



Fiji

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2017-05-01**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

| | Due date | Status |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| Notified all category ABC designations | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 32.4% B - 35.3% C - 32.4% | 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 | No |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support | by 22 August 2019 | No |

Transparency notifications

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|----------------------|------------|---|----|
| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 30 June 2017 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2018 | No |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2018 | No |

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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| Notified Art. 22.3 | Yes |
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Legend:

Yes

Notification presented

No

Notification due

No

Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.1 | Publication | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | B | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 1.4 | Notification | B | by 30 June 2017 | by 30 June 2017 |
| 2.1 | Comments and information before entry into force | B | by 31 December 2017 | by 31 December 2018 |
| 2.2 | Consultations | B | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2021 |
| 5.1 | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | B | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 5.2 | Detention | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 5.3 | Test procedures | C | by 31 December 2021 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | B | by 31 December 2017 | by 31 December 2018 |
| 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 | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | B | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2021 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|-------|---|---|
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2021 |
| 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 2017 | by 31 December 2018 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | C | by 31 December 2019 | by 31 December 2019 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | B | by 31 December 2021 | by 31 December 2021 |
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 31 December 2021 | by 31 December 2025 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | B | by 31 December 2017 | by 31 December 2018 |
| 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 | from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2017 | from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2018 |
| 12 | Customs cooperation | B | by 31 December 2017 | by 31 December 2018 |

Legend

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| 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/FJI/1/Add.1 | 2019-08-30 | Category C notification - Addendum |
| G/TFA/N/FJI/2 | 2019-07-10 | Notification Art. 22.3 |
| G/TFA/N/FJI/1 | 2018-06-07 | Category B notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/FJI/1 | 2017-01-23 | Category A, B and C notification |

Experience Sharing

Digitalization

| Date | Title |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 22 October 2024 - 24 October 2024 | Digitalizing Trade Controls for Improved Waste Management and Recycling |

1.1 Publication



1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required:

Legal/Policy - Technical expertise to develop user friendly publications. Technical expertise in translating information in other 2 Official languages.

Procedures

- Assistance is required to review the range of publications produced by border agencies and develop more formal procedures in order to publish trade- related information in easily accessible manner and to provide measures to ensure that relevant agency staffs are aware of the obligation.

Human Resources/Training

- Training of all relevant border agency Officials to have better understanding of Fiji's international obligations, relevant domestic laws and roles and responsibilities of other border agencies to facilitate trade.
- The training will also include identification of type of information that the agencies need to publish.

ICT

- To develop user friendly websites where all relevant information could be found easily.
- Capacitate other border agencies with ICT systems.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising*

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2020

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required:

Legal/Policy

- Require assistance to develop relevant legislations and policies in order to have information available through the internet.

Procedures

- To develop user friendly import and export checklist, guidelines on export and import fees and charges.

Human Resources/Training

- Training of IT Staff to design, develop and maintain websites.

ICT

- Some agencies lack sufficient and competent technical staff required to maintain the relevant websites. There is a need in agencies for technical experts to incorporate and maintain the content on an existing internet site (or sites), and ultimately to design, develop and maintain a new website.
- Assistance required to develop one stop shop online information centre for import, export and transit for all agencies.
- Assistance required to develop multi-language provision of information on government websites, including official languages.
- Infrastructure/Equipment – assistance required to assist border agencies with relevant equipment and software programs. Also require necessary website content management information technology typically used for rapid amendment to websites that allows communication of changes to all interested parties.

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



| 3.1 | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
|---|---|--|
| 3.2 (a), (b) | 31 December 2019 | 31 December 2020 |
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| 3.4 | | |
| 3.5 | | |
| 3.6 (a), (b), (c) | Assistance required for implementation | |
| 3.7 | | |
| 3.8 | | |
| 3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d) | Assistance required: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy – Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA) needs technical assistance to develop relevant laws and policies in order to undertake advance ruling. • Procedures – assistance to develop relevant procedures in order to implement and undertake advance rulings effectively. • Human Resources/Training – training and creating awareness of FRCA Officials on the importance of advance rulings and how it will be implemented. • ICT – Require technical assistance to integrate advance rulings into automated customs systems • Infrastructure/Equipment – to support the classification ruling process ideally, assistance is required in terms of having better laboratories to test for classification of products. | |
| | <p>Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training, Institutional procedures</i></p> | |

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required:

- Legal/Policy - technical assistance to relevant agencies to develop policies and laws in order to put in place effective procedure for appeals and review.
- Procedures – require assistance to develop directives on appeals which is an information strategy to ensure the business community is fully aware of the appeals system.
- Also requires assistance to bring the appeal and review mechanisms/ procedures within other border agencies.
- Human Resources/Training – technical assistance to develop capacity in relevant agencies to have a greater understanding of procedures for review and appeal.
- Develop publications to create awareness within the private sector of this particular provision.

