishment of technical and financial support measures in digital sectors relating to e commerce (training, research);
- Enhancement of the current functionalities of the single window for cross-border operations (GUOT) or the single window for customs clearance (GUD);
- Quality improvement of Internet connection;
- Legislative drafting/amending of all e-legislation and the Finance Law in order to undertake electronic payment.

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

C

7.3.1
7.3.2 (a), (b)
7.3.3
7.3.4
7.3.5
7.3.6

Indicative date of implementation
30 November 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Carrying out a technical/legal diagnosis;
- Preparing regulations to enable application of this rule;
- Adapting or developing the IT systems of relevant agencies;
- Defining procedures for users and implementing agencies;
- Dissemination and training.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
30 September 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 March 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management;
- Technical assistance to develop procedures required for effective implementation of risk management system;
- Technical assistance to develop capacity in relevant border agencies to have a full understanding and application of risk management system;
- Assistance required to acquire as well as enhance technological capabilities necessary to implement a proper risk management process;
- Assistance to deploy technology required to implement a proper risk management system, such as X-ray machines, scanners and laboratory testing facilities;
- Technical assistance required to train customs personnel in imaging.

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

7.6 Average release times

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 October 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 April 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Preparation of a study on average release times (guide to measure the average time required for the release of goods).

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

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
30 September 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 March 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Support to review the legislation on urgent consignments and extend its scope to other goods;
- Support for capacity building/coaching of border agency officials.

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

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Revision of current goods import, export or transit formalities and procedures at border crossings;
- Preparation of a harmonized border procedures manual;
- Interconnection of other customs units (customs posts and brigades in the interior) with the customs systems;
- Training border agency officials in and raising their awareness of new cooperation practices.

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

C

10.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
30 October 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to analyse and simplify documentation requirements and procedures;
- Capacity building and training in formalities and required documents in line with 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
30 September 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to recast the operations of the single window for cross-border operations (GUOT);
- Technical assistance required to unify the two single windows (GUD and GUOT);
- Development of efficient procedures and a checklist in order to implement a national single window effectively;
- Technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement a national single window;
- Capacity building assistance to raise the awareness of officials of relevant border agencies and businesses and to equip and train them in order to implement a national single window;
- Assistance to ensure reasonable- to high-level Internet access and access to ICT equipment, especially for other border agencies;
- Technical assistance required to train agents involved in managing juxtaposed offices at the borders.

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

C

10.5.1
10.5.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to train customs officers in scanner management techniques;
- Assistance to transfer responsibility from preshipment inspection agencies to customs officers;
- Assistance to train customs personnel in valuation and rates.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

11 Transit

Cp

11.1 (a), (b)
11.2
11.3

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance and capacity building support are required to:
? ensure proper allocation of costs
? train personnel.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

11.5

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

11.6 (a), (b)

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Infrastructure and equipment*

11.7

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Infrastructure and equipment*

11.8

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Infrastructure and equipment*

11.9

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Infrastructure and equipment*

11.10

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance required to set up infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods:
? Support for corridor monitoring exercises
? Training on treatment of goods in transit
? Analysis of an efficient transit system
? Construction of a dry port for transit purposes
? Construction of warehouses for goods in transit
? Construction of parking areas for vehicles in transit.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Infrastructure and equipment*

11.11

Indicative date of implementation
30 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

- Training in cooperation and coordination among regulatory agencies;
- Customs transit procedures.

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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