WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Botswana

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2015-06-18

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 28.2% B - 67.2% C - 4.6%	**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 30 June 2024	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2027	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2020	Yes
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	B E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2023
1.2	Information available through internet	B E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2023
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
1.4	Notification	B E	by 31 December 2022	by 30 June 2024
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2017
3	Advance rulings	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
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 2025	by 31 December 2025
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
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	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2020
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2020
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2027	by 31 December 2027
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	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	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
12	Customs cooperation	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020

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/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/N/BWA/1/Add.3	2022-07-25	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/BWA/3	2022-07-25	Article 22.3 - contact points
G/TFA/N/BWA/1/Add.2	2021-08-30	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/BWA/2	2019-10-22	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/BWA/1/Add.1	2018-03-12	Categories B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/BWA/1	2017-05-31	Cat. B and C
WT/PCTF/N/BWA/1	2014-10-03	Category A notification

1.3 Enquiry points

C

1.3.1 **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Assistance required for implementation

• Undertaking an Information needs analysis and developing a suitable strategy to the needs
• Designating appropriate agencies or Departments
• Establishing standards and procedures of quality control including fixed timelines
• Training of personnel on service delivery
• Investment in the necessary hardware

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

5.3 Test procedures

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5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

- Support on Accreditation of Botswana Bureau of Standards testing laboratories
- Review of the Standards Act.
- Training and Capacity Building of BOBS test officers/technicians on method validation and measurement uncertainty
- Support on maintenance of Accreditation of laboratories
- Development of the National Quality standards, accreditation and certification
- Procurement of Testing equipment
- Development of a new lab including infrastructure and equipment for the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS)
- Specialised software service for the newly developed lab

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

10.4 Single window

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10.4.1 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.4	**Indicative date of implementation** 31 December 2027	**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Conduct Feasibility studies and business cases
- Develop IT platforms for other border agencies
- Training for all Trade Related Ministries

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