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Papua New Guinea

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2018-03-07

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 31.1%	B - 27.3%	C - 41.6%	**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 31 December 2020	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2026	No

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	No

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 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2024
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2021
1.4	Notification	B	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2020
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2021
2.2	Consultations	B	by 22 February 2020	by 31 July 2021
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 01 February 2019	by 31 December 2023
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2024
5.2	Detention	B	by 22 February 2019	by 28 February 2020
5.3	Test procedures	A		by 22 February 2017
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 22 February 2020	by 28 February 2021
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B	by 22 February 2021	by 31 July 2022
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2024
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2025
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 July 2021
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2026
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2020
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2023
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2023
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B C»B	by 22 February 2023	by 28 February 2020
10.3	Use of international standards	B	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2023

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2030
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	B	by 22 February 2022	by 28 February 2020
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2026

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/PNG/2	2025-10-28	Articles 1.4 and 10.6.2

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/PNG/1/Add.1	2019-08-23	Categories A, B and C - Addendum
G/TFA/N/PNG/1	2019-05-27	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/PNG/1	2016-06-08	Category A notification

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.2 Information available through internet

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building needed to support information collation:
1. Creation of a National trade portal where information identified in TFA Art.1.1 is made available;
2. Procurement of Software, Hardware and IT Equipment for National trade portal;
3. Upload information.

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

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2021

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building is also required to explain the roles and responsibilities of enquiry points. Technical assistance also required to review institutional setups and support for legislative change to give effect for the establishment of Enquiry Points (of at least two officers) in each of the following Agencies:
• PNG Customs Services
• National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Authority)
• National Institute for Standards and Industrial Technology (NISIT)
• Department of Trade
NAQIA and NISIT Enquiry Points will also act as bodies preparing SPS and TBT notifications respectively. (However, notifications will be made through Trade Ministry.)

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

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance needed to support National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and Department of Health with:
1. Current primary and secondary legislation, and the proposed Biosecurity Bill to be amended to include provisions for a TFA compatible rapid alert system for the notification of a direct or indirect risk to human, animal, or plant life or health deriving from food or feed;
2. Build a globally accessible, instantaneous, ICT based communication system for alert and information notifications linking food safety authority, National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority, and border posts (and third countries on the basis of agreements providing for reciprocity);
3. National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and food safety authority move to strong, scientific evidence-based risk assessment systems to justify enhanced actions as well as to justify removal of enhanced controls.

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

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building to assist with National Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Authority:
1. Existing risk management systems to be revised and made fully applied at operational level eliminating current discriminations due to arbitrary selection of cargo for inspection initially cleared under the green lane;
2. A sound compliance management regime needs to be implemented, including with respect to ASYCUDA inspection reporting module;
3. For National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling based upon manifest screening to be consistent across PNG, risk-related information need to be centralized, systematically analysed, profile application centralized, etc.;
4. National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling must be aligned and ultimately integrated with PNG Customs Services.
PNG Customs Services requires technical assistance for training on targeting and risk profiling.

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 July 2021

Assistance required for implementation

To be undertaken after ASYCUDA World has been fully appropriated and following Technical Assistance for Risk Management and PCA.
1. Through Technical Assistance Customs to develop its capacity to conduct Time Release Survey's for measuring the actual performance of its activities as they relate to trade facilitation at the border.
2. Technical assistance to be extended to NAQIA subject to deployment of ASYCUDA.

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

C

7.7.1
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)
7.7.4
7.7.5
7.7.6

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance needed to support:
PNG Customs Services: Adopt a policy for the implementation of an AO/AEO scheme based on WCO standards (Revised Kyoto Convention and SAFE Framework of Standards). PNG Customs Services to adopt a compliance assessment program to identify operators with a high level of compliance.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

8.1
8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and capacity building support for:
1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) including formal procedures of activity coordination in relation to border control;
2. Implement agreed processes and procedures, incorporating legislative change if necessary;
3. Introduce automation to National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and an interface with the PNG Customs Services system.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building support for:
1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to examine their separate procedures with a view to reducing them and then agree and align their practices and procedures;
2. Consider whether legislative amendments will be required and build in the time frame for this accordingly;
3. A periodic review process needs to be put in place.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building required to:
1. Implement the Single Window feasibility study recommendations;
2. Replace document manual processing systems with automated systems (all agencies except PNG Customs Services);
3. Expedite effective implementation of ASYCUDA World that integrates all border clearance agencies;
4. Facilitate all agencies involved in border clearance and regulation of trade to jointly establish a common strategy for the phased implementation of a single window;
5. Assist the National Trade Facilitation Committee to decide on which single window model is to be implemented;
6. Implement the single window;
7. Support the process for enactment of an e-commerce legislation.

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

C

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
12.12.1
12.12.2

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

PNG Customs Services to seek Technical Assistance in establishing required legislative amendment, in accordance with other domestic law, system connectivity among regional groupings, map processes and procedures required, including the establishment of an enquiry point.

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

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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