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# Bahrain, Kingdom of

**Ratified Agreement:** Yes

**Ratification Date:** 2016-09-23

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C) | | | Due date | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Notified all category ABC designations | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 61.3% | B - 30.3% | C - 8.4% | **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**

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| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 28 February 2023 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 28 February 2019 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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| 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 | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 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 | C E | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | C | by 28 February 2020 | by 28 February 2022 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 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 | B | by 28 February 2020 | by 28 February 2021 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 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 | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | B | by 30 August 2020 | by 28 February 2021 |
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | B | by 30 August 2019 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 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 | B | by 28 February 2020 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | A | | by 22 February 2017 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | Single window | B | by 31 December 2021 | by 28 February 2023 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 10.7 | Common border procedures | B | by 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 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 28 February 2019 | by 28 February 2019 |
| 12 | Customs cooperation | A | | by 22 February 2017 |

**Legend**

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| 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/BHR/4 | 2024-07-05 | Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance |

| Symbol | Date | Description |
|---|---|---|
| G/TFA/N/BHR/3/Rev.2 | 2024-05-07 | Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2 - Revision 2 |
| G/TFA/N/BHR/3/Rev.1 | 2022-11-09 | Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision |
| G/TFA/W/61 | 2021-10-08 | Experience with Advanced rulings |
| G/TFA/N/BHR/1/Add.1 | 2020-02-28 | Extension of time request |
| G/TFA/N/BHR/3 | 2019-03-04 | Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 |
| G/TFA/N/BHR/2 | 2019-03-01 | Article 22.3 notification |
| G/TFA/N/BHR/1 | 2018-03-02 | Categories A, B and C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/BHR/1 | 2015-11-24 | Category A notification |

## Experience Sharing

**3 - Advance rulings**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| | Unified guide of Advanced Rulings (Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf) |
| 19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021 | Experience with Advanced rulings - Communication from Kingdom of Bahrain on behalf of Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (G/TFA/W/61)<br>Statement from Kingdom of Bahrain |

# Technical Assistance detailled information

## 2.2 Consultations

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**Indicative date of implementation**
28 February 2019

**Definitive date of implementation**
28 February 2020

### Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal framework in order to introduce and define procedures for consultations.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

### Progress reported

Customs Affairs ensures transparency and accessibility by publishing all concluded customs agreements in a simplified and automated form on its official website. This practice allows merchants, customers, and the general public to easily access and review the details of these agreements. By making these agreements readily available, Customs Affairs promotes openness and provides stakeholders with valuable information regarding customs procedures, regulations, and obligations. This proactive approach not only fosters trust and confidence among merchants and customers but also facilitates informed decision-making and compliance with customs requirements. The publication of these agreements on the Customs Affairs website highlights the department's commitment to transparency and effective communication and consultation with its stakeholders.

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**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**
28 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
28 February 2022

## Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for the preparation of advance ruling in accordance with the TFA rules.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Bahrain Customs Affairs has demonstrated its commitment to facilitating trade by implementing advanced rulings. The advance ruling application has been made easily accessible to the public through various channels.
Firstly, the advance ruling application its displayed on the Customs Affairs website, allowing interested parties to initiate the application process with ease. Additionally, the department has leveraged the power of social media platforms to disseminate information about advanced rulings, ensuring wider reach and engagement.
Furthermore, the new Customs clearance system, known as OFOQ2, has brought about further enhancements. This system features a dedicated window specifically designed for advanced rulings, providing a streamlined and efficient process for customs clearance. By incorporating advanced rulings within this new system, Bahrain Customs has taken significant strides towards ensuring transparency in customs procedures.

**Legend**

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| 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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