



Vanuatu

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2020-05-06**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 65.5% B - 21.0% C - 13.4%	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 A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	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	No
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Legend: **Yes** Notification presented **No** Notification due **No** Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.3	Enquiry points	B C→B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2017
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2017
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
5.2	Detention	B C→B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2025
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2030
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2018	by 31 December 2021
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	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2021
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2030

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.8	Expedited shipments	A		by 22 February 2017
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	A		by 22 February 2017
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
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	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 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2022
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/VUT/3	2023-10-26	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/VUT/2/Rev.1	2020-09-15	Article 1.4 - Revision
G/TFA/N/VUT/2	2020-03-02	Article 1.4
G/TFA/N/VUT/1/Add.1	2020-02-20	Categories A, B and C notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/VUT/1	2018-01-10	Categories A, B and C notification

Experience Sharing

10.4 - Single window

Date	Title
22 June 2021 - 23 June 2021	Vanuatu's experience with implementation of customs automation and single window ASYCUDA program presentation

5.3 Test procedures



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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy: Improve/Develop relevant regulations and policies to guide the Vanuatu Bureau of Standards VBS Laboratory and Biosecurity Vanuatu (BV)

Develop/improve regulations on the process/ procedures of traded goods in question that need further testing and or verification.

Capacity Building: Appropriate Capacity building for testing requirements for all border agencies

Facility/Infrastructure/Equipment: Assist with the accreditation of VBS Laboratory to carry out secondary testing.

Proper equipment needed to carry out secondary testing.

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

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2030

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy: Assistance to develop and establish mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management.

Procedures: Risk management system procedures are needed to be developed.

Human Resources/Training: training provided to border agencies in implementing risk management system.

Infrastructure/Equipment: assistance to have relevant technology such as x-ray machines, scanners, laboratory testing facilities in order to implement a proper risk management system.

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

Procedures: Publication of average release time is yet to be implemented. Need assistance to implement the controls and procedures to meet the FTA requirements to regularly measure the publish average release times.

Human Resource Training: Needs more assistance on training and capacity building

ICT/Equipment: Further assistance on ICT to link the system to the time release for regular monitoring.

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



7.7.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	31 December 2020	31 December 2025
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
7.7.4		
7.7.5		
7.7.6	Assistance required for implementation	
	<p>Legal/Policy: Assistance required to develop a legal framework for AO.</p> <p>Procedures: Assistance required to implement procedures and controls in place to manage the AO in compliant with the relevant laws within DCIR and other Boarder agencies.</p> <p>Human Resource/Training: Training and capacity building is required for Customs & Inland Revenue and all other border agencies to enforce compliance.</p>	
	Tags: <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>	



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10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Human Resource/Training
Need Capacity building to understand the use of international standards

Tags: *Human resources and training*

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy: All the policy mandate and legal requirements for a Vanuatu Electronic Single Window System have been identified in the prior and during the current phase of the Project.

Procedures: Implement the recommendations of the Inspection Report. Needed detailed documentation to be prepared during the course of the second phase of the Project.

Human Resource/Training: Technical Capacity Building training should continue to be delivered to Boarder Agencies, Customs officials and Business users.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)






Funding is required to fund the development of the identified modules and requirements in the second phase of the Project.

Infrastructure/Equipment: The Vanuatu Electronic Single Window system is being housed in the Government's state of the art ICT infrastructure.

Funds will only be required to boost additional resources since the base is already taken care of.

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

Legend

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

Downloaded on 22 February 2025

Updated on 4 November 2023