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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 82.8%	B - 3.8%	C - 13.4%	**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 C	Definitive implementation date 31 August 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 7 May 2024	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	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	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	C	by 31 December 2018	by 31 August 2023
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	A		by 22 February 2017
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	A		by 22 February 2017
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 31 December 2019	by 27 October 2023
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	A		by 22 February 2017
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2020	by 01 May 2023
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 22 July 2024
8	Border Agency Cooperation	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2022	from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2025
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
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
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2022	by 07 May 2024
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	Ap Bp Cp C»B	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2022	from 22 February 2017 to 01 January 2025

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
12	Customs cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017

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/KHM/1/Add.5	2025-02-25	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/KHM/1/Add.4	2023-10-24	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/KHM/5/Rev.1	2023-09-04	Articles 1.4 and 10.4.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/KHM/4/Rev.1	2022-08-22	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance - Revision
G/TFA/N/KHM/1/Add.3	2022-08-19	Category C notification
G/TFA/N/KHM/5	2021-02-23	Articles 1.4 and 10.4.3
G/TFA/N/KHM/4	2021-02-19	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/KHM/1/Add.2	2021-02-09	Shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/KHM/2	2020-04-30	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/KHM/3	2020-04-30	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/KHM/1/Add.1	2020-02-21	Categories A,B,C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/KHM/1	2017-08-31	Cat. A, B, C

Experience Sharing

7.9 - Perishable goods

Date	Title
22 April 2021 - 23 April 2021	Shifting Category C to B – Article 7.9 Perishable goods

10.4 - Single window

Date	Title
22 April 2021 - 23 April 2021	Mitigating Covid-19 – Article 10.4 Single Window

Notifications - Implementation experience - COVID-19

Date	Title
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Implementation of category C provisions and the technical assistance and financial assistance needed

Digitalization - Implementation experience

Date	Title
15 June 2023 - 16 June 2023	Improving small package e-Trade for SMEs

Implementation experience

Date	Title
3 October 2023 - 5 October 2023	Cambodia's implementation of Cat. C technical and financial assistance needed

1.4 Notification

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1.4 (a), (b), (c)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2018

Definitive date of implementation
31 August 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed on how to prepare this kind of notification.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Currently, the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia (GDCE) has published information on importation, exportation, and transit procedure on Customs website. However, we do not have the website of NCTF yet as NCTF has been recently established by Sub-Decree No.18 dated 26 February 2020. At the meantime, Cambodia has a National Trade Repository website, which is not regularly updated and need to be improved.

TACB support needs include:
TACB and Financial assistance are needed on how to prepare this kind of notification.

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Currently, the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia (GDCE) has published laws, regulations, and procedures related to trade facilitations, as well as information on importation, exportation, and transit procedures on the Customs website. The most updated contact points of main customs sites are also available on the website (https://customs.gov.kh/en/about/13023). In addition, Cambodia is planning to establish a website of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) to publish the various laws, regulations and procedures and other activities on trade facilitation. The development of NCTF website is under the support of EU-ARISE Plus Cambodia project. At the meantime, Cambodia has a National Trade Repository (NTR) website, which is not regularly updated and need to be improved. The enhancement of the NTR is also supported by the same project.

Moreover, the other government agencies involved in international trade, which their representatives being members of NCTF, have published laws, regulations, trade policies, and other information related to import, export, and transit on their websites as well.

7.1 Pre-arrival processing

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
27 October 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed on development of pre-arrival processing system including establishing procedure to support the system.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

ARISE Plus Cambodia has only provided technical assistance in preparing Pre-arrival Processing procedures. The instruction has been established on 05 Aug 2019. However, the system is not yet developed and required financial and technical assistance from Development partners.
GDCE has identified the need to enhance the ICT infrastructure within ASYCUDA World to facilitate pre-arrival processing activity.

TACB support needs include:
TACB and Financial assistance is needed on development of pre-arrival processing system.

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: Swisscontact, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation

Progress reported

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

The Pre-Arrival Clearance Procedure has been introduced since 1st October 2019 for high compliant traders (Best Traders) as pilot stage. So far, there has been 257 SADs using this procedure, due to the lack of advanced information exchange.

