WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2017-01-09

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 54.6%	B - 8.4%	C - 37.0%	**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 C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	No
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 A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	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 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
2.2	Consultations	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
3	Advance rulings	C E	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	A		by 22 February 2017
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2035
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2035
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 30 September 2018	by 31 December 2018

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.3	Separation of release	B	by 30 September 2018	by 31 December 2018
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2026
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2035
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 30 September 2018	by 31 December 2018
8	Border Agency Cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2035
10.2	Acceptance of copies	A		by 22 February 2017
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 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	A		by 22 February 2017
12	Customs cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017

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/VCT/1/Add.4	2026-09-01	Extension of implementation dates

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/VCT/3/Rev.1	2026-06-09	Articles 10.6.2, 12.2.2 - Revision 1
G/TFA/2/VCT/INF/1	2025-12-22	Report on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.3	2025-12-19	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.2	2025-08-28	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/VCT/3	2019-10-14	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/VCT/1/Add.1	2019-08-07	Category C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/VCT/2	2019-02-19	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/VCT/1	2018-06-04	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/VCT/1	2015-06-08	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

Implementation experience

Date	Title
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	Presentation by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Trade Facilitation (Ms. Shernelle Dick-Brazel)

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
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance in production of information and updating the legal framework to ensure legal validity and setting up of an organisational framework to oversee the maintenance and institutional responsibilities.

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance in creating an information management system and implementing web publication policy and guidelines.
• Procuring ICT equipment.

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

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Support in designing institutional structure, development and use of communication templates.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Institutional procedures*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance in developing a comprehensive ITC sector

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

2.1 Comments and information before entry into force

C

2.1.1 **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2020

2.1.2 **Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2027

2.1.3

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to update the legal and regulatory framework to include legal provisions for the stakeholders to comment on new or amended laws and regulation.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

2.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish a legal framework for the exchange of information, sharing of control functions amongst agencies.

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

3.1
3.2 (a), (b)
3.3
3.4
3.5
3.6 (a), (b), (c)
3.7
3.8
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish a legal and Regulatory framework.
• Training in Classification, rules of origin and Valuation.

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

C

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish accredited labs, training of laboratory personnel in adequate test procedures.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

C

6.1.1
6.1.2
6.1.3
6.1.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Technical assistance to analyse fees and ascertain cost for each service rendered.
• Drafting guidelines form levying charge.

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

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop ICT and legal framework for collection and processing of electronic payment.

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
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Training for customs personnel in identifying risks and assessment analysis.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

C

7.5.1
7.5.2
7.5.3
7.5.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to develop an audit strategy, capacity building for extensive training in auditing for customs and other border agencies.

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

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to establish legal and regulatory framework to allow for seamless flow of information and coordination among border agencies.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, 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
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to secure the necessary ICT equipment. Update the legal framework to implement enhanced protocols incorporating the WCO SAFE standards within trade practices, operations and procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2035

Assistance required for implementation

• Assistance to identify the necessary administrative and legal arrangements to minimize, reduce and simplify existing formalities and documentation.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

10.4 Single window

C

10.4.1 **10.4.2** **10.4.3** **10.4.4**	**Indicative date of implementation** 31 December 2023	**Definitive date of implementation** 31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

- Assistance to develop a conceptual design for a system to facilitate a single window.
- Technical and financial assistance in procuring ICT equipment.

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

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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