



## Costa Rica

Acuerdo ratificado: **Sí**

Fecha de ratificación: **2017-05-01**

### Notificaciones de aplicación (categorías A, B, C)

|                                                                                   | Fecha límite                   | Estatus   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Notificación de las designaciones de categorías A,B,C                             | 22 febrero 2017                | <b>Sí</b> |
| <b>A</b> - 97.9% <b>B</b> - 0.0% <b>C</b> - 2.1%                                  | <b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0% |           |
| Notificación de las fechas indicativas en la <b>categoría C</b>                   | 22 febrero 2017                | <b>Sí</b> |
| Notificación de las fechas definitivas en la <b>categoría C</b>                   | 22 agosto 2019                 | <b>Sí</b> |
| Notificación de las necesidades de asistencia técnica                             | 22 febrero 2017                | <b>Sí</b> |
| Notificación de los arreglos concertados para la prestación de asistencia técnica | 22 febrero 2018                | <b>Sí</b> |
| Notificación de los avances en la prestación de asistencia técnica                | 22 agosto 2019                 | <b>Sí</b> |

### Notificaciones de transparencia

|                              |             |                                                |           |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ha notificado el Art. 1.4    | Categoría A | Fecha definitiva de aplicación 22 febrero 2017 | <b>Sí</b> |
| Ha notificado el Art. 10.4.3 | Categoría A | Fecha definitiva de aplicación 22 febrero 2017 | <b>Sí</b> |

Notificaciones de transparencia

|                              |             |                                                |               |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ha notificado el Art. 10.6.2 | Categoría A | Fecha definitiva de aplicación 22 febrero 2017 | <div>Sí</div> |
| Ha notificado el Art. 12.2   | Categoría A | Fecha definitiva de aplicación 22 febrero 2017 | <div>Sí</div> |

Información sobre la asistencia técnica y creación de capacidad

|                            |               |
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| Ha notificado el Art. 22.3 | <div>Sí</div> |
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Leyendas:

Sí

Notificación presentada

No

Notificación pendiente

No

Notificación aún no prevista

| Programa de aplicación |                                                          |   | Fecha indicativa de aplicación | Fecha definitiva de aplicación  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.1                    | Publicación                                              | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 1.2                    | Información disponible por medio de Internet             | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 1.3                    | Servicios de información                                 | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 1.4                    | Notificación                                             | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 2.1                    | Observaciones e información antes de la entrada en vigor | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 2.2                    | Consultas                                                | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 3                      | Resoluciones anticipadas                                 | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 4                      | Procedimientos de recurso o de revisión                  | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 5.1                    | Notificaciones de controles o inspecciones reforzados    | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 5.2                    | Retención                                                | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 5.3                    | Procedimientos de prueba                                 | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 6.1                    | Disciplinas generales en materia de derechos y cargas    | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 6.2                    | Disciplinas específicas en materia de derechos y cargas  | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 6.3                    | Disciplinas en materia de sanciones                      | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 7.1                    | Tramitación previa a la llegada                          | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 7.2                    | Pago electrónico                                         | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 7.3                    | Separación del levante                                   | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |

| Programa de aplicación |                                                                 |         | Fecha indicativa de aplicación       | Fecha definitiva de aplicación       |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7.4                    | Gestión de riesgo                                               | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 7.5                    | Auditoría posterior al despacho de aduana                       | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 7.6                    | Plazos medios de levante                                        | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 7.7                    | Operadores autorizados                                          | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 7.8                    | Envíos urgentes                                                 | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 7.9                    | Mercancías perecederas                                          | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 8                      | Cooperación entre los organismos que intervienen en la frontera | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 9                      | Traslado de mercancías                                          | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.1                   | Formalidades                                                    | Ap Cp E | a más tardar el 30 junio 2019        | a más tardar el 30 enero 2023        |
| 10.2                   | Aceptación de copias                                            | Ap Cp E | del 22 febrero 2017 al 30 junio 2019 | del 22 febrero 2017 al 30 enero 2023 |
| 10.3                   | Utilización de las normas internacionales                       | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.4                   | Ventanilla única                                                | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.5                   | Inspección previa a la expedición                               | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.6                   | Recurso a agentes de aduanas                                    | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.7                   | Procedimientos en frontera comunes                              | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.8                   | Mercancías rechazadas                                           | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |
| 10.9                   | Admisión temporal de mercancías                                 | A       |                                      | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017      |

| Programa de aplicación |                      |   | Fecha indicativa de aplicación | Fecha definitiva de aplicación  |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11                     | Tránsito             | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |
| 12                     | Cooperación aduanera | A |                                | a más tardar el 22 febrero 2017 |

