



Bangladesh

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2016-09-27**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 34.5% B - 36.6% C - 29.0% 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	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 August 2022	Yes

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category B, Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 30 June 2030	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	No

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3			No
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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	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2018 to 20 February 2020	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2023
1.2	Information available through internet	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2018 to 20 February 2022	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2023
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 30 June 2026	by 30 June 2026
1.4	Notification	Bp Cp B»C	from 20 February 2020 to 30 June 2026	by 31 December 2023
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2022
2.2	Consultations	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2022
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2018
4	Procedures for appeal or review	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2018 to 20 February 2020	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2023
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B	by 20 February 2020	by 31 December 2023
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	C B»C	by 30 June 2030	by 30 June 2030
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2021
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 20 February 2020	by 31 December 2023
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2022
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 30 June 2025	by 30 June 2025
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2022
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2018

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	C	by 30 June 2030	by 30 June 2026
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 30 June 2026	by 30 June 2026
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2018
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 30 June 2026	by 30 June 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 30 June 2026	by 30 June 2026
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 30 June 2030	by 30 June 2026
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 30 June 2030	by 30 June 2030
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2018 to 30 June 2030	from 22 February 2018 to 30 June 2026
10.2	Acceptance of copies	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2018 to 20 February 2020	from 22 February 2018 to 30 June 2022
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2018
10.4	Single window	C	by 30 June 2030	by 30 June 2030
10.5	Preshipment inspection	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2018 to 20 February 2020	from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2023
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2018
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2018
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B	by 20 February 2020	by 30 June 2022
11	Transit	Ap Bp Cp	from 22 February 2018 to 30 June 2030	from 22 February 2018 to 30 June 2030

Implementation schedule**Indicative implementation date****Definitive implementation date**

12 Customs cooperation

B

by 20 February 2020

by 31 December 2023

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/2/BGD/INF/2	2024-05-01	Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
G/TFA/2/BGD/INF/1	2023-11-08	Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.5	2022-08-19	Category C notification
G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.4	2021-02-18	Category C notification - Addendum 4
G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.3	2020-02-19	Category B and C notification - Addendum 3
G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.2	2020-01-15	Categories B and C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/BGD/2/Rev.1	2020-01-15	Arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB support - Revision
G/TFA/N/BGD/3	2019-10-14	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/BGD/2	2019-08-20	Arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB support
G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.1	2019-02-14	Category C notification - Addendum 1
G/TFA/N/BGD/1	2018-02-27	Categories A, B and C notification

Experience Sharing**Capacity Building support**

Date

Title

1 December 2022

USDA-funded Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project (BTF)



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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2026

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2026

Assistance required for implementation

The National Enquiry Point for Customs is already established.

The National Enquiry Point for Trade is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group.

Assistance required (related to the National Enquiry Point for Trade):

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Need Assessment

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: World Bank, United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Enquiry Point (NEP) for Customs has been established by the National Board of Revenue with technical assistance from the USAID.

Therefore, the NBR will require capacity development and training assistance from other development partners/WTO.

The NEP for Ministry of Commerce for non-customs issues is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. WBG is providing the following assistance:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Logistics for the ministry of Commerce

Therefore, the Ministry of Commerce will require assistance from other development partners/WTO on –

(i) Capacity development and training, (ii) Development of software connectivity with other Ministries/Departments and develop linkage with Ministry of Commerce, (iii) development of a coordination mechanism and (iv) logistics for other ministries and department.

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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2026

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

The National Enquiry Point for Customs is already established.

The National Enquiry Point for Trade is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group.

Assistance required (related to the National Enquiry Point for Trade):

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Needs Assessment

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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5.3.2
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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2030

Assistance required for implementation

The Department of Plant Quarantine, Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institute, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Department of livestock, Department of Fisheries do not have sufficient laboratories for 2nd tests. It has now become a challenge for them. Technical assistance is required to establish testing laboratories and other logistics and also capacity building for Test Procedures. Development partners' assistance is required in the following areas:

1. Equipment
2. Calibration
3. New lab
4. Training and capacity building

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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1. Equipment
2. Calibration
3. New lab
4. Training and capacity building

7.1.1
7.1.2**Indicative date of implementation**

30 June 2025

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2025

Assistance required for implementation

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this Measure with technical assistance from the USAID.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development

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

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID. The USAID is providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity building, and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Pre-Arrival Processing.