The GDCE has intensified the need for financial and technical assistance on development both procedure and ICT infrastructure for pre-arrival and pre-departure processing (PAP/PDP) to cover sea consignments, express consignments, postal consignments and land border consignments.

Currently, EU-ARISE Plus Cambodia is providing assistance to GDCE to develop pre-arrival processing and export digitization for maritime cargo (Digitising Global Maritime Trade Project-DGMT) project in developing the ASYHUB connecting ASYCUDAWorld and shipping data platforms, such as TradeLens, for PAP/PDP implementation. The project is seeking to expand to pre-arrival processing and export digitization for express consignments (Digitising Global Trade-DGT).

In addition, Swisscontact/Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation is supporting to develop Electronic Advance Data (EAD) by interfacing GDCE's ASYCUDAWorld and UPU Customs Declaration System of Cambodia Post. This project contributes to the PAP/PDP for postal consignments.

However, financial and technical assistance are needed to extend PAP/PDP to land border consignment.

7.7 Authorized operators

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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 2020

Definitive date of implementation
1 May 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed for Development of Authorized Operators program including procedures and legislative supports as well as facility.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: Japan International Cooperation Agency

Progress reported

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and ARISE Plus Cambodia have expressed an interest in assisting the preparation of the procedure to implement the AEO Program.

GDCE (General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia) has implemented the Best Trader Mechanism successfully which is a basic platform. GDCE need to develop Authorized Operators Program including procedures and legislative supports as well as the facilities.

TACB support needs include:
Financial assistance is needed to develop the ITC infrastructure.

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: Japan International Cooperation Agency

Progress reported

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

GDCE has implemented the Best Trader Mechanism (BTIM) successfully, which is a basic platform of Authorized Economic Operators Program (AEO), since 2014. Currently, 46 Companies are accredited as the BTIM. In order to comply with Article 7.7 of the WTO-TFA and WCO SAFE, GDCE identified the need to establish AEO strategy and work plan, develop AEO regulations, establish application and accreditation process, establish AEO section, as well as to develop IT function for the program.

Under the assistance of EU-ARISE Plus Cambodia, GDCE has conducted legal, regulatory and institutional gap analysis, baseline assessment and target model for AEO and BTIM. The project also arranged private sector consultation workshop to inform public and collect feedback. Currently, AEO strategy document and action plan has been completed.

JICA has provided capacity building support through study visit in Malaysia to get more knowledge, experience, and model for the implementation of AEO. JICA promised continuing the support on capacity building in the future.

8.2 (a)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Se necesita asistencia técnica y apoyo para la creación de capacidad para fortalecer la capacidad de la administración de aduanas en el marco del nuevo mandato que le ha sido otorgado como único organismo en frontera.
• Se necesita asistencia técnica y apoyo para la creación de capacidad para un proyecto piloto sobre el establecimiento de una ventanilla única de inspección.
• Se necesita asistencia técnica y apoyo para la creación de capacidad para todos los organismos en frontera en lo que respecta al Acuerdo sobre Facilitación del Comercio.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Currently, Cambodia has the MoU on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with Vietnam (October 2019), Thailand (May 2016) and Laos (June 2008). Cambodia is also a party of Cross Border and Transport Agreement (CBTA).

Financial, Technical, and Capacity Building supports are needed for the implementation of this provision
At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB and World Bank expressed their interests to provide technical assistance for the implementation of this provision.

8.2 (b)

Indicative date of implementation	**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2022	1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
• TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
• TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Currently, Cambodia has the MoU on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with Vietnam (October 2019), Thailand (May 2016) and Laos (June 2008). Cambodia is also a party of Cross Border and Transport Agreement (CBTA).

Financial, Technical, and Capacity Building supports are needed for the implementation of this provision
At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB and World Bank expressed their interests to provide technical assistance for the implementation of this provision.

8.2 (c)

Indicative date of implementation	**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2022	1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
• TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
• TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Currently, Cambodia has the MoU on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with Vietnam (October 2019), Thailand (May 2016) and Laos (June 2008). Cambodia is also a party of Cross Border and Transport Agreement (CBTA).

Financial, Technical, and Capacity Building supports are needed for the implementation of this provision
At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB and World Bank expressed their interests to provide technical assistance for the implementation of this provision.

