



# Maldives

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2019-10-01**

## Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

|   | Due date            | Status     |
|---|---------------------|------------|
| Notified all category ABC designations  | by 22 February 2017 | <b>Yes</b> |
| <span style="color: green;">A</span> - 16.4% <span style="margin-left: 100px; color: blue;">B</span> - 33.2% <span style="margin-left: 100px; color: red;">C</span> - 50.4% <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0%</span> |                     |            |
| Notified indicative dates in <span style="color: blue;">Category B</span>   | by 22 February 2017 | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified definitive dates in <span style="color: blue;">Category B</span>   | by 22 February 2018 | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified indicative dates in <span style="color: red;">Category C</span>  | by 22 February 2017 | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified definitive dates in <span style="color: red;">Category C</span>  | by 22 August 2019   | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified Technical Assistance requirements  | by 22 February 2017 | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support  | by 22 February 2018 | <b>Yes</b> |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support  | by 22 August 2019   | <b>Yes</b> |

## Transparency notifications

|                      |            |   |                                      |
|----------------------|------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Notified Art. 1.4    | Category C | Definitive implementation date 23 July 2019     | <input type="checkbox" value="Yes"/> |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025 | <input type="checkbox" value="No"/>  |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | <input type="checkbox" value="Yes"/> |
| Notified Art. 12.2   | Category B | Definitive implementation date 22 July 2021     | <input type="checkbox" value="Yes"/> |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Notified Art. 22.3 | <input type="checkbox" value="Yes"/> |
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**Legend:**  Notification presented  Notification due  Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule |  |     | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.1                     | Publication  | B E | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 1.2                     | Information available through internet             | C E | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 1.3                     | Enquiry points                                     | C   | by 31 December 2021            | by 30 November 2022            |
| 1.4                     | Notification                                       | C   | by 31 December 2021            | by 23 July 2019                |
| 2.1                     | Comments and information before entry into force   | C E | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 2.2                     | Consultations                                      | B E | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 3                       | Advance rulings                                    | C   | by 31 December 2021            | by 22 October 2019             |
| 4                       | Procedures for appeal or review                    | A   |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.1                     | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | C E | by 31 December 2023            | by 30 June 2026                |
| 5.2                     | Detention  | A   |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 5.3                     | Test procedures                                    | C   | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 6.1                     | General disciplines on fees and charges            | B E | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 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                                 | C   | by 31 December 2023            | by 26 August 2024              |
| 7.3                     | Separation of release                              | C E | by 31 December 2023            | by 30 June 2026                |
| 7.4                     | Risk management                                    | C E | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2028            |

| Implementation schedule |  |         | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|-------------------------|--|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.5                     | Post-clearance audit   | C       | by 31 December 2021            | by 30 June 2023                |
| 7.6                     | Average release times  | C E     | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 7.7                     | Authorized operators   | C       | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2024            |
| 7.8                     | Expedited shipments  | C B»C E | by 31 December 2021            | by 30 June 2026                |
| 7.9                     | Perishable goods   | A       |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 8                       | Border Agency Cooperation                                      | B C»B E | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2023            |
| 9                       | Movement of goods  | A       |                                | by 22 February 2017            |
| 10.1                    | Formalities  | B       | by 31 December 2021            | by 30 June 2023                |
| 10.2                    | Acceptance of copies   | B       | by 31 December 2021            | by 01 January 2022             |
| 10.3                    | Use of international standards                                 | C E     | by 31 December 2021            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 10.4                    | Single window  | C E     | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 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   | B       | by 31 December 2021            | by 01 January 2022             |
| 10.9                    | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | C E     | by 31 December 2023            | by 31 December 2025            |
| 11                      | Transit  | C       | by 31 December 2023            | by 30 June 2023                |
| 12                      | Customs cooperation  | B       | by 31 December 2021            | by 22 July 2021                |

## Legend

|          |                    |           |                             |            |                   |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Notified in Cat. A | <b>Ap</b> | Partially notified in A     |            |                   |
| <b>B</b> | Notified in Cat. B | <b>Bp</b> | Partially notified in B     | <b>C»B</b> | Shift from C to B |
| <b>C</b> | Notified in Cat. C | <b>Cp</b> | Partially notified in C     | <b>B»C</b> | Shift from B to C |
| <b>N</b> | Not yet notified   | <b>E</b>  | Extension of time requested |            |                   |

