WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Antigua and Barbuda

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 37.0%	B - 10.5%	C - 52.5%	**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	No
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	No

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 01 January 2025	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 1 January 2035	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 1 January 2034	No

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 2025	by 01 January 2035
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2030	by 01 January 2035
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2030	by 01 January 2035
1.4	Notification	B	by 01 January 2022	by 01 January 2025
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 01 January 2022	by 01 January 2025
2.2	Consultations	C	by 31 December 2025	by 01 January 2030
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2025	by 01 January 2038
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 01 January 2025	by 01 January 2030
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	A		by 22 February 2017
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2030	by 01 January 2034
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2031	by 01 January 2035
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2031	by 01 January 2035
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2031	by 01 January 2035
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B	by 01 January 2021	by 30 November 2021
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2030	by 01 January 2035
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2031	by 01 January 2035
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	B	by 01 January 2030	by 01 January 2035
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	A		by 22 February 2017
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2031	by 01 January 2035
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	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2022	from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2025
10.8	Rejected Goods	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2031	from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2036
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 2030	by 01 January 2034

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/ATG/4	2025-01-15	Article 1.4

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/2/ATG/INF/1	2025-01-15	Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
G/TFA/N/ATG/1/Add.1/Corr.1	2022-01-11	Category B notification - Addendum 1 - Corrigendum 1
G/TFA/N/ATG/1/Add.1	2022-01-05	Category B notification - Notification of earlier implementation - Addendum 1
G/TFA/N/ATG/2	2020-09-17	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/ATG/3	2020-09-17	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/ATG/1	2019-08-23	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/ATG/1	2015-06-08	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 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

Legal expertise to update/draft relevant legislation
• Assistance to formulate written policy between government departments that regulates the publication of information
• Technical assistance to translate information into other WTO languages as well as Mandarin, as appropriate
• Training of human resource in the relevant ministries and departments inclusive of the Ministry of Information
• Develop a sustainable platform to address security concerns
• Assistance to publish information in a timely manner; to be user friendly etc. rulings on the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes
• Assistance to review Agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation and exportation or transit
• Develop administrative procedures relating to the imposition on tariff quotas to be made readily available
• Develop a strategic approach to the publication of trade related information to allow for access in an easy and reliable manner – Legislations (tariffs, fees, import and export procedure)
• Coordinate an approach to disseminate information between relevant agencies in a timely manner

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal expertise to develop legislations
• Develop a comprehensive information technology (IT) strategy system
• Technical assistance related to ITC hardware and software setting
• Training of staff and additional human resource is required to deal with the task of the issue of monitoring laws online
• Assistance to create/update an information management system
• Implement web-publication policy and guidelines
• Assistance to develop security and protection of domain
• Develop mechanism to determine funding for continuous hosting of website

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

C

1.3.1
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Establish a central enquiry point
• Designate satellite departments to act as representative disciplines such as: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Protection Unit, Ministry of Health
• Establish a sustainable network to receive and disseminate information
• Develop a coordinated approach to handle enquiries in a timely manner
• Training of human resource to monitor and disseminate information to other government agencies
• Financial assistance and technical advice for certain government agencies and departments with limited financial and human resources

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

C

2.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2030

Assistance required for implementation

• Develop relevant Legal and Administrative document that deals with policy on consultation and procedures
• Assistance to establish a formalised mechanism to facilitate consultations on a regular basis which involves;
1. Inviting the private sector into the NTFC
2. Conducting surveys to collect information on trade-related procedures and sharing findings with the public and consultations; and
3. Collaboration with the technicians as well as the legal team from different ministries.

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

3.1
3.2 (a), (b)
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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 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2038

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop relevant laws and administrative procedures
• Establish a process to facilitate the continuous update of content
• Technical assistance to regularly update tariff classification and valuation
• Provide ICT technical support to ensure that publications are always accessible in an easy manner
• Training of personnel assigned to the task
• Establish procedure for making and processing request

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

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2034

Assistance required for implementation

• Develop required legislation
• Review of administrative procedure
• Draft legal or administrative procedure for second testing
• Establish a laboratory accreditation program (human and financial resources)
• Establish accredited list of laboratories
• Training of human resource to build technical capacity
• Financial assistance to allocate financial resources for infrastructure and equipment development for testing facilities
• Procedure to ascertain cost for services rendered

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, 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 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to update legislation
• Policy guidance to analyse existing fees and reasons for adjusting
• Assistance to draft guidelines for levying charge
• Categorizing of services charged
• Procedure to ascertain cost for each of these services rendered
• Regularly update information

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

C

6.2 (i), (ii)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Reliable update mechanism to analyse existing fees and reasons for adjustment
• Drafting guidelines for levying charge
• Categorize services charged
• Ascertain cost for each of these services rendered
• Regular update of information

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

C

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7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to establish a framework that would encourage collaboration amongst relevant agencies such as the Bureau of Standards, Plant Protection, Ministry of Health and Customs Department and Custom Brokers
• Technical assistance to develop a sustainable ICT framework such as portal
• Training of human resource to improve Customs operations
• Assistance to train and sensitize customs brokers
• Technical assistance required for infrastructural and equipment upgrade to border

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to establish and have access to average release time
• Training of human resource to improve capacity of borders agencies to accomplish task
• Assistance to train and sensitize custom brokers
• Establish a portal link to ASYCUDA WORLD, since multiple agencies are involved, verification must be done with all

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

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 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Legal expertise to update/draft the relevant legislation
• Assistance required to develop accurate record keeping and readily availability of information
• Establish a system to encourage coordination among stakeholders
• Create a single window for declaration for all imports or exports in a given period; to encourage fewer physical inspections and examinations
• Formalization of a regulatory framework for authorized operators
• Establish mechanism of specific warehouses that are secured
• Develop criteria that would be designated specific to trusted trader
• Training of human resource, to improve Customs operations

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

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop harmonize legislation
• Establish coordination between border agency
• Technical assistance to build capacity – training human resource
• Identify and maintain a framework which encourage confidentiality
• Develop and update of IT systems
• Provide ICT technical support to ensure IT networking integration
• Financial assistance to support infrastructure

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

Cp

10.8.1

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2031

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2036

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to develop legal and regulatory framework to deal with rejected goods
• Training of human resources technical capacity assigned to the task
• Assistance to develop appropriate Customs procedure to build capacity to implement this measure

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

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 2030

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2034

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to develop legal and regulatory policies to deal with Customs cooperate with each other in the region (required harmonized legislations)
• Assistance to develop a physical agreement to establish a formal system; among multiple border agencies
• Training of human resource to promote border coordination
• Assistance to develop appropriate Customs procedure
• Provide ICT technical support to ensure IT networking integration
• This measure is currently being implemented (may be fully) as part of the WCO accession process
• Financial assistance to support infrastructure and interconnectivity

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

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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