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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2026

Assistance required for implementation

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID and the World Bank Group (WBG). Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation.
2. Consultation.
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Need Assessment

The Plant Quarantine Wing has previously received training from the WBG. It requires assistance from development partners for.

1. Capacity development of surveillance mechanism.
2. Establishment of pest Risk Analysis (PRA) procedure.
3. Technical support on risk assessment and mitigation.
4. Documentary and awareness development program in social media for moral and ethical responsibilities.
5. preparation of some SOPs and manuals for risk management issues.

The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) is working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. It requires assistance for:

1. Stabilization of the Risk management system following international best practices.
2. Training for the Risk Management Committee members.
3. On-site visit for Risk Management Committee that have successfully established the system.

No development partner is currently working with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission in this regard. It requires assistance from development partners in the area of risk management.

For Developing laboratory facilities, accredited process is going on. plant quarantine wing of DAE need official assistance.

Mentioned that, automation process of import and export permit already been started.

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

Donor Agencies: World Bank, United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

A. The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID and the World Bank Group (WBG). The USAID and the World Bank Group are providing technical assistance with respect to need assessment, support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders. However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Risk Management.

B. The Plant Quarantine Wing has previously received training from the WBG. Currently it is not receiving any assistance from any donor. It requires assistance from development partners/WTO for:

1. Capacity development of surveillance mechanism
2. Establishment of pest Risk Analysis (PRA) procedure
3. Technical support on risk assessment and mitigation
4. Documentary and awareness development program in social media for moral and ethical responsibilities
5. Preparation of some SOPs and manuals for risk management issues
6. Legislation support and technical assistance for processing bio-security clearance
7. Technical assistance for facilitation of the accreditation process in Developing laboratory facilities

C. The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) has previously worked to implement this measure with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. Currently it is not receiving any assistance from any donor. It requires assistance from development partner/WTO for:

1. Stabilization of the Risk management system following international best practices
2. Training for the Risk Management Committee members
3. On-site visit for Risk Management Committee that have successfully established the system

No development partner is currently working with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission in this regard. It requires assistance from development partners in the area of risk management.



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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2026

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2026

Assistance required for implementation

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID (for transaction-based audit) and the Asian Development Bank (for system-based audit) to become compliant with this Measure.

Assistance required:

1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID (for transaction-based audit) and the Asian Development Bank (for system-based audit) to become compliant with this Measure.

The USAID and ADB are providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate capacity development and training activities on Post-clearance Audit.



7.7.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	30 June 2026	30 June 2024
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
7.7.4		
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7.7.6		
	Assistance required for implementation	
	The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID and the Asian Development Bank to implement the AEO system in Bangladesh.	
	Assistance required:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 2. Training 3. Capacity development 4. Need Assessment 5. Support for Legislation 	
	Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training</i>	
	Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development, Asian Development Bank	
	Progress reported	
	Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:	
	The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID and the Asian Development Bank to implement the AEO system in Bangladesh.	
	The USAID and ADB are providing technical assistance with respect to need assessment, support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders.	
	However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate only in capacity development and training activities on Authorized Operator.	



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)		
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)	30 June 2026	30 June 2026
7.8.3		

Assistance required for implementation

The USAID is providing technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue in establishing an expedited courier system that complies with international best practice.

Assistance required:

1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development
4. Infrastructure Support

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The USAID is providing technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue in establishing an expedited courier system that complies with international best practice.

The USAID is providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity development and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Expedited shipments.

