



Samoa

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2016-04-21

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 39.9% B - 27.7% C - 32.4%	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 B	Definitive implementation date 29 June 2021	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2040	No
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	No
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Legend: Yes No Notification presented Notification due No Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule		Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B	by 22 February 2019 by 29 June 2019
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 22 February 2021 by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 22 February 2019 by 29 June 2019
1.4	Notification	B	by 29 June 2021 by 29 June 2021
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A	by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	B	by 22 February 2019 by 29 June 2019
3	Advance rulings	A	by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 22 February 2020 by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B E	by 22 February 2020 by 29 June 2020
5.2	Detention	B E	by 22 February 2020 by 29 June 2020
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	C	by 31 December 2019 by 31 December 2025
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 30 June 2019 by 31 December 2025
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 22 February 2020 by 31 December 2027
7.3	Separation of release	B E	by 22 February 2019 by 29 June 2020

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.6	Average release times	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2026
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C B>C E	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2025
9	Movement of goods	B	by 22 February 2020	by 29 June 2021
10.1	Formalities	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017
10.4	Single window	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2040
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	A		by 22 February 2017
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
11	Transit	B	by 29 June 2019	by 29 June 2019

Implementation schedule**Indicative implementation date****Definitive implementation date**

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/WSM/2	2021-06-30	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2, 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/WSM/1/Add.2	2020-06-30	Category B notification - Addendum 2 - extension of time request
G/TFA/N/WSM/1/Add.1	2019-08-20	Categories B and C notification - Addendum - extension of time request
G/TFA/N/WSM/1	2018-08-28	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/SAM/1	2015-11-02	Category A notification

1.2 Information available through internet

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation**Legal/Policy**

Undertake study to include stocktake of all trade information available online; identify gaps and assess Samoa's readiness to have a trade information portal/ website; cost and benefit analysis. Develop policy and legislate as necessary the mandate and process of publishing information; and having this information available online

Procedures

Review of outdated Standard Operating Procedures

Human Resources/Training

Training of IT Staff to design, develop and maintain websites

Training of Customs officials on the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures

Relevant training of officials and private sector

Information and Communication**Technology**

Develop and maintain a Trade Information Portal system (TIP)

Infrastructure

Appropriate equipment and software programs for border agencies

Consultations/Public Awareness

Stakeholder consultations on the potential TIP

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

4.1 (a), (b)
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4.4 (a), (b), paragraph
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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Operation

Financial (and technical support where relevant) assistance required for the initial set-up and operation of the Customs Appeal Authority for the first five years

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

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6.3.4 (a), (b)
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Human resources/Training
Capacity building and training for Customs
officials on the implementation and
application of this provision

Tags: *Human resources and training*

7.1.1
7.1.2**Indicative date of implementation**
30 June 2019**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2025**Assistance required for implementation****Human Resources/Training**

Capacity building and training for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on the implementation and application of this provision

Information and Communication**Technology**

Enhance the technological capacity of Customs officials in implementing this provision

Infrastructure

Upgrade existing Customs and Border agencies systems and infrastructure to facilitate Pre-arrival processing

Upgrade and improvements to existing Quarantine Biosecurity infrastructure to facilitate pre-arrival processing

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

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation**Legal/Policy**

Review existing systems and policies. And determine feasibility and resources required to set-up and operate an electronic payment system

Human Resources/Training

Capacity building and training for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on electronic payment

Information and Communication**Technology**

Enhance technological capacity of border agencies and government agencies necessary to implement an electronic payment system

Infrastructure

Development, set-up and installation of appropriate technology and equipment to put in place an electronic payment system

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
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal

Review/develop legal basis to enhance coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management

Policy

Develop a risk management policy with target percentages of low/high risk cargo
Develop a training plan for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on risk management targeting the application of risk management

Procedures

Review and develop necessary procedures
Human Resources/Training

Capacity building and training for Customs and Quarantine Biosecurity officials on risk management using transaction data from ASYCUDA system

