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Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	C B»C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2018
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2018
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2018
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	A		by 22 February 2018
5.2	Detention	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2026
5.3	Test procedures	C B»C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C B»C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	C B»C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2026
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2028
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2029
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2028

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2018
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2025
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2025
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2023
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2023
10.4	Single window	A		by 22 February 2018
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
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	A		by 22 February 2018
11	Transit	A		by 22 February 2018
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024

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/CAF/1/Add.3	2022-07-08	Categories B and C notificaiton - Shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/CAF/3	2022-07-05	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/CAF/2	2020-03-04	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/CAF/1/Add.2	2019-12-20	Categories B and C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/CAF/1/Add.1	2019-06-04	Categories B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/CAF/1	2018-07-26	Category A notification

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.1 Publication

C

1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

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31 December 2022

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31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

1.2 Information available through internet

C

1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)
1.2.2
1.2.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

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31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

1. Creation of a trade intelligence portal (TIP). This portal will become the interface of the single window provided for in Article 10.4 of the TFA. Interactive connection of TIP with customs (ASYCUDA World), commercial banks, the BEAC, sectoral ministries (see below), the Ministry of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce (CCIMA), exporting companies, forwarders (customs agents), the Central African Road Charter Bureau (BARC), the Central African Shippers' Council, the standardization agency, and any stakeholder in the foreign trade chain. NB: BARD is already connected to the Cameroonian Foreign Trade Single Window (GUCE) managed by the Cameroonian Ministry of Commerce, but the latter currently only manages imports from the Central African Republic and not its exports. Assistance in enhancing interaction with users (Q&A system). Assistance in enabling all structures to provide input to the system. Provision of facilities and a server, and training of the focal points responsible for maintaining TIP. Lead donor: Enhanced Integrated Framework/WB/WTO.
2. Support for enhancing (bandwidth) the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development website (a website already exists: www.madr-rca.org), in collaboration with the FAO, WB and ADB, which would also include all the bodies directly responsible for agricultural exports and imports, such as the Central African Agency for the Monitoring, Packaging and Marketing of Agricultural Products (ORCCCPA) like coffee and cacao, the National Cotton Office (ONC), the National Seed Office, the Office in charge of food security and the Institute responsible for phytosanitary control. Provision of facilities and training of the focal points responsible for maintaining the website. Interactive connection of the website with TIP. Lead donor: FAO/WB/ADB /WTO.
3. Support for creating a website for the Ministry of Water and Forests, Hunting and Fishing, connected to TIP, with assistance from the VPA STP (EU FLEGT) and Forest Data Centre (CDF), and linked to COMIFAC. Publication of timber export conditions (setting of export market values) on the website. Provision of facilities and training of officials. Interactive connection of the website with TIP. Lead donor: EU FLEGT/FAO/WTO.
4. Support for creating a website for the Ministry of Livestock and Animal Health, with the OIE. Provision of facilities and training of the focal points responsible for maintaining the website. Connection to the portal. Lead donor: OIE/WTO.
5. Support for the website of the Ministry responsible for mines, with the Permanent Secretariat of the Kimberley, and connection to TIP. Inclusion of mining companies and mining cooperatives on the website of the Special Anti-Fraud Unit (USAF) of the Bureau for the Valuation and Control of Diamonds and Gold (BECDOR). Provision of facilities and training of the focal points responsible for maintaining the website. Connection to the portal. Lead donor: SPPK/WTO.

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

1.3 Enquiry points

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1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

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31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

1. Support for establishing enquiry points linked to the National Trade Facilitation Committee (CNFE) in all the ministerial departments and institutions forming the CNFE, particularly in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, at customs, and in the Ministries in charge of Agriculture, Water and Forests, Livestock, Mines, and Transport. Assistance in training two persons per enquiry point. Assistance in providing persons responsible for enquiry points with the necessary computer equipment.

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

1.4 Notification

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in training persons responsible for enquiry points in how to make notifications to the WTO. Support for establishing or upgrading the focal point for Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), and a focal point for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), at the Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forests, and Livestock.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

3.1
3.2 (a), (b)
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3.6 (a), (b), (c)
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3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

1. Workshops on raising awareness of the advance ruling mechanism (WTO/WCO).
2. Capacity-building on origin, type of tariff and value (WTO/WCO).
3. Assistance in implementing the legal framework and infrastructure for advance rulings (WTO/WCO).
4. Financial support for the internal and external extension of the advance ruling mechanism (WTO).
5. Assistance in implementing a computerized system to manage the advance rulings programme, with a view to making customs procedures paperless (WCO/UNCTAD).