### Leyendas

|   |                              |    |                              |     |                 |
|---|------------------------------|----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| A | Notificada en la categoría A | Ap | Notificada en la categoría A |     |                 |
| B | Notificada en la categoría B | Bp | Notificada en la categoría B | C»B | Cambio de C a B |
| C | Notificada en la categoría C | Cp | Notificada en la categoría C | B»C | Cambio de B a C |
| N | Todavía por notificar        | E  | Prórroga solicitada          |     |                 |

### Notificaciones y otros documentos

| Signatura                  | Fecha de recepción | Descripción                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| G/TFA/N/CRI/2/Rev.1        | 2026-03-09         | Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2 - Revision 1                                                        |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/5              | 2023-11-13         | Article 22.3                                                                                             |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/4              | 2023-09-12         | Extension of implementation dates                                                                        |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/3              | 2022-10-17         | Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance                                       |
| G/TFA/W/38/Rev.3           | 2021-07-30         | Revisiting the need for global action to eliminate consularization requirements - Revision 3             |
| G/TFA/W/38/Rev.2           | 2021-07-05         | Revisiting the need for global action to eliminate consularization requirements - Revision 2             |
| G/TFA/W/38/Rev.1           | 2021-06-07         | Revisiting the need for global action to eliminate consularization requirements - Revision               |
| G/TFA/W/22                 | 2020-03-18         | Informe sobre el primer encuentro latinoamericano de los comités nacionales de facilitación del comercio |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/1/Add.1/Corr.1 | 2019-09-16         | Category C notification - Addendum - Corrigendum                                                         |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/1/Add.1        | 2019-08-27         | Category C notification - Addendum                                                                       |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/2              | 2018-03-23         | Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 notification                                                     |
| G/TFA/N/CRI/1              | 2017-11-07         | Cat. C notification                                                                                      |
| WT/PCTF/N/CRI/1            | 2014-05-19         | Category A notification                                                                                  |

Intercambio de experiencias

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fecha                                        | Título                                                                                                                                          |
| 12 febrero 2019 - 13 febrero 2019            | National Trade Facilitation Committee (in Spanish)                                                                                              |
| 11 febrero 2020                              | Informe sobre el primer encuentro latinoamericano de los comités nacionales de facilitación del comercio - Montevideo, Uruguay - Noviembre 2019 |
| Experiencias en la aplicación                |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fecha                                        | Título                                                                                                                                          |
| 11 febrero 2020                              | Costa Rica statement (Ana Laura Lizano)                                                                                                         |
| 10.4 - Ventanilla única                      |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fecha                                        | Título                                                                                                                                          |
| 16 abril 2024 - 17 abril 2024                | La digitalización en la facilitación del comercio en Costa Rica - VUCE y Programa de Integración Fronteriza                                     |
| 7.7 - Operadores autorizados                 |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fecha                                        | Título                                                                                                                                          |
| 12 marzo 2025 - 13 marzo 2025                | Programa Operador Económico Autorizado                                                                                                          |

10.1 Formalidades



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

**Fecha indicativa de aplicación**  
30 junio 2019

**Fecha definitiva de aplicación**  
30 enero 2023

**Asistencia requerida para la aplicación**

Realizar un examen interno de las formalidades y requisitos de documentación para diseñar y ejecutar un plan de mejora de conformidad con las obligaciones del artículo.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
Coordinación del Ministerio de Comercio Exterior y el Consejo Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio, con apoyo del Grupo Banco Mundial.

**Etiquetas:** *Marco legislativo y reglamentario, Diagnóstico y evaluación de necesidades*

**Agencias:** Banco Mundial

**Informe de progreso**

With regard to Article 10.1.1, support was requested to conduct an internal review of the formalities and documentation requirements for drawing up and implementing an improvement plan in conformity with the obligations set forth in the Article.

Following the request, between September 2018 and February 2019, a review of existing procedures at Costa Rica's land border posts, ports and airports was conducted with World Bank support. The aim was to review formalities and documentation requirements, while identifying opportunities for improvement relating to customs procedures for the import, export and transit of goods.