8.2 (d)

Indicative date of implementation	**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2022	1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
• TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
• TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Currently, Cambodia has the MoU on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with Vietnam (October 2019), Thailand (May 2016) and Laos (June 2008). Cambodia is also a party of Cross Border and Transport Agreement (CBTA).

Financial, Technical, and Capacity Building supports are needed for the implementation of this provision
At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB and World Bank expressed their interests to provide technical assistance for the implementation of this provision.

8.2 (e)

Indicative date of implementation	**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2022	1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
• TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
• TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.
TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.
TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.

Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Currently, Cambodia has the MoU on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance with Vietnam (October 2019), Thailand (May 2016) and Laos (June 2008). Cambodia is also a party of Cross Border and Transport Agreement (CBTA).

Financial, Technical, and Capacity Building supports are needed for the implementation of this provision
At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB and World Bank expressed their interests to provide technical assistance for the implementation of this provision.

10.4 Single window

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
7 May 2024

Assistance required for implementation

• TA is required to fully develop and implement the national single window. Currently, Customs has been developing the national single window by completing phase I, which integrate with Ministry of Commerce's CO system and plan to develop the 2nd phase which links to 5 line ministries in 2019.

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:
The National Single Window (NSW) has been implementing to allow traders to submit electronic license/permit/certificate/others (e-LPCO) for import/export since July 2019. NSW is connected to customs clearance system ASYCUDA, which has operated since 2008. Implementing NSW is a step-by-step approach. During Phase I, Customs clearance system (ASYCUDA) was connected with e-CO System of the Ministry of Commerce in order to link to ASEAN Single Window through ASEAN Gateway; Phase II is the initial implementation, which covered among five inter-ministerial agencies including General Department of Customs and Excise (GDCE), Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Council Development of Cambodia (CDC), Ministry of Health (MOH), and Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts (MIH).
Moreover, Cambodia has implemented ASEAN Single Window (ASW) for exchanging electronic documents with ASEAN Member states including Certificate of Origin e-Form D since July 2019 and ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) since December 2020.

TACB support needs include:
However, NSW is looking forward to improve the existing system and expanding to Other Regulatory Government Agencies. Financial and Technical Assistance is needed to fully implement NSW.

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

The National Single Window (NSW) has been implemented since July 2019 to allow traders to submit electronic license/permit/certificate/others (e-LPCO) for import/export. NSW is connected to customs clearance system ASYCUDA, which has operated since 2008. Implementing NSW is a step-by-step approach. During Phase I, Customs clearance system (ASYCUDA) was connected with e-CO System of the Ministry of Commerce in order to link to ASEAN Single Window through ASEAN Gateway. The phase II was planned to cover among inter-ministerial agencies including GDCE, Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Council Development of Cambodia (CDC), Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI), and Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). The development of the system in phase II was entirely utilized national budget.

Cambodia is planning to expand the NSW to phase III by connecting the system to other OGAs such as National Bank of Cambodia (NBC), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Ministry of Interior (MOI), Ministry of National Defence (MOD), Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts (MCFA), Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MPTC), and Ministry of Mine and Energy (MME), listed in Sub Decree on Prohibited and Restricted Goods.
Moreover, Cambodia has implemented ASEAN Single Window (ASW) for exchanging electronic documents with ASEAN Member states including Certificate of Origin e-Form D since July 2019 and ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) since December 2020.
Cambodia received support from the EU-Arise plus Cambodia to conduct assessment and review of the implementation of NSW Phase II in order to get recommendations on further development, implementation and enhancement. The final report of the assessment is expected to be finalized in 2022.
In conclusion, Cambodia needs further financial, technical and capacity building assistance/support from development partners to expand the NSW to phase III.

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11.5

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• TACB is needed for expanding road and establishing lane separation.

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

To be determined

TACB support needs include:
The physically separate infrastructure such as lanes, berths and similar for traffic in transit is limited and need financial and technical assistance to fully implement this provision.

Donor Agencies: Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

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

Cambodia has fully implemented most provisions of Article 11 on Freedom of Transit, to mention provisions 11.4, 11.6 to 11.17 being designated in category A. However, the provision 11.5 is about the encouragement of the physically separate infrastructures such as lanes, berths and similar for traffic in transit is not yet fully implemented and seeking for financial and technical assistance from development partners.

At the 2nd NCTF meeting on 19 July 2022, ADB expressed their interest to provide assistance for the implementation of this provision.

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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