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

5.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

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31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

1. Funding for migration of customs from ASYCUDA ++ to ASYCUDA World (UNCTAD, WB and WTO);
2. Assistance for customs and licensed customs clearing agents in connecting non-automated offices, with a view to formalizing a procedure to inform licensed customs clearing agents of the detention of cargo for inspection (UNCTAD, WB and WTO);
3. Assistance for other government border agencies (procedures, automated processing system), with a view to making arrangements for formal notification, as soon as possible, of the goods inspection to be conducted (UNCTAD, WB and WTO);
4. Funding for training of domestic actors (ADB, WB and WTO);
5. Assistance for customs in improving automatic selection for inspections (% of the various green, yellow and red channels) (UNCTAD, WB, WCO and WTO);
6. Assistance for Central African Customs in implementing comprehensive risk management (WB, UNCTAD, WCO and WTO);
7. Funding to purchase non-intrusive inspection equipment (scanners etc.) (WB, WTO and ADB).

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

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

6.2 Specific disciplines on fees and charges

C

6.2 (i), (ii)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

6.3 Penalty Disciplines

C

6.3.1
6.3.2
6.3.3
6.3.4 (a), (b)
6.3.5
6.3.6
6.3.7

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance with legal expertise to bring the legislative framework into line with the TFA (WCO/WTO).
2. Financial support for workshops on extending the measure (WCO/WTO).
3. Implementation of an incentive strategy to compensate for the loss of drawbacks due to penalties (WCO/WTO/MINFI).

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

C

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

1. Technical assistance in implementing the regulatory framework integrating all border agencies (WCO/WTO).
2. Financial support for workshops on raising awareness and extension of regulations (WCO/WTO).
3. Technical assistance in implementing a risk management system (WCO – technical support/WTO – funding).
4. Support for establishing an advance passenger information (API/PNR) mechanism (WCO).

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

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2029

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in setting up the legal framework for electronic payment (electronic signature) (WCO/UNCTAD/EDIFACT, WTO).
2. Funding to interface ASYCUDA and the Treasury and the banking systems to enable customs to accept credit card payments (WCO/UNCTAD/EDIFACT, WTO).
3. Funding to train customs and treasury officials in electronic payment systems (WCO/UNCTAD/EDIFACT, WTO).

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

7.3 Separation of release

C

7.3.1
7.3.2 (a), (b)
7.3.3
7.3.4
7.3.5
7.3.6

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

1. Financial support for workshops on raising awareness and extension of the measure (WTO/WCO).
2. Assistance in putting in place legislation and administrative arrangements that reflect the principles contained in the WCO Guidelines for the Immediate Release of Consignments by Customs (Immediate Release Guidelines) (WCO/WTO).

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance with benchmarking in a member country of the WCO-WCA region, e.g. Burkina Faso (WTO).
2. Technical assistance in developing an inter-agency risk management strategy and an institutional framework with mechanisms for sharing risk-related data and information (WCO).
3. Technical assistance in setting up the legal framework for risk management and selective examinations relating to the automated clearance system (WCO).
4. Capacity-building for the competent authorities on risk management (WCO/UNCTAD); capacity-building on the WCO Guidelines for Post-Clearance Audit for the post-clearance structure (WCO/WTO).
5. Financial support to ensure that risk criteria is regularly reviewed and updated (WTO).
6. Funding of migration to ASYCUDA World and, in particular, its single window module (WTO/UNCTAD).

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

7.6 Average release times

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in organizing a workshop on the time release study (TRS) with all border agencies (WCO).
2. Training of the multidisciplinary TRS team in the use of WCO software and planning of the TRS (WCO).
3. Assistance in conducting the TRS and publishing its findings (WTO/ADB/AFRIBANK/WB).

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

7.7 Authorized operators

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
7.7.5
7.7.6

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance with a training workshop for all stakeholders on the concepts of authorized economic operators and authorized operators.
2. Assistance with benchmarking in a country that has already implemented the measure (WTO).
3. Assistance in providing (for at least three months) an expert to bring the legal framework into conformity and to set up authorized operator and authorized economic operator programmes (WCO/WTO).

