



## Sri Lanka

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2016-05-31**

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

			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
<b>A</b> - 29.0%	<b>B</b> - 1.7%	<b>C</b> - 69.3%	<b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category B</b>			by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category B</b>			by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category C</b>			by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category C</b>			by 22 August 2019	<b>Yes</b>
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2018	<b>No</b>
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	<b>No</b>

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	No

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	C	by 30 June 2018	by 31 December 2024
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 30 June 2018	by 31 December 2024
1.3	Enquiry points	C E	by 30 June 2018	by 30 June 2023
1.4	Notification	C	by 30 June 2018	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 27 August 2024
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2025
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2023
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2024
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C E	by 31 December 2018	by 30 June 2024
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B	by 31 December 2017	by 31 December 2019
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2018	by 27 August 2024
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2025

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2018	by 21 August 2024
7.6	Average release times	C	by 30 June 2018	by 15 December 2018
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2020	by 21 August 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2024
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2030
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2026
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2026
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2030
10.5	Preshipment inspection	B	by 31 December 2017	by 31 December 2019
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	A		by 22 February 2017
11	Transit	A		by 22 February 2017
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025

**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/W/101	2024-10-18	Trade Facilitation measures for Authorized Operators - Communication from Sri Lanka
G/TFA/N/LKA/4	2024-09-04	Notification of earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/LKA/2/Rev.2	2024-09-04	Article 22.3 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/LKA/1/Add.3	2022-08-31	Extension of time request
G/TFA/N/LKA/1/Add.2/Corr.1	2021-09-29	Extension of time request - Corrigendum
G/TFA/N/LKA/1/Add.2	2021-08-20	Extension of time request
G/TFA/W/30	2020-10-30	The effective interventions by the department of Customs or Sri Lanka during the Covid-19 outbreak
G/TFA/N/LKA/3	2020-05-08	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/LKA/2/Rev.1	2020-05-08	Article 22.3 - Revision 1
G/TFA/N/LKA/2/Corr.1	2019-09-09	Art. 22.3 - Corrigendum
G/TFA/N/LKA/1/Add.1	2019-08-27	Category C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/LKA/2	2019-08-12	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/LKA/1	2018-02-08	Categories A, B & C notification
WT/PCTF/N/LKA/1	2014-07-31	Category A notification

**Experience Sharing**

National Committee on Trade Facilitation

Date	Title
25 June 2019	Functioning of Sri Lanka's National Trade Facilitation Committee

#### 7.6 - Average release times

Date	Title
11 February 2020	WCO Time Release Study - Sri Lanka's experience (Mr. Sunil Jayarathne)



1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) **Indicative date of implementation**  
30 June 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expert support to develop an information management system.
- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 June 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.
- ICT Infrastructure for internal information management systems, maintaining and upgrading agency website.
- Infrastructure (software) for Trade Information Portal.

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



1.3.1  
1.3.2  
1.3.3  
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

30 June 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 June 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- ICT infrastructure and technology for maintaining enquiry points.
- Staff capacity building on operating and maintaining enquiry points.

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 June 2018**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025**Assistance required for implementation**

- For Creation of an electronic single information management platform encompassing Official locations where in which the information has been published, Uniform resource locators of website of the TIP, enquiry points responsible for servicing enquires, enabling expeditious & accurate flow of notifications.

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

2.1.1  
2.1.2  
2.1.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2026

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Staff capacity building on developing procedures; managing notification and public comment on proposed laws and regulations.

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

2.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2020	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 27 August 2024
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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expert support on developing public consultation strategy.
- Staff capacity building on developing consultation strategy/policy, procedures; carrying out consultations.

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



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
3.1		
3.2 (a), (b)	31 December 2018	31 December 2025
3.3		
3.4		
3.5		
3.6 (a), (b), (c)		
3.7		
3.8		
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)		

#### Assistance required for implementation

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Equipment/technology for upgrading the laboratory.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment*

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 June 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Expert support on the design and establishment of a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections.
- Staff capacity building on implementing a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections.
- ICT Infrastructure for establishing an automated notification system.

**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 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Testing kits and other relevant laboratory equipment/materials.
- Support to develop testing parameters and accreditation for veterinary laboratories.
- ICT infrastructure and technology (networking, automation, high-speed internet).

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



6.1.1  
6.1.2  
6.1.3  
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020	30 June 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expert support on reviewing the current fee structure.
- Staff capacity building on periodic review of fees and charges.

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*



6.2 (i), (ii)	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2018	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2024
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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expert support on reviewing the current fee structure.

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*



7.3.1  
7.3.2 (a), (b)  
7.3.3  
7.3.4  
7.3.5  
7.3.6

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2018	27 August 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Expert support on the design and establishment of a risk management system.
- ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system.
- Staff capacity building on implementing the risk management system.

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

7.5.1  
7.5.2  
7.5.3  
7.5.4

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2018	21 August 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

7.6.1  
7.6.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
30 June 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**  
15 December 2018

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Staff capacity building on designing, planning and implementing TRS.

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



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**

21 August 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Staff capacity building on design, implementation and review of authorized trader scheme.

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

7.9.1 (a), (b)  
7.9.2  
7.9.3  
7.9.4

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020	31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

- Expert support on developing a coordination mechanism for relevant border agencies on prioritized examination of perishable goods.
- Advance testing facilities and technology.
- Staff capacity building on the use of advanced testing facilities and techniques.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*



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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expert support on developing a strategy/framework for border agency cooperation.
- Capacity building support for staff on border agency cooperation.

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



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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2026

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.
- Capacity building support for responsible staff on conducting periodic reviews.

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

10.2.1  
10.2.2  
10.2.3

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2026

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.
- ICT infrastructure & technology (to be covered through NSW).
- Capacity building support to staff on the benefits of electronic documentation and processes.

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

10.3.1  
10.3.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Capacity building support to staff on the relevant international standards, testing procedures and international best practices.

**Tags:** *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 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030



**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/ acts/regulations.
- Expert support on developing a blueprint for the NSW.
- ICT Infrastructure for automation at each agency.
- ICT infrastructure for the NSW.
- Staff capacity building on implementing the NSW.

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

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
12.1.1	31 December 2020	31 December 2025
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	• Expert support on developing a voluntary compliance regime.	
12.5.3		
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>	
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		

**Legend**

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

Downloaded on 29 August 2025  
Updated on 14 September 2024