



## Zambia

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2015-12-16

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)                      | Due date                | Status           |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Notified all category ABC designations                                 | by 22 February 2018     | <span>Yes</span> |
| A - 5.5%<br>B - 27.7%<br>C - 66.8%                                     | Not yet notified - 0.0% |                  |
| Notified indicative dates in Category B                                | by 22 February 2018     | <span>Yes</span> |
| Notified definitive dates in Category B                                | by 22 February 2020     | <span>Yes</span> |
| Notified indicative dates in Category C                                | by 22 February 2021     | <span>Yes</span> |
| Notified definitive dates in Category C                                | by 22 August 2022       | <span>Yes</span> |
| Notified Technical Assistance requirements                             | by 22 February 2019     | <span>Yes</span> |
| Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support | by 22 February 2021     | <span>No</span>  |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support     | by 22 August 2022       | <span>No</span>  |

## Transparency notifications

|                      |            |   |         |
|----------------------|------------|---|---------|
| Notified Art. 1.4    | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025 | Partial |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030 | No      |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025 | No      |
| Notified Art. 12.2   | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2038 | Yes     |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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

| Implementation schedule |  | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date             |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 1.1                     | Publication  | B                              | by 31 December 2019<br>by 30 June 2020     |
| 1.2                     | Information available through internet             | C                              | by 31 December 2019<br>by 30 June 2020     |
| 1.3                     | Enquiry points                                     | C                              | by 31 December 2020<br>by 31 December 2020 |
| 1.4                     | Notification                                       | C E                            | by 31 December 2022<br>by 31 December 2025 |
| 2.1                     | Comments and information before entry into force   | B                              | by 31 December 2020<br>by 31 December 2020 |
| 2.2                     | Consultations                                      | B                              | by 31 December 2020<br>by 31 December 2020 |
| 3                       | Advance rulings                                    | B E                            | by 31 December 2021<br>by 30 June 2023     |
| 4                       | Procedures for appeal or review                    | B                              | by 30 November 2019<br>by 30 June 2020     |
| 5.1                     | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | C                              | by 31 December 2024<br>by 31 December 2024 |
| 5.2                     | Detention  | B                              | by 31 December 2024<br>by 31 December 2024 |
| 5.3                     | Test procedures                                    | C                              | by 31 December 2024<br>by 31 December 2024 |
| 6.1                     | General disciplines on fees and charges            | C E                            | by 31 December 2021<br>by 31 December 2025 |
| 6.2                     | Specific disciplines on fees and charges           | B                              | by 31 December 2021<br>by 31 December 2022 |
| 6.3                     | Penalty Disciplines                                | C E                            | by 31 December 2019<br>by 31 December 2024 |
| 7.1                     | Pre-arrival processing                             | C E                            | by 31 December 2022<br>by 31 December 2024 |
| 7.2                     | Electronic payment                                 | C E                            | by 31 December 2025<br>by 31 December 2025 |
| 7.3                     | Separation of release                              | B E                            | by 31 December 2022<br>by 31 December 2025 |
| 7.4                     | Risk management                                    | C E                            | by 31 December 2025<br>by 31 December 2025 |

| Implementation schedule   | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date            |   |
|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 7.5 Post-clearance audit  | C E                            | by 31 December 2025                       | by 31 December 2025                       |
| 7.6 Average release times   | C E                            | by 31 December 2020                       | by 30 June 2023                           |
| 7.7 Authorized operators  | C                              | by 31 December 2024                       | by 31 December 2024                       |
| 7.8 Expedited shipments   | C E                            | by 31 December 2021                       | by 31 December 2025                       |
| 7.9 Perishable goods  | B                              | by 31 December 2025                       | by 31 December 2025                       |
| 8 Border Agency Cooperation   | C                              | by 31 January 2023                        | by 31 December 2023                       |
| 9 Movement of goods   | A                              |   | by 22 February 2018                       |
| 10.1 Formalities  | C                              | by 31 December 2021                       | by 31 December 2024                       |
| 10.2 Acceptance of copies   | B                              | by 31 December 2019                       | by 31 December 2020                       |
| 10.3 Use of international standards                                 | C                              | by 31 December 2024                       | by 31 December 2024                       |
| 10.4 Single window  | C                              | by 31 December 2030                       | by 31 December 2030                       |
| 10.5 Preshipment inspection   | A                              |   | by 22 February 2018                       |
| 10.6 Use of customs brokers   | C E                            | by 31 December 2022                       | by 31 December 2025                       |
| 10.7 Common border procedures                                       | A                              |   | by 22 February 2018                       |
| 10.8 Rejected Goods   | B                              | by 31 December 2023                       | by 31 December 2023                       |
| 10.9 Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | B                              | by 31 December 2020                       | by 31 December 2020                       |
| 11 Transit  | Ap Cp B>C E                    | from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2030 | from 22 February 2018 to 31 December 2030 |
| 12 Customs cooperation  | C                              | by 31 December 2038                       | by 31 December 2038                       |

## Legend

|   |                    |    |                             |     |                   |
|---|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| A | Notified in Cat. A | Ap | Partially notified in A     |     |                   |
| B | Notified in Cat. B | Bp | Partially notified in B     | G>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/ZMB/3        | 2026-01-19 | Articles 1.4 and 12.2.2  |
| G/TFA/W/125          | 2026-01-19 | Provision on the national transit coordinator - Communication from Zambia  |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.3  | 2025-11-25 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/W/92           | 2023-07-05 | The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.2  | 2022-09-30 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/2/Rev.1  | 2022-02-24 | Article 22.3 - Revision  |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/2        | 2021-10-08 | Article 22.3   |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Add.1  | 2021-10-05 | Extension of implementation dates  |
| G/TFA/W/34           | 2021-02-23 | Launch of the Zambia Trade Information Portal                              |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/1/Corr.1 | 2019-11-04 | Categories B and C - Corrigendum (in English only)                         |
| G/TFA/N/ZMB/1        | 2019-10-23 | Categories B and C notification  |
| WT/PCTF/N/ZMB/1      | 2016-01-18 | Category A, B and C notification   |