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

7.8 Expedited shipments

C

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)
7.8.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in establishing, through a legal text, (based on the WCO Immediate Release Guidelines) the criteria for prior authorization to use expedited release procedures; and in publishing such criteria (criteria for eligibility for the procedure / definition of documents and basic information required at the time of clearing) (WCO).
2. Assistance in establishing an automated goods declaration system to accommodate the expedited shipment channel (WCO/UNCTAD).

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

7.9 Perishable goods

C

7.9.1 (a), (b)
7.9.2
7.9.3
7.9.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

1. Funding for electricity supply points for refrigerated containers and perishable goods (WTO, WB and ADB).
2. Assistance in establishing formal procedures between border agencies to ensure that examination and release of perishable goods are carried out as a matter of priority (WCO/WTO/UNCTAD and WB).
3. Funding to train customs and other border agents in procedures for the expedited release and clearance of perishable goods (WB, ADB, WCO and WTO).
4. Funding for appropriate facilities for the storage of perishable goods pending their release (WB, WTO and ADB).

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

C

8.1
8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in establishing memorandums of understanding between customs and border agencies to define the remit of each entity and possible cooperation to ensure effective coordinated border management (CBM, including exchange of information and intelligence; exercise of joint operations and controls; common risk management; sharing of equipment and facilities) (WB/WCO/WTO).
2. Assistance in establishing, allocating resources to and funding the National Trade Facilitation Committee. Providing the Committee with resources to ensure the coordination, steering and implementation of the TFA (WTO and WCO).
3. Assistance in training of border agents in inter-agency cooperation requirements and procedures (WTO and WCO).
4. Funding of single window border post facilities (WB/ECCAS).

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

1. Putting in place the legislative framework (e.g. by means of a decree, as the Central African Republic has ratified the Revised Kyoto Convention) providing for mandatory procedures for the periodic review, by customs, of documentation requirements and import, export and transit formalities, in collaboration with all the bodies involved in these processes.
2. Ensuring that these procedures provide for the invitation of the private sector to these periodic reviews. Currently, every quarter, customs invites forwarders and private sector representatives to informal discussions on an ad hoc basis.
3. Assistance in training agent in how to develop document analysis methods and formalities in order to reduce their negative impact on trade.
4. The new legislative framework must establish procedures to amend the relevant legislation if certain formalities or documents are no longer required. E.g. the Observatory of Procedures of Madagascar/WTO.
5. Assistance in setting up an office at customs to coordinate the process. Lead donor: WCO/WTO.

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

10.2 Acceptance of copies

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10.2.1
10.2.2
10.2.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in introducing legislation authorizing customs and other border agencies to accept copies of supporting documents required for import, export and transit formalities in place of the original, subject to any exceptions or conditions that may be justified (WTO and WCO).
2. Assistance for customs in transcribing TFA provisions on acceptance of copies (WCO/CEMAC/WTO).
3. Funding to train customs and other border agents in the new regulations on acceptance of copies (WTO, WCO and CEMAC).

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

10.3 Use of international standards

C

10.3.1
10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in reviewing domestic procedures, rules and regulations and bringing them into line with international conventions (regional and multilateral framework) (WCO/WTO).
2. Support for participation in meetings on the development and updating of international standards (WCO, AU, CEMAC, ECCAS and WCO).
3. Assistance in transcribing international standards into domestic legislation (WTO, CEMAC, ECCAS and WCO).

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

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12.1.1
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12.2.1
12.2.2
12.3
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.4.2
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.5.2
12.5.3
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.6.2
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.7.2
12.8
12.9.1
12.9.2
12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)
12.11.2
12.12.1
12.12.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2024

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

1. Assistance in establishing a legal framework that encourages customs, subject to mutual arrangements established and ratified by States, to exchange intelligence on the prevention, investigation and punishment of customs offences, and on the fight against intellectual crime, including money laundering, with similar administrations of foreign countries and with international organizations dealing with customs or trade matters (transit countries/WTO).
2. Designation and training of an entity and agents specifically responsible for matters relating to cooperation and international mutual assistance agreements (IMAA and WCO).
3. Assistance in implementing the WCO guidelines on international transit of landlocked countries (WCO/WTO).
4. Assistance in signing bilateral transit facilitation protocols with neighbouring countries.

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

Legend

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