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

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required:

- Legal/ Policy – develop relevant laws and policies for agencies such as FRCA and Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) to ensure traders have access to second testing.
- Human Resources/Training – capacity building for relevant border agencies, laboratory technicians and academic institutions on secondary testing.
- Institutions - technical assistance and capacity building is needed for academic institutions, public and private laboratories to provide second testing.
- Infrastructure/Equipment – establishment of accredited laboratory/laboratories to undertake second testing.

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

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required:

- Legal/Policy – Technical assistance required to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management.
- Procedures – technical assistance to develop necessary procedures that ensures effective implementation of risk management system.
- Human Resources/Training – technical assistance to develop capacity in relevant border agencies to have a full understanding and application of risk management system.
- ICT – assistance required to acquire as well as enhance technological capabilities necessary to implement a proper risk management process.
- Infrastructure/Equipment – assistance to have relevant technology such as x-ray machines, scanners, laboratory testing facilities in order to implement a proper risk management system.

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

7.6.1
7.6.2**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2019

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance Required:

- Procedures – Assistance need to put in place systems to meet TFA requirements to be able to regularly measure and publish average release times.
- Human Resources/Training – assistance to build capacity within relevant border agency officials to conduct TRS.
- ICT/Equipment – require assistance to develop and implement automated system to eliminate inaccuracies in the measurement of time taken for processes.

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



| 7.7.1 | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
|---|--|--|
| 7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii) | 31 December 2019 | 31 December 2021 |
| 7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) | | |
| 7.7.4 | | |
| 7.7.5 | | |
| 7.7.6 | | |
| | Assistance required for implementation | |
| | Assistance Required: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal/Policy – assistance required to develop a more open accredited client scheme (which is non-discriminatory e.g. Gold card Scheme) to comply with customs and other related laws and regulations.• Procedures – assistance to develop proper procedures with transparent criteria to be applied to assess authorised operators that meet specified criteria in a trusted trade program e.g. Gold card Scheme.• Human Resources/Training – capacity building for all border agencies such FRCA and BAF is needed to ensure full compliance with this measure. | |
| | Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i> | |

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2019

Assistance required for implementation






Assistance Required:

- Legal/Policy - technical assistance to review relevant laws in order to streamline import and export permits and other necessary requirements. Assistance is needed to develop a government-wide strategy to replace all documentation with electronic processing especially in other border related agencies.
- Procedures – Assistance needed to streamline procedures across border agencies to avoid duplication of both procedures and documentation in order to facilitate trade.
- Institutions – technical assistance needed to promote border coordination as well as assist other agencies to transition to electronic documents.
- Human Resources/Training – capacity building for relevant border agency Officials to ensure enhanced border coordination.
- ICT – Assistance needed to capacitate other agencies with ICT tools and enablers in order to meet international standards for computerised system as well as expedite clearance.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

| 10.4.1 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.4 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2021 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2025 |
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| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| Assistance Required: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy - technical assistance to review relevant laws in order to develop comprehensive nation single window. | | |
| Technical assistance needed leading to setting a clear time scale of Single Window role out and implementation. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures - development of efficient procedures and checklist in order to implement national single window effectively. • Institutions - technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement national single window. • Human Resources/Training capacity building needed for relevant border agency Officials and business community to be sensitised, equipped and trained in order to implement national single window. • ICT –assistance to ensure reasonable to high level access to IT equipment's especially for other border agencies. • Infrastructure/Equipment – assistance required in setting up and installing appropriate IT equipment's and systems in some agencies and at ports of entry. | | |
| <p>Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising</i></p> | | |

Legend

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|  | Notified in Cat. C |  | Partially notified in C |  | Extension of time requested |
|  | Donor arrangement notified |  | Donor arrangement not yet notified | | |

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