7.9.1 (a), (b)
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Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2026

Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Infrastructure Support

Again, Port authorities require both technical (feasibility study, drawing, design etc.) and financial (infrastructure, equipment, maintenance etc.) assistance.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Infrastructure Support

Again, Port authorities require both technical (feasibility study, drawing, design etc.) and financial (infrastructure, equipment, maintenance etc.) assistance.



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

Indicative date of implementation
30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2030

Assistance required for implementation

(A) In-country border-agency cooperation:

The World Bank Group has agreed to provide loan assistance in the area of coordinated border management.

Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance from development partners for establishing strong cooperation with all border agencies.

(B) Cross-border agency cooperation:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of cross-border agency cooperation. SASEC program under ADB coordinates activities in different South Asian Countries.

Assistance required:

1. Negotiation and Consultation
2. Capacity development
3. Infrastructure
4. Automation

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

(A) In-country border-agency cooperation:

The World Bank Group is providing loan assistance to the Ministry of Shipping to develop facilities and infrastructure only at four ports, namely Benapole, Bhomra, Sonamasjid and Burimari. Ministry of Shipping requires assistance from other development partners/ WTO in developing facilities and infrastructure at other ports.

The ADB is considering to provide technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue for the development of facilities and infrastructures at Sonamasjid, Sonahut, Tamabil, Akhaura, Teknaf, Haluaghat, Bibirbazar, Nakugaon, Shaola, and Darsana land customs stations.

On the other hand, Plant Quarantine Department is not currently receiving any assistance from any development partner.

(B) Cross-border agency cooperation:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of cross-border agency cooperation. SASEC program under ADB coordinates activities in different South Asian Countries.

Assistance required:

1. Negotiation and Consultation
2. Capacity development
3. Infrastructure
4. Automation

10.1.1 (a)

Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2026

Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Training
2. Capacity development

Again, Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance for- (a) the preparation of a valid organogram of Plant Quarantine Authority in Bangladesh, and (b) the establishment of E-Phyto System.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Training
2. Capacity development

Again, Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance for- (a) the preparation of a valid organogram of Plant Quarantine Authority in Bangladesh, and (b) the establishment of E-Phyto System.

10.4.1 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.4	Indicative date of implementation 30 June 2030	Definitive date of implementation 30 June 2030
Assistance required for implementation		
<p>The National Board of Revenue is currently implementing the project with loan assistance from the World Bank.</p> <p>Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development 5. Coordination mechanism among intra and inter agencies is required <p>Again, ICT related assistance (both hardware and software) will be required at the ports. Further, technical assistance for data standard management will be required at BCSIR.</p>		
<p>Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i></p>		
<p>Donor Agencies: World Bank</p>		
<p>Progress reported</p>		
<p>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</p>		
<p>The National Board of Revenue is currently implementing the project with loan assistance from the World Bank.</p>		
<p>The World Bank Group is providing loan assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity development and consultation with stakeholders, and development of coordination mechanism.</p>		
<p>However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Single Window.</p>		
<p>Further, technical assistance for data standard management will be required at BCSIR. BCSIR is not currently receiving any assistance from any development partner in this area related to perishable goods. Therefore, it requires assistance highlighted above from the development partners/WTO.</p>		

11.5

Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2030

Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (establishing separate physical infrastructure for traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:

1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development
4. Development of Integrated Transit Policy

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (establishing separate physical infrastructure for traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:

1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
 2. Training
 3. Capacity development
 4. Development of Integrated Transit Policy
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11.9

Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2030

Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (allowing advance filing and processing of transit documentation and data prior to arrival of goods under traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development.
5. Development of Integrated Transit Policy

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (allowing advance filing and processing of transit documentation and data prior to arrival of goods under traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
 3. Training
 4. Capacity development.
 5. Development of Integrated Transit Policy
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11.16 (a), (b), (c)

Indicative date of implementation

30 June 2030

Definitive date of implementation

30 June 2030

Assistance required for implementation

1. No donor agency is working on this measure, so support is required
2. Assistance is required for Development of Integrated Transit Policy

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*






Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

1. No donor agency is working on this measure, so support is required
2. Assistance is required for Development of Integrated Transit Policy

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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