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Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

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Gabon

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2016-12-05

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 13.9%	B - 70.6%	C - 15.5%	**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 C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2027	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2035	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2027	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	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2027
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2027
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2027
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2021
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2031
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2021
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2028
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2031
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2031
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2026	by 31 December 2035
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2017
10.6	Use of customs brokers	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2030
10.7	Common border procedures	C	by 31 December 2026	by 31 December 2031
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	A		by 22 February 2017
11	Transit	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
12	Customs cooperation	B	by 31 December 2022	by 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/GAB/2	2025-03-25	Article 22.3

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/GAB/1/Add.1	2025-03-24	Category shifting
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/N/GAB/1	2019-08-22	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/GAB/1	2014-12-17	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

11 - Transit

Date	Title
15 June 2023 - 16 June 2023	Workshop results on transit issues

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 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (1): Establishment of the information system relating to the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)

? Assign responsibility for information management project to the Minister of Trade (measure 39);
? Produce information to be provided and check that it is user friendly and readable;
? Revise legal framework to ensure legal validity and authenticity of information provided;
? Define and organize provision of information (different aspects of publication media and outlets, information technology, maintenance, storage and publication of information);
? Adopt organizational framework to supervise maintenance of information and establish institutional responsibilities, together with policies or rules, including security rules;
? Recruit additional human resources;
? Carry out training and capacity building.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (1): Establishment of the information system relating to the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)

? Assign to National Trade Facilitation Committee (measure 39) the task of drawing up an inventory of relevant projects that might facilitate implementation of this measure;
? Revise legal framework to ensure legal validity and authenticity of information provided;
? Define and organize provision of information (different aspects of publication media and outlets, information technology, maintenance, storage and publication of information);
? Adopt organizational framework to supervise maintenance of information and establish institutional responsibilities;
? Ensure systematic use of information and communication technologies (ICTs);
? Carry out training and capacity building;
? Provide adequate equipment.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (1): Establishment of the information system relating to the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)

Estimated cost of project:
272.79 million CFA francs

? Establish mechanism for coordination with other agencies, with required cooperation and provision of information (including changing the legal or regulatory framework);
? Hold training for staff who will provide the service;
? Establish guidelines covering all stages from receiving enquiry to sending reply;
? Develop use of standardized communications;
? Establish quality control standards and procedures, including deadline for sending replies;
? Ensure systematic use of ICTs;
? Provide adequate equipment.

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

C

1.4 (a), (b), (c)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Establish enquiry points.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (5): Establishment of a secure system for the importation and exportation of goods in Gabon

? Set up an accredited multi sectoral national laboratory;
? Obtain ISO certification for other existing laboratories (livestock, consumption, …);
? Provide support for veterinary diagnostic laboratory in establishing quality assurance system for purposes of accreditation;
? Help with collection of samples needed for tests;
? Provide laboratory with aid fund to cover cost of taking samples from livestock;
? Change legal or regulatory framework;
? Ensure systematic use of ICTs;
? Recruit additional human resources;
? Carry out training and capacity building for specialist staff (training of employees in specialist schools for biology, chemistry, physics, etc.);
? Provide adequate equipment;
? Conduct audits of import procedures and processes, particularly inspection of food products, with the assistance of tools or recommendations of relevant international organizations for upgrading the regulatory framework and procedures;
? Establish a strategic and operational framework for border agency collaboration;
? Computerize formalities relating to sanitary and phytosanitary control procedures and food controls.

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (8): Implementation of a study to determine average release times

Estimated cost of project:
110.145 million CFA francs

? Carry out study on release of goods (WCO study);
? Awareness-raising for other persons working at borders (shipping agents, stevedores, carriers, clearing agents, …);
? Establish a focus group involving the customs authority and the different actors involved in the platform (in particular within the National Trade Facilitation Committee (measure 39)).

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2031

Assistance required for implementation

? Set up an inter-agency committee for relevant border administrations;
? Map procedures, mandates and functioning of all existing entities;
? Establish system for monitoring traffic and time periods to measure impact of change with real-time identification of possible bottlenecks at border posts;
? Modernize legal framework for border agency cooperation;
? Define governance model for adjacent border control posts, including financing modalities for construction, maintenance and operation of facilities.

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

10.4 Single window

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2026

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2035

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance:
Project (10): Study concerning the establishment of a Single Window for foreign trade

Cost of project: 175.245 million CFA francs

? Analyse the trade process;
? Take the decision to share data between agencies and departments;
? Raise awareness of all stakeholders regarding the project (see WCO compendium on the Single Window);
? Reinforce ICTs and establish a computerized network system;
? Modify the legal or regulatory framework;
? Change the institutional and/or administrative structure;
? Study the establishment of the Single Window;
? Standardize import and export procedures;
? Harmonize procedures with other border agencies;
? Carry out training and capacity building;
? Provide adequate equipment.

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

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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