





# **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

**Ratified Agreement: Yes** 

Ratification Date: 2017-01-09

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)  Notified all category ABC designations |                             |                  | Due date                | Status |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------|
|   |                             |                  | by 22 February 2017     |        |
| <b>A</b> - 54.6%  | B - 8.4%                    | <b>C</b> - 37.0% | 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 te  | echnical assistance support |                  | by 22 February 2018     | No     |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical   | al assistance support       |                  | by 22 August 2019       | No     |

# Transparency notifications

| Legend: Yes                 | Notification presented | No Notification due No Notification n           |     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----|
| Notified Art. 22.3          |                        |   | Yes |
| Information on Assistance a | nd Capacity Building   |   |     |
| Notified Art. 12.2          | Category A             | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2        | Category A             | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3        | Category C             | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030 | No  |
| Notified Art. 1.4           | Category C             | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025 | No  |

| Implem | entation schedule                                  |   | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|--------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.1    | Publication  | С | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 1.2    | Information available through internet             | С | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 1.3    | Enquiry points                                     | C | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 1.4    | Notification                                       | C | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 2.1    | Comments and information before entry into force   | C | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2026            |
| 2.2    | Consultations                                      | C | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2026            |
| 3      | Advance rulings                                    | C | by 31 December 2022            | by 31 December 2026            |
| 4      | Procedures for appeal or review                    | А |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.1    | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | А |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.2    | Detention  | А |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.3    | Test procedures                                    | C | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 6.1    | General disciplines on fees and charges            | C | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 6.2    | Specific disciplines on fees and charges           | А |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 6.3    | Penalty Disciplines                                | В | by 30 September 2018           | by 31 December 2018            |
| 7.1    | Pre-arrival processing                             | А |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 7.2    | Electronic payment                                 | C | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 7.3    | Separation of release                              | В | by 30 September 2018           | by 31 December 2018            |
| 7.4    | Risk management                                    | C | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |

| Implem | entation schedule  |    | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|--------|--|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.5    | Post-clearance audit   | С  | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 7.6    | Average release times  | СЕ | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2026            |
| 7.7    | Authorized operators   | С  | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 7.8    | Expedited shipments  | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 7.9    | Perishable goods   | В  | by 30 September 2018           | by 31 December 2018            |
| 8      | Border Agency Cooperation                                      | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 9      | Movement of goods  | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.1   | Formalities  | С  | by 31 December 2020            | by 31 December 2035            |
| 10.2   | Acceptance of copies   | А  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.3   | Use of international standards                                 | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.4   | Single window  | С  | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2030            |
| 10.5   | Preshipment inspection   | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.6   | Use of customs brokers   | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.7   | Common border procedures                                       | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.8   | Rejected Goods   | Α  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.9   | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | А  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 11     | Transit  | А  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 12     | Customs cooperation  | А  |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
|        |  |    |                                |                                |

## Legend

| А | Notified in Cat. A | Ар | Partially notified in A     |     |                   |
|---|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| В | Notified in Cat. B | Вр | Partially notified in B     | C»B | Shift from C to B |
| С | Notified in Cat. C | Ср | Partially notified in C     | B»C | Shift from B to C |
| N | Not yet notified   | Е  | Extension of time requested |     |                   |

#### **Notifications and other documents**

| Symbol              | Date       | Description                        |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.2 | 2025-08-28 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/N/VCT/3       | 2019-10-14 | Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2         |
| G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.1 | 2019-08-07 | Category C notification - Addendum |
| G/TFA/N/VCT/2       | 2019-02-19 | Article 22.3                       |
| G/TFA/N/VCT/1       | 2018-06-04 | Categories A, B and C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/VCT/1     | 2015-06-08 | Category A notification            |

# **Experience Sharing**

| Implementation experience         |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date                              | Title  |
| 15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019 | Presentation by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Trade Facilitation (Ms. Shernelle Dick-Brazel) |

#### **Technical Assistance detailled information**

#### **Publication** 1.1



(i), (j)

# 1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance in production of information and updating the legal framework to ensure legal validity and setting up of an organisational framework to oversee the maintenance and institutional responsibilities.

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

## 1.2 Information available through internet



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

Indicative date of implementation

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2025

31 December 2021

#### Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance in creating an information management system and implementing web publication policy and guidelines.
- Procuring ICT equipment.

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

## 1.3 Enquiry points



| 1.3.1 |  |
|-------|--|
| 1.3.2 |  |
| 1.3.3 |  |
| 1.3.4 |  |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Support in designing institutional structure, development and use of communication templates.

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

#### 1.4 Notification



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

# Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2021

# **Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance in developing a comprehensive ITC sector

**Tags:** Information and communication technologies (ICT)

## 2.1 Comments and information before entry into force



| 2.1 | .1 |
|-----|----|
| 2.1 | .2 |
| 2.1 | .3 |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2026

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to update the legal and regulatory framework to include legal provisions for the stakeholders to comment on new or amended laws and regulation.

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework

2.2

Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2026

## Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish a legal framework for the exchange of information, sharing of control functions amongst agencies.

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

## 3 Advance rulings



**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2026

| 3.1<br>3.2 (a), (b)<br>3.3<br>3.4        | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2022                       |
|--|--|
| 3.5                                      | '  |
| 3.6 (a), (b), (c)                        | Assistance required for implementation                                   |
| 3.7<br>3.8                               |  |
|  | r), (c), (d) • Assistance to establish a legal and Regulatory framework. |
| 0.0 (a) (1), (11), (1), (11), (11), (11) | Training in Classification, rules of origin and Valuation.               |

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training

| 5 | .3 | .1 |
|---|----|----|
| 5 | .3 | .2 |
| 5 | 3  | 3  |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish accredited labs, training of laboratory personnel in adequate test procedures.

Tags: Human resources and training

#### 6.1 General disciplines on fees and charges



| 6.1.1 |  |  |
|-------|--|--|
| 6.1.2 |  |  |
| 6.1.3 |  |  |
| 6.1.4 |  |  |
|       |  |  |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

# Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

- Technical assistance to analyse fees and ascertain cost for each service rendered.
- Drafting guidelines form levying charge.

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training



7.2

Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop ICT and legal framework for collection and processing of electronic payment.

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

#### 7.4 Risk management



| 7.4.1 |  |
|-------|--|
| 7.4.2 |  |
| 7.4.3 |  |
| 7.4.4 |  |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Training for customs personnel in identifying risks and assessment analysis.

Tags: Human resources and training

#### 7.5 Post-clearance audit



| 7.5.1 |  |
|-------|--|
| 7.5.2 |  |
| 7.5.3 |  |
| 7.5.4 |  |

# Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

# Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop an audit strategy, capacity building for extensive training in auditing for customs and other border agencies.

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



7.6.1 7.6.2 Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2026

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish legal and regulatory framework to allow for seamless flow of information and coordination among border agencies.

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

#### 7.7 Authorized operators



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 2020

**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to secure the necessary ICT equipment. Update the legal framework to implement enhanced protocols incorporating the WCO SAFE standards within trade practices, operations and procedures.

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment



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

## Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2035

#### Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to identify the necessary administrative and legal arrangements to minimize, reduce and simplify existing formalities and documentation.

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment

#### Single window 10.4



10.4.1 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation** 

31 December 2030

#### Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to develop a conceptual design for a system to facilitate a single window.
- Technical and financial assistance in procuring ICT equipment.

Tags: Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment

#### 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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