



Trinidad and Tobago

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2015-07-27**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

| | Due date | Status |
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| Notified all category ABC designations | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 21.4% B - 8.0% C - 70.6% 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

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| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023 | No |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023 | No |

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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| Notified Art. 22.3 | Yes |
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Legend: Yes Notification presented No Notification due No Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
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| 1.1 | Publication | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 1.4 | Notification | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 2.1 | Comments and information before entry into force | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 2.2 | Consultations | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 5.1 | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 5.2 | Detention | B | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 5.3 | Test procedures | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 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 | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2027 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
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| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 7.8 | Expedited shipments | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2027 |
| 7.9 | Perishable goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 8 | Border Agency Cooperation | B | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | C | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | B | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | B | by 31 December 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.7 | Common border procedures | B | by 31 December 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 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 | Ap Cp | from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2023 | from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2027 |

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/W/74 | 2021-11-15 | Trade Facilitation Agreement four year review - Article 23.1.6 of the TFA - Comments on the first review of the operation and implementation of the TFA (G/TFA/W/41/Rev.4) |
| G/TFA/N/TTO/4 | 2021-01-15 | Article 10.4.3 |
| G/TFA/N/TTO/3 | 2019-04-18 | Article 22.3 |
| G/TFA/N/TTO/2 | 2018-09-28 | Categories B and C notification |
| G/TFA/N/TTO/1 | 2017-11-27 | Categories B and C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/TTO/1 | 2015-06-15 | Category A notification |

Technical Assistance detailed information

1.1 Publication



1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
- Human Resource - Train personnel to carry out Art. 1.1 provisions;
- ICT - Conduct a gap analysis.

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



1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)
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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- ICT - Development of content for a Trade Information Portal;
- Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
- Equipment - Equipment for infrastructural upgrades.

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

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
- Procedures - Develop procedures for responding to requests;
- Human Resource/Training - Train staff in the management of an Enquiry Point for the Agreement.

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

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Human Resource/Training - Conduct awareness sessions on procedures for notifications and information to be notified.

Tags: *Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

2.1.1
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Policy - Develop policy to allow traders and other interested parties to comment on new and amended laws;
- Legal - Legislative and institutional amendments (legal consultancy).

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



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| 3.1 | | |
| 3.2 (a), (b) | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2027 |
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| 3.4 | | |
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3.6 (a), (b), (c)

Assistance required for implementation

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- 3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d) • Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to the issuance of Advanced Rulings;
• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel to support the issuance of Advanced Rulings (e.g. Rules of Origin and Classification);
• Procedural - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.

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



4.1 (a), (b)
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4.4 (a), (b), paragraph
4.5
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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting.

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



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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation that sets out procedures for enhanced controls or inspections for food, beverages or feedstuffs.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

5.3.1
5.3.2
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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Infrastructure/Equipment - Funding accreditation of local labs;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - develop laws and policy to ensure compliance with this article;
- Procedures - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.

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

| 6.1.1 | Indicative date of implementation | Definitive date of implementation |
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| 6.1.2 | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2027 |
| 6.1.3 | | |
| 6.1.4 | | |

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical - Procure and fund a consultant to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago;
- Procedural - Develop and publish a single schedule of all fees and charges related to imports and exports.

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures*

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to this article;
- Procedural - Develop and publish procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*



7.2

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amending of all legislation in order to undertake Electronic Payment;
- Equipment - Funding upgrades of the necessary infrastructure;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel.

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



7.3.1
7.3.2 (a), (b)
7.3.3
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7.3.6

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Development of policy on payment of guarantees for monetary penalties or fines

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

7.4.1
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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel in risk management techniques; Periodic training in risk management;
- ICT - Acquisition of risk management system software for Customs control; Design and implement Risk Management System;
- Procedural - Develop risk registers for importers and other procedures.

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

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Legislative and institutional;
- Human resources/ Training - Train personnel and develop continuous work programs;
- Implement auditing software;
- Procedures - creation of a strategic plan in the area of Post Clearance Audit and Risk Management.

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

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Technical Assistance - needed to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago.

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

7.7.1

7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)

7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

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7.7.6

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Procedures - Develop an Authorized Operator Programme;
- Legal/ Policy - assistance with policy development and drafting of regulations;
- Human Resource/Training - capacity building for all border agencies is needed to ensure full compliance with this measure.

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



7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) **Indicative date of implementation**
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d) 31 December 2020
7.8.3

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Procedures - Development of procedures for the operation of the programme and provide advice on the criteria to be used to determine companies which qualify.

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



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Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act (legal consultancy) inclusive of regulations and policy.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

10.3.1
10.3.2**Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2020**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2023**Assistance required for implementation**

- Procedures - Assess the testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of food safety regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading facilities and achieving compliance with relevant standards;
- Human Resources/Training - Develop and implement a training and certification program to assist exporters to meet relevant standards awareness session on the importance of the use of international standards.

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

10.4.1
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10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical - Develop information security plan, Business Continuity System; Develop change management strategy; Develop capacity building program and knowledge management strategy and Service Oriented Architecture;
- Legal/Policy - technical assistance to modernize legislative and institutional framework and institutional governance of the Single Electronic Window;
- Procedural - Conduct business process reengineering;
- Human Resource/ Training - Train personnel; Undertake public awareness campaign;
- ICT - Develop a Trade Data Information System, an Integrated Multimodal Logistics Module, Information Security Plan, Business Continuity System and Service Oriented Architecture.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

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| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i> | | |
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| 12.3 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2023 |
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| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy - Development of a Policy Customs Control. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i> | | |
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| 12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) 12.4.2 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2023 |
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| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i> | | |
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| 12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) 12.5.2 12.5.3 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2023 |
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| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i> | | |

12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

- Legal/Policy - Revision of Customs Act and Data Protection Act to ensure TFA provisions are covered; development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

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| 12.8 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2027 |
| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests; • Human Resource/ Training – fill staff vacancies; • Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i> | | |
| 12.9.1 12.9.2 | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2027 |
| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests; • Human Resource/Training - Train personnel; • Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i> | | |
| 12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) | Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2023 | Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2023 |
| Assistance required for implementation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests. | | |
| Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i> | | |

12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)
12.11.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023






Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for verification procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Legend

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

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