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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Dominican Republic

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 76.5%	B - 6.7%	C - 16.8%	**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	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	Yes

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2021	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	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
1.2	Information available through internet	A		by 22 February 2017
1.3	Enquiry points	A		by 22 February 2017
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2017
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	B E	by 31 December 2021	by 01 June 2023
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
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	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 01 June 2023
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
7.7	Authorized operators	A		by 22 February 2017
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
7.9	Perishable goods	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 01 June 2023
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 01 June 2023
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 01 June 2023
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 2021	by 31 December 2021
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	A		by 22 February 2017
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/W/128/Rev.3	2026-10-27	Second Review of the TFA - Communication from the Dominican Republic and United States -

Revision 3

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/W/128/Rev.2	2026-10-08	Second Review of the TFA - Communication from the Dominican Republic and United States - Revision 2
G/TFA/W/133/Rev.1	2026-07-08	Second Review of the TFA - Communication from the Dominican Republic - Article 7.1.1 - Revision 1
G/TFA/W/133	2026-04-17	Second Review of the TFA - Communication from the Dominican Republic - Article 7.1.1
G/TFA/N/DOM/4	2024-05-16	Donor arrangements and technical assistance progress
G/TFA/N/DOM/1/Add.2	2021-06-25	Extension of time request
G/TFA/N/DOM/3/Rev.1	2020-06-05	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision - Covid-19 measures
G/TFA/N/DOM/1/Add.1	2019-07-29	Categories B and C - Addendum
G/TFA/N/DOM/2	2019-07-29	Art. 22.3
G/TFA/N/DOM/3	2019-07-29	Art. 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/DOM/1	2018-02-16	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/DOM/1	2014-07-31	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

National Trade Facilitation Committee

Date	Title
9 October 2018 - 11 October 2018	Avances del Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio

COVID-19

Date	Title
20 October 2020 - 22 October 2020	Medidas temporales adoptadas por la República Dominicana en respuesta al COVID-19

7.6 - Average release times

Date	Title
16 April 2024 - 17 April 2024	The Dominican Republic's experience of the use of digitalization to facilitate trade

5.3 Test procedures

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

• There is a need for technical and financial support and benchmarking with more developed countries, whose best practices must also be examined and adopted.
• US$150,000 is required to implement this measure.

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: Inter-American Development Bank, International Regional Organisation for Plant and Animal Health, United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

El Laboratorio Veterinario Central (LAVECEN), Departamento de Diagnostico, de la Dirección General de Ganadería, Ministerio de Agricultura gracias al apoyo de OIRSA cuenta con la acreditación de sus pruebas de ensayos en salud animal. Además, República Dominicana cuenta con laboratorios acreditados como son: Instituto de Innovación en Biotecnología e Industria (IIBI), Laboratorios Agroempresarial Dominicana
(pruebas microbiológicas).

El Laboratorio de la Dirección General de Aduanas tiene las capacidades para realizar un grupo considerable de pruebas de ensayos en ámbito de microbiología, plaguicidas, combustibles, entre otros.

USDA/TraSa ha estado apoyando al Laboratorio de Inocuidad de Alimentos y Análisis Industrial (LIAAI) de la universidad ISA y al Laboratorio de la Junta Agroempresarial Dominicana (JAD) con la acreditación de métodos para la determinación de residuos de plaguicidas. Con el LIAAI se han realizado entrenamientos en el uso de la cromatografía liquida de alta resolución (HPLC) y en la validación de protocolos. Como también la certificación de la ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

Se requiere continuar con la asistenta para dar sostenibilidad a la red de laboratorios en los siguientes ámbitos:

1. Apoyo para la acreditación y certificación de más laboratorios de pruebas a nivel nacional.
2. Apoyo para la implementación de metodologías y cumplimiento para las pruebas y calibración de equipos.
3. Asesoría para la implementación de sistemas de gestión basado en los requisitos de las normas ISO/IEC 17025, versión vigente y políticas internacionales aplicables a los laboratorios.
4. Capacitación del personal encargado de los laboratorios en funcionamiento.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical and financial support is needed to successfully address all of the risks identified and those that may arise in the process.
• Design a risk management plan to assess and identify the long-, medium- and short term capacity and infrastructure needed to optimize waiting, loading and unloading times for goods transported to and from our ports.
• Set up comprehensive risk management taking into account all bilateral and global agreements.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$1,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures*

Donor Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

Se recibió asistencia técnica para levantamiento de procesos, necesidades y capacidades de los técnicos y materia en gestión de riesgo. Formación en norma ISO31000:2018 para los técnicos de las cuatro sanidades y Cuerpo Especializado de Seguridad Aeroportuaria y de la Aviación Civil.

Consultoría para las instituciones castrenses en la elaboración de manuales, metodologías, protocolos, procedimientos, matices de identificación de riesgos y protocolo de intercambio de información con el motor de riesgo de la Dirección General de Aduanas. Además de talleres introductorios sobre conceptos relacionados a sistemas de gestión de riegos basados en la norma ISO31000:2018.

Se requiere continuar con la asistencia para la implementación de estos requisitos en los siguientes ámbitos:

1. Implementación de sistemas de gestión riesgos en las sanidades e instituciones castrenses y otros actores involucrados.
2. Programa de capacitación continua para la competencia de las partes involucradas.
3. Programa de validación y certificación de los requisitos correspondientes.
4. Plan de comunicación de los actores y partes interesadas para la gestión integral de riesgos.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

• Capacity building is necessary to enable the officials concerned to conduct time release studies.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$1,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

En el 2019 la Dirección General de Aduanas (DGA) por solicitud del Comité Nacional de Facilitación de Comercio (CNFC) realizó el estudio de tiempo de despacho, bajo los criterios establecidos para estos fines por la Organización Mundial de Aduanas (OMA), específicamente, contendidos en la guía de medición del tiempo requerido para el levante de mercancías, en su tercera versión del año 2018.