As a result, the World Bank issued a report entitled "Review of formalities and documentation requirements and identification of opportunities for improvement relating to import, export and transit procedures at the Peñas Blancas, Paso Canoas, Puerto Caldera, Puerto Limón and Juan Santamaría International Airport (Costa Rica) border posts (Articles 10.1 and 10.2 of the TFA)", which summarizes the findings and recommendations emerging from the study.

The results of this work were also included and elaborated upon in a document entitled "Priority Trade Facilitation Agenda", which was declared of public and national interest through Executive Decree No. 42065-MP-COMEX of 17 October 2019.

In line with the recommendations made in this report and contained in the "Priority Agenda", Costa Rica has successfully made a number of improvements to its foreign trade procedures. Such improvements include the following:

- Issuance of guidelines on eliminating requests for copies or original versions of documents when customs declarations fall in the amber traffic light category.

- Establishment of a higher authority, the "Border Coordinator", to manage land border control posts.
- Increase in the number of border control officials at the Peñas Blancas (border with Nicaragua) and Paso Canoas (border with Panama) land border posts.
- Creation of local trade facilitation committees in which both the public and private sectors can participate.
- Training on coordinated border management, public service ethics and the single window for foreign trade.
- Development of a website containing all customs and foreign trade regulations, called the Foreign Trade Portal.
- Analysis of the risk management system and adoption of a new system called the National Risk Management System (SINIGER, currently under development).
- Approval of amendments to the General Customs Law , which included recommendations made by COMEX on the back of support provided by the World Bank, specifically regarding issues such as authorized economic operators, advance rulings, the "reasonable doubt" procedure and the "self determined rectification" procedure.

In light of the above, Costa Rica wishes to express its full satisfaction with the technical assistance and support provided by the World Bank Group following the request submitted to this Organization. The support has enabled the country to develop the capacities needed to move forward in implementing the provisions of Articles 10.1.1 and 10.2.2 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Since the study was concluded, the World Bank has also provided Costa Rica with technical assistance for activities relating to other provisions of the Agreement, such as a study on clearance times at the container terminal of Moín and a pilot scheme for the implementation of risk-based sampling for products of phytosanitary interest.

Current actions:

Recently, within the framework of actions to implement Category C provisions, the Ministry of Foreign Trade conducted a new study to identify which physical documents – in the form of original versions or copies - are requested during the various customs and foreign trade procedures at Costa Rica's land border posts.

This analysis has resulted in a set of recommendations that control agencies could implement to reduce requests for printed copies and documents, the aim being to streamline and digitalize import, export and transit procedures for goods.

The National Trade Facilitation Council (CONAFAC) will promote the undertaking of a similar study at the country's main ports and airports.

Lastly, once the Border Integration Programme has been fully implemented, both SINIGER and the Management Control System will be operational. These systems will act as technological tools to support the control of goods and trade in goods, and will help the country to comply with the provisions notified under Category C.

10.2.2

**Fecha indicativa de aplicación**

30 junio 2019

**Fecha definitiva de aplicación**

30 enero 2023

**Asistencia requerida para la aplicación**

Realizar un inventario de los documentos exigidos para la exportación, importación y tránsito de mercancías, por parte de los diferentes organismos gubernamentales.

Diseñar e implementar un sistema de intercambio de información entre organismos gubernamentales.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Coordinación del Ministerio de Comercio Exterior y el Consejo Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio, con el apoyo del Grupo Banco Mundial.

**Etiquetas:** *Tecnologías de la información y las comunicaciones (TIC), Diagnóstico y evaluación de necesidades, Procedimientos institucionales*

**Agencias:** Banco Mundial

**Informe de progreso**

For Article 10.2.2, support was requested to:

- Draw up a list of the documents required by the different governmental agencies for the exportation, importation and transit of goods.
- Design and implement a system for the exchange of information between governmental agencies.

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In line with the recommendations made in this report and contained in the "Priority Agenda", Costa Rica has successfully made a number of improvements to its foreign trade procedures. Such improvements include the following:

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light category.

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Lastly, once the Border Integration Programme has been fully implemented, both SINIGER and the Management Control System will be operational. These systems will act as technological tools to support the control of goods and trade in goods, and will help the country to comply with the provisions notified under Category C.

## Leyendas

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|---|------------------------------|----|------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| C | Notificada en la categoría C | Cp | Notificada en la categoría C | E | Prórroga solicitada |
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Donor arrangement notified



Donor arrangement not yet notified

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