



## Vanuatu

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2020-05-06**

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

	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
<b>A</b> - 65.5% <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>B</b> - 21.0%</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>C</b> - 13.4%</span>	<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 A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	<b>No</b>
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified Art. 12.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	<b>No</b>
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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	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.3	Enquiry points	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2017
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2017
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
5.2	Detention	B C→B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2030
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2021
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2030

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017
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	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
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	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	B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
12	Customs cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017

## Legend

<b>A</b>	Notified in Cat. A	<b>Ap</b>	Partially notified in A		
<b>B</b>	Notified in Cat. B	<b>Bp</b>	Partially notified in B	<b>C»B</b>	Shift from C to B
<b>C</b>	Notified in Cat. C	<b>Cp</b>	Partially notified in C	<b>B»C</b>	Shift from B to C
<b>N</b>	Not yet notified	<b>E</b>	Extension of time requested		

## Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/VUT/3	2023-10-26	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/VUT/2/Rev.1	2020-09-15	Article 1.4 - Revision
G/TFA/N/VUT/2	2020-03-02	Article 1.4
G/TFA/N/VUT/1/Add.1	2020-02-20	Categories A, B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/VUT/1	2018-01-10	Categories A, B and C notification

## Experience Sharing

### 10.4 - Single window

Date	Title
22 June 2021 - 23 June 2021	Vanuatu's experience with implementation of customs automation and single window ASYCUDA program presentation

5.3 Test procedures



5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Legal/Policy: Improve/Develop relevant regulations and policies to guide the Vanuatu Bureau of Standards VBS Laboratory and Biosecurity Vanuatu (BV)

Develop/improve regulations on the process/ procedures of traded goods in question that need further testing and or verification.

Capacity Building: Appropriate Capacity building for testing requirements for all border agencies

Facility/Infrastructure/Equipment: Assist with the accreditation of VBS Laboratory to carry out secondary testing.

Proper equipment needed to carry out secondary testing.

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

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7.4.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.4.2	31 December 2020	31 December 2030
7.4.3		
7.4.4		

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Legal/Policy: Assistance to develop and establish mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management.

Procedures: Risk management system procedures are needed to be developed.

Human Resources/Training: training provided to border agencies in implementing risk management system.

Infrastructure/Equipment: assistance to have relevant technology such as x-ray machines, scanners, laboratory testing facilities in order to implement a proper risk management system.

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

7.6.1  
7.6.2**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

Procedures: Publication of average release time is yet to be implemented. Need assistance to implement the controls and procedures to meet the FTA requirements to regularly measure the publish average release times.

Human Resource Training: Needs more assistance on training and capacity building

ICT/Equipment: Further assistance on ICT to link the system to the time release for regular monitoring.

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





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7.7.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	31 December 2020	31 December 2025
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
7.7.4		
7.7.5		
7.7.6	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
	<p>Legal/Policy: Assistance required to develop a legal framework for AO.</p> <p>Procedures: Assistance required to implement procedures and controls in place to manage the AO in compliant with the relevant laws within DCIR and other Boarder agencies.</p> <p>Human Resource/Training: Training and capacity building is required for Customs &amp; Inland Revenue and all other border agencies to enforce compliance.</p>	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>	



10.3.1  
10.3.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2022

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Human Resource/Training  
Need Capacity building to understand the use of international standards

**Tags:** *Human resources and training*

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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**

**Legal/Policy:** All the policy mandate and legal requirements for a Vanuatu Electronic Single Window System have been identified in the prior and during the current phase of the Project.

**Procedures:** Implement the recommendations of the Inspection Report. Needed detailed documentation to be prepared during the course of the second phase of the Project.

**Human Resource/Training:** Technical Capacity Building training should continue to be delivered to Boarder Agencies, Customs officials and Business users.

**Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**






Funding is required to fund the development of the identified modules and requirements in the second phase of the Project.

**Infrastructure/Equipment:** The Vanuatu Electronic Single Window system is being housed in the Government's state of the art ICT infrastructure.

Funds will only be required to boost additional resources since the base is already taken care of.

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

**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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