



# Nepal

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2017-01-24**

## Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
<b>A</b> - 2.1%	<b>B</b> - 47.1%	<b>C</b> - 50.8%
<b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0%		
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category B</b>	by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category B</b>	Extension requested until 22 August 2023	<b>Yes</b>
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category C</b>	by 22 February 2021	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category C</b>	Extension agreed until 22 August 2023	<b>Yes</b>
Notified Technical Assistance requirements	by 22 February 2019	<b>Yes</b>
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 February 2021	<b>No</b>
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 August 2022	<b>No</b>

## Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2026	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2032	Yes

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
1.4	Notification	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B C»B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2024
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
3	Advance rulings	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 30 June 2025	by 31 December 2026
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2030
5.2	Detention	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2024
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2030
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2022
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B C»B	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
7.2	Electronic payment	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.3	Separation of release	B C»B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 July 2028

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B C»B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
7.6	Average release times	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2028
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2030
9	Movement of goods	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2031
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2026
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2024
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2029	by 31 December 2030
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2032	by 31 December 2026
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 C»B	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
11	Transit	B C»B	by 31 December 2032	by 31 December 2032
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2029	by 31 December 2032

## Legend

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

## Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/NPL/4	2024-06-26	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/Add.4/Corr.1	2023-08-22	Category C notification and shifting of categories - Corrigendum (English only)
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/Add.4	2023-08-16	Category C notification and shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/NPL/3/Rev.1	2023-05-25	Article 22.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/Add.3	2022-07-20	Extension of time to notify Category C definitive dates
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/Add.2	2021-02-19	Categories B and C - Shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/NPL/1/Add.1	2020-02-20	Category B notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/NPL/3	2020-02-19	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/NPL/2	2019-10-14	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/NPL/1	2018-02-16	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/NPL/1	2015-10-27	Category A notification

## Experience Sharing

### Various

Date	Title
2 May 2018 - 3 May 2018	LDC Group statement
25 June 2019	Statement by Nepal on behalf of the LDC Group

**Various - Implementation experience**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	Nepal statement on behalf of LDC Group

**COVID-19**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
30 September 2020	Statement by Nepal

**11 - Transit**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
20 October 2020 - 22 October 2020	Trade & Transit Facilitation: Nepal's experience

**Implementation experience - Notifications**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
22 June 2021 - 23 June 2021	Implementing the WTO TFA: shifting 11 provisions from Category C to category B

**Capacity Building support - Implementation experience**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Statement by Nepal on behalf of the LDCs

## Technical Assistance detailed information

### 1.2 Information available through internet



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

#### Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2025

#### Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

- Map existing IT infrastructure in all core agencies and identify the gaps for linking with the trade portal
- Upgrade ICT infrastructure and software, and technical support to maintain and update the ICT platforms
- Training of staff operating the system and awareness program for potential users of the trade portal

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



4.1 (a), (b)  
4.2  
4.3  
4.4 (a), (b), paragraph  
4.5  
4.6

**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 June 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2026

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Design the structure of the new forum for appeals and review along with the new workflow processes
- Training and capacity building of the Customs staff

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



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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Review all relevant laws and rules to incorporate provisions for immediate termination of enhanced controls when risk is neutralized
- IT infrastructure for establishing and running automated controls system
- Training of staff of core agencies for implementing risk-based system and for implementation of enhanced controls
- Support to design of the monitoring mechanism
- Cross-country experience sharing and its replication in Nepal's context

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

5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Conduct gap analysis in the laws and the IT infrastructure in each agency
- Develop risk-based system with the issuance of notices and reports for test procedures
- Provide technical training and equipment for next generation genome sequencing (NGS)/high sequencing and genomic analysis of plant viruses for verification of compliance in trade
- Strengthen laboratories and prepare a consolidated database for the laboratories
- Review the scope of laboratories and cross-country experience sharing and its replication in Nepal's context

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

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 July 2028

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Draft the relevant provisions in the legal documents/policies/SOPs for risk-based profiling, selection, feedback loops
- Automate implementation of risk management system and link all implementing agencies for risk management implementation
- Establish integrated risk management system
- Develop diagnostic protocols for pests
- Strengthen e-Phyto system
- Support in pest risk analysis
- Support in development, testing and implementation of online sapling tracking system for post entry quarantine and internal quarantine management
- Support in strengthening national quarantine systems in the areas identified in the third-party assessment
- Staff training and capacity-building in risk assessment, risk-based inspection, pest risk analysis and risk-based

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

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7.7.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	31 December 2027	31 December 2027
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
7.7.4		
7.7.5		
7.7.6		
	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amend the legal provisions in line with the requirements of the TFA</li><li>• Set up processes for online application for authorized operator and devise the selection criteria</li><li>• Cross-country experience sharing and its replication in Nepal's context</li><li>• Staff training and capacity building</li></ul>	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training</i>	

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7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) **Indicative date of implementation**  
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d) 31 December 2027  
7.8.3

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2028

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Review the legal provision for expedited shipments for qualifying goods
- ICT infrastructure and software to automate the processes for online processing of requests for expedited shipments

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



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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2027

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Establish functional mechanisms (including MoUs) between/among agencies
- Prepare a master plan for common facilities and develop SOPs for border agency cooperation
- Designing mechanisms for sharing of data and information
- Capacity building and staff training on border agency cooperation and international best practices
- Cross-country experience sharing and its replication in Nepal's context
- ICT support to engineer new business processes

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



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9	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2027	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 31 December 2031
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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Introduce automated tracking of consignments within Customs authorities from end to end
- Staff training and capacity building for the usage of the new systems and processes

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2026

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Review document and formalities across all agencies and suggest simplification, standardization, and harmonization
- Develop testing and accreditation facilities
- Conduct awareness training programs for producers, traders and exporters about certification processes
- Organize awareness programs for SMEs, cottage industries and handicrafts producers for quality enhancement
- Develop a system for periodic review
- Staff training and capacity building

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



10.3.1  
10.3.2**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2029**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2030**Assistance required for implementation**

- Conduct periodic review of international standards and lessons learned for implementation
- Conduct regular gap analysis, review of the processes, forms and documents required to align with international standards
- Revise systems and processes based on the lessons learned
- Training and capacity building of staff on international standards requirements and use of new business processes as well as IT enabled systems and processes
- Support to review legal provisions on customs law and requisite subsidiary legislation in place for consistent implementation across multiple agencies

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

10.4.1  
10.4.2  
10.4.3  
10.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2032

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2026

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Strengthen e-Phyto system
- Staff training and capacity building
- Awareness raising and capacity building of private sectors on use and benefits of single window

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

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
12.1.1	31 December 2029	31 December 2032
12.1.2		
12.2.1		
12.2.2		
12.3		
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)		
12.4.2	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)		
12.5.2	• Cross country experience sharing and compliance regime	
12.5.3	• Training and capacity building	
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)		
12.6.2	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training</i>	
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		

### Legend

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

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