WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Ecuador

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2019-01-15

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 20.2%	B - 63.4%	C - 16.4%	**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 B	Definitive implementation date 15 January 2020	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 15 July 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 15 January 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	by 15 January 2021	by 15 January 2021
1.2	Information available through internet	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
1.4	Notification	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	C E	by 15 January 2022	by 15 July 2026
3	Advance rulings	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B	by 15 January 2021	by 15 January 2021
5.2	Detention	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
5.3	Test procedures	C E	by 15 January 2024	by 15 July 2028
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
7.3	Separation of release	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 2020
7.4	Risk management	C E	by 15 January 2022	by 15 January 2028
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 15 January 2022	by 15 January 2021
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	C E	by 15 January 2022	by 15 July 2026
7.8	Expedited shipments	B	by 15 January 2022	by 15 January 2022
7.9	Perishable goods	B E	by 15 January 2024	by 15 July 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C E	by 15 January 2024	by 15 July 2028
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	B E	by 15 January 2022	by 15 July 2023
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B E	by 15 January 2022	by 15 July 2026
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C E	by 15 January 2023	by 15 July 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	Ap Bp C»B	from 22 February 2017 to 15 January 2021	from 22 February 2017 to 15 January 2021
12	Customs cooperation	B	by 15 January 2020	by 15 January 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/N/ECU/1/Add.12	2026-08-10	Extension of implementation dates

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.11	2026-03-17	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.10	2025-05-02	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.9	2025-03-13	Extensionof implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.8	2024-08-29	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/4/Rev.3	2024-06-21	Article 12.2.2 - Revision 3
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.7	2024-03-01	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/3/Rev.1	2024-02-13	Article 22.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/ECU/4/Rev.2	2024-02-13	Article 12.2.2 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.6	2023-09-12	Extension of time request
G/TFA/N/ECU/2/Add.1/Rev.2	2023-03-09	Article 1.4 - Addendum 1 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/ECU/5	2023-03-09	Donor arrangements and progress in the provisio of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.5	2023-03-09	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.4	2022-08-04	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/25/Rev.9	2022-04-08	Supporting the timely and efficient release of global goods through accelerated implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement - Revision 9
G/TFA/W/25/Rev.8	2021-12-02	Supporting the timely and efficient release of global goods through accelerated implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement - Revision 8
G/TFA/N/ECU/4/Rev.1	2021-09-27	Article 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.3	2021-09-08	Extension of time request
G/TFA/W/25/Rev.7	2021-06-21	Supporting the timely and efficient release of global goods through accelerated implementation of the TFA - Revision 7
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.2	2021-01-21	Shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/ECU/2/Add.1/Rev.1	2020-08-26	Article 1.4 - Addendum - Revision

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/W/22	2020-03-18	Informe sobre el primer encuentro latinoamericano de los comités nacionales de facilitación del comercio
G/TFA/N/ECU/4	2020-01-09	Article 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/ECU/2/Add.1	2019-12-20	Article 1.4 - Addendum
G/TFA/N/ECU/3	2019-09-26	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.1	2019-09-26	Category C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/ECU/2	2019-06-20	Art. 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/ECU/1	2019-02-14	Category B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/ECU/1	2014-08-07	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

1.1 - Publication

Date	Title
11 February 2020	Publication and availability of information (Carlos Guevara) [In Spanish]

National Trade Facilitation Committee

Date	Title
11 February 2020	National Trade Facilitation Committee - Video
11 February 2020	Informe sobre el primer encuentro latinoamericano de los comités nacionales de facilitación del comercio - Montevideo, Uruguay - Nov

Implementation experience

Date	Title
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Global Alliance cooperation to strengthen the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement with public - private participation

Date	Title
1 December 2022	Ecuador presentation on the organization of a donors round table in capital (In Spanish)

Digitalization

Date	Title
10 July 2024 - 11 July 2024	Modernización de la Plataforma TI de procedimientos sanitarios en el Ecuador

Technical Assistance detailled information

2.2 Consultations

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
15 July 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation to establish an online consultation system allowing for interaction between government bodies and users. This system should collect and record comments made by natural and legal persons regarding regulations, legislation and other provisions issued by the various bodies.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

Donor Members: United Kingdom, Germany

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

1. Cooperación técnica Ecuador-UNCTAD
Ecuador fue incorporado en el Programa de la UNCTAD para Empoderamiento de los Comités Nacionales de Facilitación del Comercio, gracias al financiamiento del Ministerio Federal de Cooperación Económica y Desarrollo BMZ - Alemania. Los miembros han participado de tres cursos en línea en la plataforma e-learning sobre los siguientes temas: empoderamiento de comités, perspectivas de género en las reformas de facilitación del comercio y cómo utilizar el Reform Tracker de la UNCTAD.
Así también, UNCTAD realizó una consultoría, con el objetivo de levantar una hoja de ruta en la plataforma Reform Tracker y realizó un escaneo sobre preparación para la facilitación del comercio en tiempos de crisis.
Resultado de ello se ha incorporado información en el Reform Tracker que permite a las agencias identificar las responsabilidades asignadas a cada una de ellas.
Acciones en curso en cooperación de UNCTAD:
Desde abril 2022 a marzo 2025, la asistencia técnica para el Ecuador en el marco del proyecto "Acelerar la facilitación del comercio", financiado la Administración de Recaudación y Aduanas del Reino Unido incluye:
- Asistencia técnica al Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio en la utilización y divulgación del Reform Tracker; y,
- Formaciones en línea y coaching para los miembros del Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio y el Secretariado, según las necesidades identificadas (seguimiento y evaluación, hoja de ruta, movilización de recursos, comunicación eficaz, entre otros).
2. Programa Indicativo Plurianual (MIP) 2021-2027 y sus componentes / Unión Europea
El Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio, trabajará en propuestas de proyectos que puedan enmarcarse en el Programa Indicativo Plurianual 2021-2027 de la Unión Europea con Ecuador.
3. Programa Mercator de la Organización Mundial de Aduanas
El Programa Mercator ha sido la iniciativa emblemática de la OMA que apoya a los Miembros de todo el mundo en la aplicación del Acuerdo sobre Facilitación del Comercio (AFC) de la OMC, de manera uniforme mediante la aplicación de los instrumentos y herramientas de la OMA.

