WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Zambia

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2015-12-16

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 5.5%	B - 27.7%	C - 66.8%	**Not yet notified** - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B			by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B			by 22 February 2020	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C			by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C			by 22 August 2022	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2019	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2021	No
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2022	No

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	Partial
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2038	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	B	by 31 December 2019	by 30 June 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2019	by 30 June 2020
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
1.4	Notification	C E	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
3	Advance rulings	B E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2023
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 30 November 2019	by 30 June 2020
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
5.2	Detention	B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2022
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C E	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2024

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C E	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.2	Electronic payment	C E	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.3	Separation of release	B E	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
7.4	Risk management	C E	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C E	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 January 2023	by 31 December 2023
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2030	by 31 December 2030
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	C E	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2018
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
11	Transit	Ap Cp B»C E	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2030	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2030
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2038	by 31 December 2038

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/ZMB/3	2026-01-19	Articles 1.4 and 12.2.2

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/W/125	2026-01-19	Provision on the national transit coordinator - Communication from Zambia
G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.3	2025-11-25	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.2	2022-09-30	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ZMB/2/Rev.1	2022-02-24	Article 22.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/ZMB/2	2021-10-08	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.1	2021-10-05	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/34	2021-02-23	Launch of the Zambia Trade Information Portal
G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Corr.1	2019-11-04	Categories B and C - Corrigendum (in English only)
G/TFA/N/ZMB/1	2019-10-23	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/ZMB/1	2016-01-18	Category A, B and C notification

Experience Sharing

7.7 - Authorized operators

Date	Title
9 October 2018 - 11 October 2018	Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) - Customs Accredited Client Programme

Implementation experience

Date	Title
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	Support from cooperating partners and Zambia's achievements in the implementation of the TFA (Ms. Lillian Bwalya)

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.2 Information available through internet

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2020

Assistance required for implementation

Stakeholder awareness campaigns to promote the E-Portal

Tags: *Awareness-raising*

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020

Assistance required for implementation

• Expand enquiry points beyond ZRA to other Agencies
• Strengthen SPS Committee
• Establish a national call centre to answer to TF issues
• Public awareness campaigns to publicise the national call centre

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Administrative Support for the NCTF Secretariat

Tags: *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 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Support for setting up Destination Inspection Yards to encourage further joint inspections by agencies. This support is expected to reduce agencies at the border.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Infrastructure development of laboratory facilities/onsite laboratory facilities
• Implementation of electronic interfaces between the accredited laboratories, XRF Analysers and the ASYCUDA World
• Capacity building of staff operating laboratories accreditation of identified laboratories

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

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Harmonization of statutory fees
• Extend the use of the single payment point to all relevant agencies
• Stakeholder engagements

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

C

6.3.1
6.3.2
6.3.3
6.3.4 (a), (b)
6.3.5
6.3.6
6.3.7

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Legislative review
• Stakeholder engagement

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Awareness-raising*

C

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Automation of Entry and Exit Gates
• Introduction of mandatory Pre-Clearance
• Stakeholder engagement

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

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Connect all other relevant agencies to the electronic payment system
• Stakeholder education on e-payment

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• ICT technical Infrastructure/back up and security preparedness
• Develop Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework
• Implement Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework on ASYCUDA World Selectivity Platform
• Implement the Governance structures for Multi-Agency Risk Management framework
• Capacity building on sustainable operations of Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework
• Connect scanners to ASYCUDA World

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 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Capacity building in Post Clearance Audit (PCA) in all relevant government agencies
• Stakeholder engagement

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Support for capacity building for agencies to be able to carry our Time Release Studies in future for sustainability of commitments under Article 7.6

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

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 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Support for the introduction of the multi-agency framework for the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) concept
• Stakeholder education on benefits of being recognised as Authorized Economic Operator by any agency

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

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 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Stakeholder awareness

Tags: *Awareness-raising*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 January 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Stakeholder education on border operations
• Support for development of the Regulations for the Coordinated Border Management and Trade Facilitation Act

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Implementation of electronic Certificates of Origin with SADC, COMESA, EU and Others
• Extend the platform to other agencies that issue Import/Export Permits, regulatory approvals under Single Window framework
• Stakeholder education on formalities and documentation requirements

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

C

10.3.1
10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• Support Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) in order to adopt international standards
• Support ZCSA on the application and Implementation of international standards and Conformity Assessment procedures
• Domestication of international standards
• Stakeholder education on domesticated international standards

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, 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 2030

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

• Support the implementation of Phase II of Single Window (remaining twenty-six (26) processes)
• Publicity of National Electronic Single Window processes and activities

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

C

10.6.1
10.6.2
10.6.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Automate Licensing process for Clearing Agents
• Develop Self-Assessment System
• Accreditation of Clearing Agencies
• Capacity building of Clearing Agents
• Stakeholder education on implemented activities

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

11 Transit

Cp

11.1 (a), (b)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
• Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
• Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

11.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
• Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
• Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

11.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
• Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
• Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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11.16 (a), (b), (c)
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

• Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administration
• Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
• Implementation of ECTS along corridors
• Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
• Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

C

12.1.1
12.1.2
12.2.1
12.2.2
12.3
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.4.2
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.5.2
12.5.3
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2038

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2038

Assistance required for implementation

• Support for the implementation of OSBPs at the following posts: Nakonde/Tunduma (with Tanzania); Kasumbalesa (with DRC) and Chanida (with Mozambique)
• Stakeholder education on implemented reforms

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

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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