## Experience Sharing

### 7.7 - Authorized operators

| Date                             | Title   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 9 October 2018 - 11 October 2018 | Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) - Customs Accredited Client Programme |

**Implementation experience****Date****Title**

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15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019

Support from cooperating partners and Zambia's achievements in the implementation of the TFA (Ms. Lillian Bwalya)

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## Technical Assistance detailed information

### 1.2 Information available through internet



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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2019

**Definitive date of implementation**  
30 June 2020

#### Assistance required for implementation

Stakeholder awareness campaigns to promote the E-Portal

**Tags:** Awareness-raising

1.3.1  
1.3.2  
1.3.3  
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Expand enquiry points beyond ZRA to other Agencies
- Strengthen SPS Committee
- Establish a national call centre to answer to TF issues
- Public awareness campaigns to publicise the national call centre

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

Administrative Support for the NCTF Secretariat

**Tags:** *Human resources and training*

## 5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections



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

### Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2024

### Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2024

#### Assistance required for implementation

Support for setting up Destination Inspection Yards to encourage further joint inspections by agencies. This support is expected to reduce agencies at the border.

**Tags:** *Human resources and training*

5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Infrastructure development of laboratory facilities/onsite laboratory facilities
- Implementation of electronic interfaces between the accredited laboratories, XRF Analysers and the ASYCUDA World
- Capacity building of staff operating laboratories accreditation of identified laboratories

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

6.1.1  
6.1.2  
6.1.3  
6.1.4

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Harmonization of statutory fees
- Extend the use of the single payment point to all relevant agencies
- Stakeholder engagements

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

6.3.1  
6.3.2  
6.3.3  
6.3.4 (a), (b)  
6.3.5  
6.3.6  
6.3.7

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2019

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legislative review
- Stakeholder engagement

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Awareness-raising*

7.1.1  
7.1.2**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2022**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024**Assistance required for implementation**

- Automation of Entry and Exit Gates
- Introduction of mandatory Pre-Clearance
- Stakeholder engagement

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

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**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Connect all other relevant agencies to the electronic payment system
- Stakeholder education on e-payment

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

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

#### Assistance required for implementation

- ICT technical Infrastructure/back up and security preparedness
- Develop Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework
- Implement Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework on ASYCUDA World Selectivity Platform
- Implement the Governance structures for Multi-Agency Risk Management framework
- Capacity building on sustainable operations of Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework
- Connect scanners to ASYCUDA World

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

7.5.1  
7.5.2  
7.5.3  
7.5.4

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Capacity building in Post Clearance Audit (PCA) in all relevant government agencies
- Stakeholder engagement

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

7.6.1  
7.6.2**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020**Definitive date of implementation**  
30 June 2023**Assistance required for implementation**

- Support for capacity building for agencies to be able to carry out Time Release Studies in future for sustainability of commitments under Article 7.6

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

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 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Support for the introduction of the multi-agency framework for the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) concept
- Stakeholder education on benefits of being recognised as Authorized Economic Operator by any agency

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

**7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) Indicative date of implementation**  
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d) 31 December 2021  
7.8.3

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

## Stakeholder awareness

### Tags: Awareness-raising

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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 January 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Stakeholder education on border operations
- Support for development of the Regulations for the Coordinated Border Management and Trade Facilitation Act

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Implementation of electronic Certificates of Origin with SADC, COMESA, EU and Others
- Extend the platform to other agencies that issue Import/Export Permits, regulatory approvals under Single Window framework
- Stakeholder education on formalities and documentation requirements

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

10.3.1  
10.3.2**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2024**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024**Assistance required for implementation**

- Support Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) in order to adopt international standards
- Support ZCSA on the application and Implementation of international standards and Conformity Assessment procedures
- Domestication of international standards
- Stakeholder education on domesticated international standards

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

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10.4.2  
10.4.3  
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**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2030

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2030

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Support the implementation of Phase II of Single Window (remaining twenty-six (26) processes)
- Publicity of National Electronic Single Window processes and activities

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

10.6.1  
10.6.2  
10.6.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Automate Licensing process for Clearing Agents
- Develop Self-Assessment System
- Accreditation of Clearing Agencies
- Capacity building of Clearing Agents
- Stakeholder education on implemented activities

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

11.1 (a), (b)

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025**Assistance required for implementation**

- Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
- Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
- Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

11.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025**Assistance required for implementation**

- Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
- Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
- Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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11.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administrations
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System along corridors
- Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
- Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

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Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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11.16 (a), (b), (c)

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**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2030

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2030

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Implementation of electronic exchange of data with other Customs administration
- Implementation of Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) within Zambia
- Implementation of ECTS along corridors
- Implementation of Regional Transit Guarantee Scheme
- Stakeholder education on transit procedures and controls

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising*

12.1.1  
12.1.2  
12.2.1  
12.2.2  
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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  
12.12.1  
12.12.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2038

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2038

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Support for the implementation of OSBPs at the following posts: Nakonde/Tunduma (with Tanzania); Kasumbalesa (with DRC) and Chanida (with Mozambique)
- Stakeholder education on implemented reforms

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

**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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