Se requiere asistencia técnica y financiera para la ampliar los procesos implementados en el resto de los puertos y aeropuertos, así como también, la asistencia técnica para el desarrollo de un dashboard interactivo para ser publicado en la página web del CNFC/DGA.

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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 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

• It is necessary to implement a communication strategy and to establish a stronger supervision programme.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$5,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Sobre el particular no se recibió asistencia técnica para implementar esta medida, por cuanto cumplimos con todas las disposiciones establecidas, desde el punto de vista legal y operativo. Esta medida fue notificada en categoría C en su momento, porque el de minimis estaba siendo objeto de discusión en los tribunales de la República, particularmente en el Tribunal Constitucional, pero esto fue zanjado hace unos años, donde este Tribunal reivindicó la figura del de minimis establecido en las normativas vigentes.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical and financial support is needed to facilitate the traceability of goods; we also need to create and/or update a mechanism to control and monitor goods from source to final destination.
• Design of an electronic alert and notification system.
• Expert advice on the preparation of a handbook on managing perishables, and development of standards to improve the cold chain for perishable goods.
• Creation of infrastructure, modification of processes, workshops, etc., and quantification of the cost of such projects and programmes.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.

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

Donor Agencies: Inter-American Development Bank, United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

El Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) elaboró el Manual para el manejo de carga perecedera con cadena de frío. USDA, a través del Programa Exporta candad, financió una campaña de comunicación para dar a conocer este manual de perecederos.

USDA a través del Proyecto TraSa, suministró asistencia técnica a la Oficina de Tratados Comerciales Agrícolas (OTCA) del Ministerio de Agricultura para reforzar las capacidades técnicas de los organismos público-privado que intervienen y son partes del sistema sanitario nacional y calidad.

En el marco de la mesa de perecederos, la Oficina de Tratados Comerciales Agrícolas asumió la coordinación con las agendas actuantes en frontera de la elaboración de los protocolos de manejo de la carga perecedera con cadena de frío basados en el Manual de Perecederos, así como la impresión de los manuales y las guías pequeñas (por grupo de productos) desarrolladas y la correspondiente distribución del material de apoyo audiovisual (CD y enlace web).

Se coordinó la entrega de los manuales de perecederos y las guías por grupo de productos, y distribución del material audiovisual a los distintos puntos sanitarlos nacional, en cumplimiento con este Articulo 7.9 y las disposiciones del Decreto 346-19 sobre cadena de frio en cada punto cuarentenario a través de las agencias sanitarias (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ministerio de Salud).

El Proyecto UDSA/TraSa ha respaldado el desarrollo del marco regulatorio nacional para la cadena de frío, ofreciendo capacitación a representantes públicos y privados sobre la gestión de carga perecedera. Además, ha realizado significativas donaciones de equipos y demostraciones tecnológicas para apoyar a las MIPYMES del sector.

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Inter-agency communication strategy. IT infrastructure to ensure effective communication among border agencies and foster the cultural change needed to streamline processes.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$500,000 is required to implement this measure.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures*

Donor Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

Inclusión de la Gestión coordinada de fronteras y las inspecciones conjuntas en la normativa aduanera.
Redacción Protocolo: Protocolo de Inspección Simultánea y Conjunta. Capacitación y asistencia técnica para la implementación del Protocolo, desarrollo de manuales y procedimientos para las inspecciones conjuntas.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
1 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

• Procedures and the risk management system must be re-designed and equipment, software and vehicles purchased for the verification process. It is also necessary to invest in staff training.
• It is necessary to strengthen the inspection systems of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD), the Ministries of Agriculture and Defence, and the Specialized Agency for Airport and Civil Aviation Security (CESAC).
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$5,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

La normativa aduanera contempla la aceptación de copias de la documentación requerida para el despacho. Ley 168-21 y su reglamento general de aplicación, Decreto 755-22.

La DGA recibe la declaración de aduanas en formato electrónico y los documentos requeridos también en ese mismo formato y no se requiere la presentación física de dichos documentos, salvo que no sean legibles.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical and financial assistance is needed, as well as involvement of the public and private sectors in the recruitment of experts and the procurement of IT and infrastructure.
• The VUE must be linked to several accredited quality control laboratories to guarantee the conformity of products for export.
• The objectives and scope of this tool (Decree No. 626-12) need to be evaluated, adjusted and strengthened to bring it into line with the long-, medium- and short-term strategies and objectives of this global trade agreement.
• Procurement of technological resources for institutions working with customs authorities and for the logistics community, and re-engineering.
• Implementation of a communication strategy to foster cultural change among staff of institutions concerned with foreign trade.
• Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
• US$10,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures*

Donor Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

• Implementación de la consulta arancelaria.
• Integración de VUCE con el Ephyto.
• Soporte técnico para la licitación de los proyectos mencionados.
• Capacitación de sector gubernamental como la parte privada.
• Soporte para la estrategia de comunicación para el lanzamiento de la consulta arancelaria y para la integración de VUCE con el Ephyto.

Se requiere continuar con la asistencia para la adquisición de equipos tecnológicos para apoyar las labores de los organismos para-aduaneros.

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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