## Notifications and other documents

| Symbol              | Date       | Description  |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| G/TFA/N/MDV/5       | 2024-09-18 | Article 1.4  |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.6 | 2024-09-04 | Notification of earlier implementation   |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.5 | 2024-08-27 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.3 | 2023-08-21 | Earlier implementation   |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.4 | 2023-08-21 | Shifting of categories and extension of implementation dates                         |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/4/Rev.1 | 2023-08-08 | Arrangement and progress in the provision of technical assistance - Revision         |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.2 | 2023-08-08 | Earlier implementation   |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.1 | 2021-06-14 | Categories B and C notification - Shifting of categories - Extension of time request |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/4       | 2020-01-16 | Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance                   |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/3       | 2019-12-09 | Categories A, B and C  |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/1/Add.1 | 2019-10-03 | Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Addendum  |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/2       | 2019-09-04 | Article 22.3   |
| G/TFA/N/MDV/1       | 2019-07-23 | Notification Art. 1.4  |

## Technical Assistance detailed information

### 1.2 Information available through internet



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

#### Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

#### Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and financial support are required to translate all existing laws, rules and regulations, standards, guidelines, SOPs relating to trade, into English language.

Assistance and support are required to upgrade, Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and Maldives Food and Drug Authority (MFDA) website.

Assistance to develop capacity of MED, MFDA and officials of Ministry of Health (MoH) to manage, maintain and update website, / information portal.

Assistance to develop Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture (MoFMA) to further develop fisheries information system (FIS), and assistance to develop capacity on managing and updating fisheries information portal.

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

1.3.1  
1.3.2  
1.3.3  
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 November 2022

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance to build institutional arrangements, develop staff capacity, training of staff on operating and maintaining enquiry points.

**Tags:** *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

23 July 2019

**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance and support required to train staff in the area of notification.

Assistance is needed to establish an electronic information and notification management system or such mechanism, enabling an expeditious, accurate and timely flow in notifications.

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



2.1.1  
2.1.2  
2.1.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance and support required to train staff to build the legal competency to develop procedures and a mechanism for public consultation on laws and regulations.

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



| 3.1   | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b>   | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
|---|--|--|
| 3.2 (a), (b)  | 31 December 2021   | 22 October 2019                          |
| 3.3   |  |  |
| 3.4   |  |  |
| 3.5   |  |  |
| 3.6 (a), (b), (c)                                   | <b>Assistance required for implementation</b>  |  |
| 3.7   |  |  |
| 3.8   |  |  |
| 3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d) | Assistance on training and building expertise on advance ruling and on Rules of Origin (ROO) required for Customs officials and other border related agencies. |  |
|   | Assistance to conduct public education campaigns for stakeholder awareness and engagement.   |  |
|   | <b>Tags:</b> <i>Human resources and training, Awareness-raising</i>  |  |
|   | <b>Donor Agencies:</b> Asian Development Bank, World Customs Organization  |  |
|   | <b>Progress reported</b>   |  |
|   | World Customs Organization (WCO) Expert assistance was provided to create a regulation covering all the areas under this provision.                            |  |
|   | Staff capacity building activities and awareness sessions held.  |  |

5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 June 2026

**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance and support to implement an e-notification alert system for Health Protection Agency (HPA), Maldives Food and Drug Authority (MFDA) and Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture and capacity building to facilitate notification for enhanced controls and/or inspections.

Assistance to review the legal framework and procedures to analyse and enhance the legal framework and procedures.

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

5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance and financial support are required to acquire laboratory testing kits and relevant laboratory equipment and materials. Assistance and support are required to train and build capacity of the technical staff and testing capabilities of laboratory staff. Assistance and support are required to strengthen capacity at National Health Laboratory for food and medicine testing. Assistance and support are also required to establish port facilities at central and regional level for food and medicine storage. Assistance and support are also required to develop testing parameters and accreditation.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

7.2

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

26 August 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Capacity development for the respective institutions that will be involved in the implementation of the national single window system. Assistance required to strengthen the legal framework, to enable electronic payments.

The feature of electronic payment may be made available with the introduction of National Single Window (NSW).

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

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|                | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b> | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
|----------------|--|--|
| 7.3.1          |  |  |
| 7.3.2 (a), (b) | 31 December 2023                         | 30 June 2026                             |
| 7.3.3          |  |  |
| 7.3.4          |  |  |
| 7.3.5          |  |  |
| 7.3.6          |  |  |

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance and financial support to procure the relevant technologies, such as pallet scanners, container X-ray scanners, so that shipments can be released without payment of duty and taxes, upon providing adequate security or guarantee.

Assistance on introduction of a security/guarantee system in Customs.

