WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Trinidad and Tobago

Ratified Agreement: Yes

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 21.4%	B - 8.0%	C - 70.6%	**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	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	Yes

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 30 June 2025	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 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2017
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
5.2	Detention	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
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	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	B E	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
9	Movement of goods	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025
10.3	Use of international standards	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2017
10.6	Use of customs brokers	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
10.7	Common border procedures	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
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	Ap Cp E	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2023	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2027

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/TTO/3/Rev.1	2025-07-28	Article 22.3 - Revision 1

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/TTO/7	2025-07-28	Article 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/TTO/2/Add.2	2024-12-23	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/TTO/6	2024-10-18	Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/TTO/5	2024-10-08	Articles 1.4 and 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/TTO/2/Add.1	2023-08-31	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/74	2021-11-15	Trade Facilitation Agreement four year review - Article 23.1.6 of the TFA - Comments on the first review of the operation and implementation of the TFA (G/TFA/W/41/Rev.4)
G/TFA/N/TTO/4	2021-01-15	Article 10.4.3
G/TFA/N/TTO/3	2019-04-18	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/TTO/2	2018-09-28	Categories B and C notification
G/TFA/N/TTO/1	2017-11-27	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/TTO/1	2015-06-15	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
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
- Human Resource - Train personnel to carry out Art. 1.1 provisions;
- ICT - Conduct a gap analysis.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• ICT - Development of content for a Trade Information Portal;
• Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
• Equipment - Equipment for infrastructural upgrades.

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

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
• Procedures - Develop procedures for responding to requests;
• Human Resource/Training - Train staff in the management of an Enquiry Point for the Agreement.

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

Donor Agencies: Caribbean Development Bank

Progress reported

Trinidad and Tobago has developed the Trade and Business Information Portal (TBIP), which hosts the Trade Facilitation Enquiry Point (TFEP). On the TBIP, which is accessible via www.ttbizlink.gov.tt, users can submit queries on trade-related issues pertaining to the WTO TFA, which are then routed to the relevant authorities for responses. Currently, the Caribbean Development Bank is funding a project to formalize the process for routing enquiries, inclusive of timelines for responses, and responsibilities for the various Ministries and agencies.

On this basis, Trinidad and Tobago is satisfied that it has met the requirements of this measure.

1.4 Notification

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Human Resource/Training - Conduct awareness sessions on procedures for notifications and information to be notified.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

2.1 Comments and information before entry into force

C

2.1.1
2.1.2
2.1.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Develop policy to allow traders and other interested parties to comment on new and amended laws;
• Legal - Legislative and institutional amendments (legal consultancy).

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

3.1
3.2 (a), (b)
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)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to the issuance of Advanced Rulings;
• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel to support the issuance of Advanced Rulings (e.g. Rules of Origin and Classification);
• Procedural - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.

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

C

4.1 (a), (b)
4.2
4.3
4.4 (a), (b), paragraph
4.5
4.6

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
• Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting.

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

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation that sets out procedures for enhanced controls or inspections for food, beverages or feedstuffs.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Infrastructure/Equipment - Funding accreditation of local labs;
• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
• Legal/Policy - develop laws and policy to ensure compliance with this article;
• Procedures - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.

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

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical - Procure and fund a consultant to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago;
• Procedural - Develop and publish a single schedule of all fees and charges related to imports and exports.

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures*

C

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to this article;
• Procedural - Develop and publish procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amending of all legislation in order to undertake Electronic Payment;
• Equipment - Funding upgrades of the necessary infrastructure;
• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Development of policy on payment of guarantees for monetary penalties or fines

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

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 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel in risk management techniques; Periodic training in risk management;
• ICT - Acquisition of risk management system software for Customs control; Design and implement Risk Management System;
• Procedural - Develop risk registers for importers and other procedures.

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

C

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 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
• Legislative and institutional;
• Human resources/ Training - Train personnel and develop continuous work programs;
• Implement auditing software;
• Procedures - creation of a strategic plan in the area of Post Clearance Audit and Risk Management.

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
• Technical Assistance - needed to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

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 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Procedures - Develop an Authorized Operator Programme;
• Legal/ Policy - assistance with policy development and drafting of regulations;
• Human Resource/Training - capacity building for all border agencies is needed to ensure full compliance with this measure.

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

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 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
• Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
• Procedures - Development of procedures for the operation of the programme and provide advice on the criteria to be used to determine companies which qualify.

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

C

9

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act (legal consultancy) inclusive of regulations and policy.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Trinidad and Tobago, to the extent practicable, and provided all regulatory requirements are met, allows goods intended for import to be moved within its territory under customs control from a customs office of entry to another customs office in its territory from where the goods would be released or cleared.

On this basis, Trinidad and Tobago is satisfied that it has met the requirements of this measure.

C

10.3.1
10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Procedures - Assess the testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of food safety regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading facilities and achieving compliance with relevant standards;
• Human Resources/Training - Develop and implement a training and certification program to assist exporters to meet relevant standards awareness session on the importance of the use of international standards.

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

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical - Develop information security plan, Business Continuity System; Develop change management strategy; Develop capacity building program and knowledge management strategy and Service Oriented Architecture;
• Legal/Policy - technical assistance to modernize legislative and institutional framework and institutional governance of the Single Electronic Window;
• Procedural - Conduct business process reengineering;
• Human Resource/ Training - Train personnel; Undertake public awareness campaign;
• ICT - Develop a Trade Data Information System, an Integrated Multimodal Logistics Module, Information Security Plan, Business Continuity System and Service Oriented Architecture.

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

Cp

12.1.1
12.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.2.1
12.2.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy Customs Control.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.4.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.5.2
12.5.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - Revision of Customs Act and Data Protection Act to ensure TFA provisions are covered; development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.8

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests;
• Human Resource/ Training – fill staff vacancies;
• Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management.

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

12.9.1
12.9.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests;
• Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
• Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management.

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

12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)
12.11.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for verification procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

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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