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**Ratified Agreement:** Yes

**Ratification Date:** 2017-01-16

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C) | | | Due date | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Notified all category ABC designations | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 15.1% | B - 42.4% | C - 42.4% | **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 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2022 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 22 December 2025 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 22 December 2020 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2024 | Yes |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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|---|---|
| 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 | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2024 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 1.4 | Notification | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 2.1 | Comments and information before entry into force | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2024 |
| 2.2 | Consultations | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2024 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | B | by 22 February 2018 | by 23 December 2023 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | B | by 22 February 2018 | by 22 February 2020 |
| 5.1 | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | B | by 22 February 2018 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 5.2 | Detention | B | by 22 February 2018 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 5.3 | Test procedures | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2025 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2022 |
| 6.2 | Specific disciplines on fees and charges | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2022 |
| 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 | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | C | by 22 February 2018 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2025 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2022 |
| 7.8 | Expedited shipments | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 7.9 | Perishable goods | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 8 | Border Agency Cooperation | B | by 22 February 2018 | by 22 February 2024 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2022 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2025 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2025 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 10.7 | Common border procedures | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.8 | Rejected Goods | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 December 2020 |
| 10.9 | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 11 | Transit | Ap Bp Cp | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2022 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 December 2029 |
| 12 | Customs cooperation | Bp Cp | by 22 February 2020 | from 22 February 2024 to 22 December 2025 |

**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/NGA/3/Rev.1 | 2026-05-29 | ARticles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2 - Revision 1 |

| Symbol | Date | Description |
|---|---|---|
| G/TFA/W/92 | 2023-07-05 | The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation |
| G/TFA/N/NGA/2 | 2022-12-20 | Article 22.3 |
| G/TFA/N/NGA/3 | 2022-12-20 | Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2 |
| G/TFA/N/NGA/1/Add.1 | 2019-08-23 | Categories B and C notification - Addendum |
| G/TFA/N/NGA/1 | 2017-06-14 | Cat. B & C |
| WT/PCTF/N/NGA/1 | 2014-11-10 | Category A notification |

## Experience Sharing

**Disaster Preparedness**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| 21 March 2023 | Opening remarks - Chair Trade Facilitation Committee |

**Digitalization**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| 12 March 2025 - 13 March 2025 | Digitalization in Nigeria Customs Service |

**7.7 - Authorized operators**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| 12 March 2025 - 13 March 2025 | NCS AEO program - Partnering with businesses to build a secure and enabling trade environment |

**7.4 - Risk management**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| 21 October 2026 - 22 October 2026 | Experience with the design and implementation of Risk Management Systems, including data analytics and AI integration |

**3 - Advance rulings**

| Date | Title |
|---|---|
| 21 October 2026 - 22 October 2026 | Nigeria's experience in the implementation of Article 3 - Advance Rulings |

## Technical Assistance detailled information

### 1.1 Publication

C

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

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2024

### Assistance required for implementation

- Support and proper guidance on availability of documents required by regulatory agencies for international trade operations, as well as the relevant documentary procedures.
- Support and proper guidance on availability of forms required by regulatory agencies for international trade operations.
- Training on online processes and procedures.
- Upgrading of specialized Trade Portal
- Support to expand Customs Website and other trade agencies to publish all information related to trade.
- Support to establish database to improve the low access of business and private sector to existing trade information and complaints.
- Analytical basis for the streamlining and decrease the number of documents.

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

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

• Support on accreditation and maintenance of fully equipped laboratories.
• Training of Laboratory Technicians/Scientists.
• Procurement and installation of High Volume Instrument (HVI) for products classification and grading for premium price.
• Support to ensure collaboration of different regulatory agencies.
• Provision of a platform and support for creation of awareness and information sharing.
• Provision of mobile certified laboratories.
• Training and standards development.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

## Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of IT infrastructure.
• Capacity building of Custom officers on the application of automated risk.
• Training on management to profile traders and update records in the customs system for quick release of goods.
• Provision of drug detecting scanners, itemizers, cameras, x-ray machines, drug testing kits, security gadgets, tropic adapted sniffer dogs, operational vehicles, marine patrol boats and other modern equipment for scanning and search.
• Education and sensitization of law enforcement personnel on detecting contraband and offensive materials.
• Support to all major regulatory agencies to have in place the risk management system (system of risk analysis, assessment, and profiling).
• Support to ensure inter-Agency coordination and collaboration.