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

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2028

**Assistance required for implementation**

Expert support on the design and establishment of a risk management system.

ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system.

Assistance required for the development of capacity of staff in related institutions on the implementation of the risk management system.

Technical assistance to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification, and application of risk management.

Expert support required in the design, establishment and operation of a risk management system.

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



7.5.1  
7.5.2  
7.5.3  
7.5.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

30 June 2023

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance required for Maldives Customs Service and where required, at other related agencies to develop a full-fledged PCA System, with all internal process and procedures, which is also linked with the risk management system that will complement each other.

**Tags:** *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*



7.6.1  
7.6.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Assistance is required on designing, planning and implementing time-release studies.  
Staff capacity needs to be developed and the necessary training is required for staff on improving the average time release.

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



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| 7.7.1                                       | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b>   | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
|---|--|--|
| 7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii) | 31 December 2023   | 31 December 2024                         |
| 7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)     |  |  |
| 7.7.4                                       |  |  |
| 7.7.5                                       |  |  |
| 7.7.6                                       | <b>Assistance required for implementation</b>  |  |
|   | <p>Technical assistance and support are required to introduce authorized trader/operator scheme, develop a monitoring framework through which Customs can establish and monitor operator compliance and the necessary training to Customs Officials. Training and capacity building are also required for all other border agencies to ensure fuller compliance to this provision.</p> |  |
|   | <p><b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training</i></p>  |  |

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| 7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b> | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
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| 7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)                     | 31 December 2021                         | 30 June 2026                             |
| 7.8.3  |  |  |

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Technical assistance in configuring the systems to cater expedited release  
Develop staff capacity, training of staff on processing the release of expedited shipments.  
Technical assistance in the introduction of simplified declaration.  
Need technical assistance to introduce security/guarantee system.  
Training and Capacity Building required for Customs Officials to implement Authorized Economic Operators (AEO).  
Note: Technical assistance provided by ADB to design and develop Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program.

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

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Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

10.3.1  
10.3.2**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

Training and capacity development are required to support the staff of relevant institutions to comply with international standards and best practices.

Assistance is required for testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of relevant regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading the facilities in compliance with international standards.

Assistance required to join ATA Carnet. (Note: Customs will be acceding to the RKC soon.)

Training is required for Customs Officials to implement ATA Carnet.

Technical expertise required to identify gaps between existing legislation and international standards and assist to align in accordance with them.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

| 10.4.1<br>10.4.2<br>10.4.3<br>10.4.4 | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b><br>31 December 2023 | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b><br>31 December 2025 |
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#### **Assistance required for implementation**

Training and capacity building are required for relevant border agency staff and the business community to sensitize and train them to implement and operate in a National Single Window environment.

Training is required, specifically focused on those officials who will be involved in the day to day operation and implementation of the National Single Window System in the country.

Technical assistance is also required to build the institutional capacity in relevant border agencies, in order to implement the National Single Window.

(Note: Financial assistance requested, funding approved and Agreements signed with ADB in 2019, for the development of a National Single Window in Maldives.

Funding for this project will be released in 2019).

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

**Donor Agencies:** Asian Development Bank

#### **Progress reported**

The Government of Maldives has sought assistance from the Asian Development Bank to implement a National Single Window (NSW) Project on trade facilitation in the Maldives. The project was signed between the Government of Maldives and ADB on 18 June 2019.

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10.9.1  
10.9.2 (a), (b), (c)

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Technical assistance and training are required to supervise and audit inward and outward operations.






Technical assistance to establish the link between revenue authority in determining inward/outward duty and applicable taxes.

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

|                     | <b>Indicative date of implementation</b>  | <b>Definitive date of implementation</b> |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 11.1 (a), (b)       | 31 December 2023  | 30 June 2023                             |
| 11.2                |   |  |
| 11.3                |   |  |
| 11.4                |   |  |
| 11.5                |   |  |
| 11.6 (a), (b)       | <b>Assistance required for implementation</b>   |  |
| 11.7                |   |  |
| 11.8                |   |  |
| 11.9                | Technical assistance and capacity building required to develop a legal framework and in the ICT field.      |  |
| 11.10               |   |  |
| 11.11               | Assistance to introduce security/guarantee system.  |  |
| 11.12               |   |  |
| 11.13               | Assistance to train staff at Customs and other border agencies.   |  |
| 11.14               |   |  |
| 11.15               |   |  |
| 11.16 (a), (b), (c) | Assistance required to establish a coordination and cooperation exchange mechanism between border agencies. |  |
| 11.17               |   |  |

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

### Legend

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

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