WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Panama

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2015-11-17

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 75.6%	B - 8.8%	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 01 June 2022	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 1 January 2022	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	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	C	by 01 June 2022	by 01 June 2022
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 01 June 2022	by 01 June 2022
1.3	Enquiry points	A		by 22 February 2017
1.4	Notification	C	by 01 June 2022	by 01 June 2022
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 01 June 2022	by 01 June 2022
2.2	Consultations	B	by 01 June 2021	by 01 June 2021
3	Advance rulings	B	by 01 January 2018	by 01 January 2018
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	A		by 22 February 2017
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
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	B	by 01 January 2021	by 01 January 2021
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	A		by 22 February 2017
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	A		by 22 February 2017
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 01 January 2022	by 01 January 2022
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
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 01 January 2022	by 01 January 2022
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	C	by 01 January 2022	by 01 January 2022
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	A		by 22 February 2017
12	Customs cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017

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/PAN/4	2026-05-27	Article 22.3

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/PAN/3	2023-03-16	Article 10.4.3
G/TFA/N/PAN/2	2019-10-15	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/PAN/1	2019-05-08	Categories A, B & C notification
WT/PCTF/N/PAN/1	2014-08-06	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
1 June 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Software and computer equipment are needed to implement a TFA-consistent information system for foreign trade operations in all the institutions concerned.
Technical assistance for the development of systems to safeguard and protect the authenticity of documents that are uploaded to avoid unauthorized use and manipulation.
Staff need to be recruited and trained to collect, verify and maintain the information published on the platform.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
1 June 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Financial support is needed to create and establish a TFA-consistent information system with IT equipment, software and other necessary tools, for all institutions involved in foreign trade.
Technical assistance and financial support in the area of IT for safeguarding and protecting the authenticity of documents that are uploaded to avoid unauthorized use and manipulation.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
1 June 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Training on WTO notifications.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

C

2.1.1
2.1.2
2.1.3

Indicative date of implementation
1 June 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance is needed to:
procure consultancy services so that an expert can conduct a diagnosis of the existing domestic and regional regulations and share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;
prepare regulations to enable the implementation of this provision;
prepare implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;
hire and train the relevant human resources in government agencies.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
1 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support is requested:
To learn about best practices in countries that have introduced joint border controls, so as to gain the necessary experience.
To ensure the interconnection of information systems between all foreign trade authorities, so that information is available to all and updated simultaneously.

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

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
1 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial support for:
 acquiring equipment and licences and contracting specialized computer design and development services, with a view to the continued improvement of the Single Window for Exports system;
 the provision of equipment and software to create a Single Foreign Trade Window for Imports, and the development of systems for each of the government agencies involved;
 the provision of an expert to share, with the government agencies involved, best practices in regard to document simplification, data harmonization, interoperability and inter-agency collaboration;

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

10.7 Common border procedures

C

10.7.1 **10.7.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**	**Indicative date of implementation** 1 January 2022	**Definitive date of implementation** 1 January 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and support to streamline and optimize border processes and procedures with all institutions in order to ensure improved controls, eliminate unnecessary formalities and harmonize requirements for safeguarding international good practices.

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