WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

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	Yes
A - 2.1%	B - 47.1%	C - 50.8%	**Not yet notified** - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B			by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B			Extension requested until 22 August 2023	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C			Extension agreed until 22 August 2023	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2019	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2022	Yes

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

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

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
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
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

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
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

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/NPL/5	2026-07-10	Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical asisstance

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/NPL/3/Rev.3	2026-01-08	Article 22.3 - Revision 3
G/TFA/N/NPL/3/Rev.2	2025-03-17	Article 22.3 - Revision 2
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

Date	Title
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	Nepal statement on behalf of LDC Group

COVID-19

Date	Title
30 September 2020	Statement by Nepal

11 - Transit

Date	Title
20 October 2020 - 22 October 2020	Trade & Transit Facilitation: Nepal’s experience

Implementation experience - Notifications

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

Implementation experience

Date	Title
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Statement by Nepal on behalf of the LDCs

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
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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully implemented using the Government's own resources and without any donor support or technical assistance.

Legal procedures and other information related to Nepal Customs are available through the official websites: www.customs.gov.np and www.nnsw.gov.np

(a) Largely specified in the Customs Act and Regulations 2007

https://customs.gov.np/content/26/customs-in-and-rules/

Customs Act 2025

https://lawcommission.gov.np/content/13544/customs-act--2082/

Customs Procedure 2010

https://customs.gov.np/content/479/customs-procedure-2067/

NECAS Procedure 2021

https://customs.gov.np/content/41/nepal-customs-averaded-system-organization-system--nca-/

(b) All such requirements are automated in Nepal Customs through NECAS (ASYCUDA World) and NNSW. Other required forms are available for public in our official website https://customs.gov.np/category/forms-used-in-customs/

(c) Contact information is made available on the Customs Official website as well as that of individual Customs offices as enquiry officers (Information Officer) in individual Customs offices.

Contact information available in English

www.customs.gov.np

[office_name].customs.gov.np example

https://tia.customs.gov.np/

Best endeavour clause. Customs Act and Regulation are available in English Language.

https://customs.gov.np/content/486/customs-act-2064/

https://customs.gov.np/content/485/customs-act---regulation-2073/

Best endeavour clause. Trade-related information is available in the official website.

www.customs.gov.np, www.nnsw.gov.np

C

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

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used or required.

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2030

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Partially complied. No support has been used. May require support for full implementation.

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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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully compliant on Customs side. No support required for Customs. However, upgrades of quarantines may be required for effective implementation.

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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*

Donor Agencies: Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

Partially complied. Support from ADB acquired in the past, more support required for fully implementation.

7.7 Authorized operators

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 2027

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Amend the legal provisions in line with the requirements of the TFA
• Set up processes for online application for authorized operator and devise the selection criteria
• Cross-country experience sharing and its replication in Nepal's context
• Staff training and capacity building

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used.

7.8 Expedited shipments

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
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Partially complied. No support has been used, may require support for full implementation.

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2030

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used or required.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2027

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2031

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used or required.

C

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*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used or required.

C

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*

Donor Agencies: World Customs Organization

Progress reported

Fully complied. Support from WCO in various phases acquired.

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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

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*

Donor Agencies: World Bank

Progress reported

Fully complied. Support from the World Bank in the past.

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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 2029

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2032

Assistance required for implementation

- Cross country experience sharing and compliance regime
- Training and capacity building

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Fully complied. No support has been used or required.

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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