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2024

Definitive date of implementation
15 July 2028

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation to strengthen diagnostic laboratories in the areas of plant health, animal health and food safety. This contribution will focus on establishing adequate infrastructure in terms of appropriate control points for inspection and quarantine, laboratory equipment, and reagents, etc.
Staff training is required on new analytical methodologies. Cooperation is also required to help organize workshops on the following subjects:
• Establishing methods to ensure the quality of activities carried out in customs laboratories.
• Optimizing the process for meeting the necessary requirements for compliance with ISO standards.
• Evaluation, verification and control of laboratory conditions and the methods used.
To this end, it is suggested that trainers have experience of the following:
• Preparation of a laboratory management model; instructions and procedures; equipment maintenance and calibration plans; and analytical instruments.
• Implementation of quality systems in customs laboratories.
• Implementation and use of methodologies.
• Physico-chemical analysis of samples of goods for tariff classification purposes.
Safety measures to protect facilities, equipment and instruments assigned to the division.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom, Germany

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
15 January 2028

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation for training and technical assistance with a view to implementing systems for the exchange of information between countries on levels of risk. Better practices and new procedures are needed to deal with high- and low-risk goods. A risk management assessment is required, which takes into account all the parameters of the bodies involved in trade in goods.
Cooperation is also requested to ensure the exchange of information (creation of statistical models, forecasts and better risk management practices) between other customs offices and control bodies.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom, Germany

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
15 January 2021

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation for training and technical assistance with a view to creating statistical models and improving methodology for the assignment of post-control audits, non-participatory reviews and implementation.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2022

Definitive date of implementation
15 July 2026

Assistance required for implementation

1. Technical assistance to establish a road map before introducing new links into the programme.
2. Technical assistance to devise strategies to establish mutual recognition agreements between SENAE and other customs administrations with regard to AEO programmes.
3. Technical assistance and funding to develop the connectivity of the SENAE customs computer system and the systems of other customs administrations for the purposes of information exchange, risk management and the mutual recognition of AEO programmes.
4. Funding to systematize the process for applying for, renewing and revalidating AEO status.
5. Funding to participate in the validation or re validation (in situ) of applicant companies in other countries, with a view to incorporating new international practices into the Ecuador AEO programme.

6. Funding for internships relating to the implementation of the AEO programme, and training on issues linked to international logistics chain security.
7. Funding to allow for participation in conferences, seminars and/or national and international fairs relating to the AEO programme.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom, Germany

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Trade Organization

Progress reported

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2024

Definitive date of implementation
15 July 2028

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation for the creation of a single digital platform that provides border agencies with access to information on trade operation requirements and audits. Equipment is needed for buildings housing Bi National Border Service Centres (CEBAF) on trunk road No. 3 from Macará to La Tina (Ecuador – Peru). These centres are expected to provide around 120 jobs for the two countries and will facilitate trade. Cooperation for the hiring of professional chemists to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week in substance-control activities at the border crossings of Rumichaca, San Miguel, Huaquillas and Macará, and at ports and airports (Guayaquil and Quito).
Standards are required for these substances for quantitative and qualitative analysis purposes (approved preliminary identification tests – PIPH). Technology and infrastructure are also required for diagnosis with a view to quarantine treatments; incinerator facilities are required, as well as quarantine areas and border point transport facilities.
Cooperation to provide laboratories with Raman technology, infrared, and mass gas chromatography equipment, digital potentiometers, refractometers and dosimeters, etc. Ongoing training is also needed for border control staff, with an emphasis on the sharing of experiences with other countries in the region; issues covered should include container control, new psychoactive substances, synthetic drugs, new camouflage techniques, and new chemical analysis techniques, amongst others. In order to ensure and protect the integrity of the country, electronic security systems are required, such as perimeter fences, cameras, sensors,
scanners for persons and vehicles, etc. In addition, personal protective equipment is required for the handling of controlled drugs.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom, Germany

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

10.4 Single window

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Indicative date of implementation
15 January 2023

Definitive date of implementation
15 July 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Cooperation for an electronic automated registration system that covers all entities responsible for issuing resolutions, permits, certificates, automatic and non-automatic licences, and accompanying documents (preshipment) and supporting documents that are required for importing and exporting. Cooperation for streamlining the incorporation into the Single Window of new control measures involving certificates and other documents that are required for the shipment of imports and exports.
Acquisition of technological components and restructuring of the internal systems of entities issuing control documents that are not linked to Ecuador's single window.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

Donor Members: Canada, Germany

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

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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