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

• Technical Assistance on use of WCO Time Release Study.
• Sensitization of other border security agencies officials for cooperation during and after the exercise of conducting the Time Release Study.
• Provision of high speed Internet facilities.
• Expert assistance in carrying out tasks by agencies concerns with average release times.
• Provision of many Scanning facilities at the sea.
• Airports to reduce clearing time on goods.
• A release time study is recommended to measure effect of recent reforms on release time.

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

## 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**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

### Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of Cold Room and capacity building of officials to man the cold room.
• Empowerment of NCS on best practices.

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

C

7.9.1 (a), (b)
7.9.2
7.9.3
7.9.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

## Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of Cold Room.
• Capacity building for staff of all regulatory agencies.
• Construction of appropriate storage space for Time/Temperature sensitive goods and dangerous/hazardous goods.
• Quick Test kits for product analysis.
• Training on procedure for visual review, inspection, analysis, fumigation (disinfection) and inspection (issuing and registration of a phytosanitary clearance certificate and a quarantine clearance certificate) of items subject to regulation in the field of plant quarantine.
• NCS personnel need training to handle perishable goods and dedicated team to work 24hrs in shifts where necessary.
• Contribution of warehouses and cold storage CHAPTER for perishable in international airports.

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

C

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

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2022

## Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance is needed for the analysis and simplification of document requirements and procedures.
• Analysis of business processes is important.
• Capacity building and training formalities and documentation in line with the international best practices.

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

C

10.3.1
10.3.2

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of IT infrastructure.
• Training and enlightenment of Customs officers on the use of WCO instruments and tools for uniform implementation of the TFA amongst Customs Administration.
• Support to attend Standard setting meetings.
• Manpower development and training of officers on Freight negotiation, Cost reduction methodology, tariff benchmarking and setting of standards, Transport and logistics, and on confirmation of freight rates.
• Specialised and advanced training on forensic examination and investigation at the interdiction ports to enhance operations quick clearance.
• Training on existing international standards and related legal instruments (such as ECOWAS, WCO and ISO standards).
• Support on implementation of regional standard would be useful if based on broader international/global standards.
• Analysis useful for the implementation of international standards.
• Assistance to develop a coherent and consistent national policy in adopting and implementing international standards.

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

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

• Automation of Customs and other border agencies’ operations.
• Provision of IT infrastructure.
• Continuous Training of all regulatory agencies' officers.
• Assistance on the following:
Analysis of business processes; analysis of the legal background; creation of an enabling legal environment; data harmonization and alignment with international standards.
• Creation of a relevant IT system.

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

C

10.5.1
10.5.2

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

## Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of Scanners.
• Capacity development on Agro Commodity Quality Inspection and determination of maximum pesticide residue limits.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures*

## 10.8 Rejected Goods

C

10.8.1
10.8.2

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

### Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of Industrial incinerators and heavy duty vehicles.
• Need for support to review the process of dealing with rejected goods in line with the international best practices.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

Cp

**11.5**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2029

## Assistance required for implementation

• Provision of infrastructure to ease movement of traffic goods.
• Support for corridor monitoring exercises.
• Trainings on treatment of transit goods.

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

**11.12**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2021

## Assistance required for implementation

• Training for cooperation and coordination amongst regulatory agencies.
• Customs procedures on transit.

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

**11.13**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 December 2020

## Assistance required for implementation

• Training for cooperation and coordination amongst regulatory agencies.
• Customs procedures on transit.

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

Cp

**12.1.1**
**12.1.2**
**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**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2024

## Assistance required for implementation

• Training on cooperation with counterparts of other countries.
• Capacity building to review compliance of Nigeria customs law and practice with the provisions of this Article.

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

**Legend**

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| 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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