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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 33.2%	B - 32.4%	C - 34.5%	**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 C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2028	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2020	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2022	Yes

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	No

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 2023	by 31 December 2028
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
1.3	Enquiry points	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2019	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2021
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
4	Procedures for appeal or review	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2019	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2024
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 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2022
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2026
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2023	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2028

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2024
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
7.6	Average release times	B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
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 2022	by 31 December 2025
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2017
10.6	Use of customs brokers	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2019	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2020
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2017
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	Ap Bp C»B	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2020	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2022
12	Customs cooperation	Ap Bp C»B	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2020	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2022

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/BRB/2	2021-01-05	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/BRB/1/Add.1	2019-08-22	Categories B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/BRB/1	2019-02-27	Categories B & C notification
WT/PCTF/N/BRB/1	2015-07-02	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 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

? An assessment of the best method for publishing information accessible free of charge to all interested parties, taking account of regional initiatives and responsibilities.
? An electronic platform accessible to all departments that provides information on import/export and transit activities accessible and user friendly to all stakeholders in the form of a Trade Information Portal.
? Assistance in identifying the platform, building it, providing training for future development and establishing a local capacity to maintain it in all relevant agencies.
? Review the legal framework for provision of information free of charge for all agencies engaged import/export/transit process.
? Provide advice and assistance to identify the information requirements of all private sector stakeholders so that it can be freely and effectively delivered.
? Review the coordination and delivery of information at departmental, national and regional levels to establish an effective structure.
? Ensure that all activities are coordinated with the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology (MIST).

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

C

1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)
1.2.2
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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 2022

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31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

? Review of the laws and processes in collaboration with key stakeholders taking into account regional as well as national obligations with a view to establish standard operating procedures. Training to ensure that all stakeholders are informed of the processes and can be confident in utilising the facility.
? Specifically, in relation to standards, review the capacity of the conformity assessment mechanisms including laboratory testing to provide the relevant information, taking account of regional commitments and initiatives.

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

4.4 (a), (b), paragraph

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? To review the laws and process to eliminate delays including the review of the practicality of establishing an appeals tribunal system.
? Assistance to Customs to further develop the capacity and mechanisms to decide in a more timely manner.
? Develop process for informing the business community of the opportunities and methodology for appeal.
? Provide training to those who are going to sit on the Appeals Panels.

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

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

? Review all fees and charges across all agencies in the import/export/transit process including charges for overtime. Identifying reasons and continued necessity for those charges.
? Ensure that all charges are compliant with regional and other international obligations.
? Identify the best methodologies for open provision of information on all fees and charges to all interested parties.
? Establish in all agencies a system and operating procedures for the regular review of the continued necessity and relevance of charges.
? Establish a clear methodology for the stakeholders to comment on proposed changes to fees and charges before they come into force.
? Providing training and developing competencies to all agencies in using methodologies to quantify costs in order to justify fees and charges.

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

C

6.2 (i), (ii)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

? To review the current practice of applying a processing fee to documentation and assess its continued appropriateness particularly in relation to electronic processing and if it is concluded that the fee remains justifiable identify a methodology for calculating the level of the fee in keeping with the article taking account of regional commitments.
? Review against international practice the processes and fees for clearance of goods outside of official hours and develop standard operating procedures to ensure their compliance with Article 6.

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

Cp

6.3.4 (a), (b)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

? Review the processes in place across all agencies to ensure current practices are in full compliance with article 6.3.4 and ensure that standard operating procedures are developed and put in place for regular review to ensure compliance with international best practice.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

6.3.7

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

? Review the processes in place across all agencies to ensure current practices are in full compliance with article 6.3.4 and ensure that standard operating procedures are developed and put in place for regular review to ensure compliance with international best practice.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

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7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? The current risk management processes by all agencies should be critically reviewed with a view to ensuring they are legally based, relevant, effective and proportional to the risks. This will include examination of inter-agency cooperation and coordination over risk including access to relevant IT systems, national, regional and international.
? Training to be undertaken with all agencies in the identification of risks.
? The development of an analysis capability that produces profiles to ensure the proportional application of controls in all agencies.
? Ensure agencies are better equipped to provide information to the stakeholders on the risk management process to enhance their understanding of its ability to support their business.
? Identify the need for and ensure the adequate provision and maintenance of IT facilities, databases and other technology including scanners across all agencies necessary for the timely application of risk management.
? Develop appropriate training processes for organisations associated with the import/export process including the docks and airport in identifying risks with a focus on sanitary and phytosanitary, contraband and national security issues.

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

C

7.5.1
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7.5.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Training of trainers who will ensure that the customs service is aware of post clearance audit and the part they should play in it.
? Provide training and information to the business community to ensure they fully understand and comply with the processes of post-clearance audit and their obligations to it. Incorporating within this information for the business community on record keeping and related activities.
? Reviewing the structure and process to ensure that maximum advantage of the post clearance audit system is incorporated in risk management system.
? Specialize accountancy training for customs auditors.
? Review the potential for post clearance audit activities in other border agencies to ensure that any opportunity for reducing control at the border is implemented.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, 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
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7.7.6

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Review the pilot project to ensure that it is representative of all areas of business activity and will provide an effective basis for the development of an AO programme.
? Based on the results of the pilot and discussion with the business community of their experience of the process, adapt the AO development appropriate to the Barbadian business condition.
? Provides support to the customs training programme for the development of an AO.
? Develop and implement an awareness programme for business community to ensure effective take up of the AO process.

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? All agencies are supported in undertaking a review of their current documentation requirements to identify areas for simplification of the process including the removal of no longer essential documents.
? Technical assistance for customs in relation to the clearance times. A holistic approach to review the customs documentation and ensure full compliance with the regional initiatives to harmonise customs legislation.
? All border agencies review documentary requirements to ensure maximum harmonisation and simplicity.
? Identify in all agencies opportunities for development and acceptance of e-documentation taking fully into account the opportunities for SPS e-certification.
? Create a mechanism for maximising the awareness of the business community of the opportunities to use e-documentation.
? Assist in maximising effective engagement with CARICOM in the development of electronically certified documents.

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

10.4 Single window

C

10.4.1 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.4	**Indicative date of implementation** 31 December 2022	**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

? A reassessment of the current situation in Barbados in relation to the single window development, to identify the challenges and solutions, to ensure that a single window accessible to all agencies and the business community is developed at the earliest opportunity, taking fully into account regional initiatives.
? To identify the needs of all agencies in ensuring that they have technology and equipment capable of interfacing effectively to be compatible with a single window.
? Training for the border agencies and the business community in the operation of the single window.
? Review the laws relating to the implementation and use of a single window together with data protection issues.

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

Legend

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	Donor arrangement notified		Donor arrangement not yet notified		

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