Training and Development for border agencies staff on risk identification and profiling

Information and Communication

Technology Enhance technological capacity of Border agencies necessary to implement a proper risk management process/system

Infrastructure Provision of Non-Intrusive Inspection equipment

Provision of appropriate technology and equipment to support the implementation of a proper risk management system

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

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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal Develop/review relevant legislations and policies for Post Clearance Audit (PCA)

Policy Develop a compliance assessment policy and procedure incorporating the connectivity with risk management

Develop a training plan/module to train Customs officials and agents on the concept of 'informed compliance' and train the target groups

Develop a methodology/approach to conduct a national compliance assessment on an annual basis

Procedures

Develop and update processes and procedures that incorporate these aspects of PCA: Draft a compliance assessment policy and procedure incorporating the connectivity with risk management

Draft a training module to train Customs and the Agents on the concept of 'informed compliance' and train the target groups

Draft a methodology/approach to conduct a compliance assessment on an annual basis for the whole of Samoa

Conduct annual compliance assessments

Train Customs staff to conduct PCA as a compliance assessment tool

Human Resources/Training

Capacity building and training for Customs officials to conduct Post Clearance Audit as a compliance assessment tool

Develop data analysis skills and knowledge for Customs and border agencies officials

Capacity building and training for Customs PCA officials on auditing techniques and methodology

Information and Communication

Technology

Enhance technological capacity of Border agencies necessary to implement PCA

Infrastructure

Provision of appropriate technology and equipment to help implement PCA

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

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
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Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Legal

Develop relevant legislation and policies to allow the setup of an Authorised Operators (AO) program

Policy

Develop an Authorised Operators policy

Procedures

Develop proper procedures and criteria for the assessment of authorised operators that meet specified criteria in the AO program

Human Resources/Training

Capacity building and training for Customs and Quarantine officials on the implementation of the AO program

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

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) **Indicative date of implementation**
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d) 22 February 2020
7.8.3

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy

Develop relevant legislation and policies

Procedures

Review of outdated Standard Operating

Procedures

Human Resources/Training

Training of Customs and Border agencies officials on clearance of commercial cargos at the airports

Training of Customs officials on the implementation of Standard Operating

Procedures

Infrastructure

Appropriate equipment required such as x-rays, scanners and computers for border agencies

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

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy

- Review and identify gaps in the existing system of coordination and policies
- Review/develop legal basis to enhance coordination and collaboration between border agencies

Procedures

- Develop Procedures and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help enhance the cooperation of border agencies

Human Resources/Training

- Capacity building and training for Border agencies officials on a new coordinated approach

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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

Indicative date of implementation

22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation**Policy**

Support to customs to expedite publication and activation of the new draft procedures under the modernization program

Information and Communication**Technology**

Enhance the technological capacity of Customs and border agencies officials to ensure full utilisation of the ASYCUDA World system

Infrastructure

Upgrade existing Customs system and infrastructure to implement this provision

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
22 February 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2040

Assistance required for implementation

Legal

Review/develop relevant laws to facilitate the development of a comprehensive national single window

Compliance review

Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with other agencies to enhance cooperation

Policy

Conduct a feasibility study to explore the viability of a national single window system

Develop a strategy for the implementation of single window

Procedures

Develop appropriate procedures and processes to facilitate the implementation of single window

Human Resources/Training

Capacity building and training for Customs officials and border agencies on the implementation of single window system

Capacity building for other government agencies and private sector on the implementation of single window system

Information and Communication

Technology

Review of national ICT policies to facilitate the implementation of single window

Enhance and upgrade technological capabilities of border agencies and government agencies necessary to implement the single window

Infrastructure

Provision of appropriate technology and equipment to help implement single window

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

Legend

 C	Notified in Cat. C	 Cp	Partially notified in C	 E	Extension of time requested
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