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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			
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
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

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
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
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

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
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*

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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*

7.4 Risk management

C

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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*

7.6 Average release times

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*

7.9 Perishable goods

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*

10.1 Formalities

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*

10.4 Single window

C

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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*

10.5 Preshipment inspection

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*

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*

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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

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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