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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Bahrain, Kingdom of

Ratified Agreement: Yes

Ratification Date: 2016-09-23

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 61.3%	B - 30.3%	C - 8.4%	**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	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	Yes

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category B	Definitive implementation date 28 February 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 28 February 2019	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	A		by 22 February 2017
1.2	Information available through internet	A		by 22 February 2017
1.3	Enquiry points	A		by 22 February 2017
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	C E	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2020
3	Advance rulings	C	by 28 February 2020	by 28 February 2022
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	B	by 28 February 2020	by 28 February 2021
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
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 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
7.2	Electronic payment	B	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	B	by 30 August 2020	by 28 February 2021
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	B	by 30 August 2019	by 28 February 2020
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	B	by 28 February 2020	by 28 February 2020
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	B	by 31 December 2021	by 28 February 2023
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2017
10.6	Use of customs brokers	B	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
10.7	Common border procedures	B	by 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
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 28 February 2019	by 28 February 2019
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/BHR/4	2024-07-05	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/BHR/3/Rev.2	2024-05-07	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2, 12.2.2 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/BHR/3/Rev.1	2022-11-09	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/W/61	2021-10-08	Experience with Advanced rulings
G/TFA/N/BHR/1/Add.1	2020-02-28	Extension of time request
G/TFA/N/BHR/3	2019-03-04	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/BHR/2	2019-03-01	Article 22.3 notification
G/TFA/N/BHR/1	2018-03-02	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/BHR/1	2015-11-24	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

3 - Advance rulings

Date	Title
	Unified guide of Advanced Rulings (Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Experience with Advanced rulings - Communication from Kingdom of Bahrain on behalf of Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (G/TFA/W/61) Statement from Kingdom of Bahrain

Technical Assistance detailled information

2.2 Consultations

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Indicative date of implementation
28 February 2019

Definitive date of implementation
28 February 2020

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal framework in order to introduce and define procedures for consultations.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Customs Affairs ensures transparency and accessibility by publishing all concluded customs agreements in a simplified and automated form on its official website. This practice allows merchants, customers, and the general public to easily access and review the details of these agreements. By making these agreements readily available, Customs Affairs promotes openness and provides stakeholders with valuable information regarding customs procedures, regulations, and obligations. This proactive approach not only fosters trust and confidence among merchants and customers but also facilitates informed decision-making and compliance with customs requirements. The publication of these agreements on the Customs Affairs website highlights the department's commitment to transparency and effective communication and consultation with its stakeholders.

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3.6 (a), (b), (c)
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3.8
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
28 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
28 February 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for the preparation of advance ruling in accordance with the TFA rules.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Bahrain Customs Affairs has demonstrated its commitment to facilitating trade by implementing advanced rulings. The advance ruling application has been made easily accessible to the public through various channels.
Firstly, the advance ruling application its displayed on the Customs Affairs website, allowing interested parties to initiate the application process with ease. Additionally, the department has leveraged the power of social media platforms to disseminate information about advanced rulings, ensuring wider reach and engagement.
Furthermore, the new Customs clearance system, known as OFOQ2, has brought about further enhancements. This system features a dedicated window specifically designed for advanced rulings, providing a streamlined and efficient process for customs clearance. By incorporating advanced rulings within this new system, Bahrain Customs has taken significant strides towards ensuring transparency in customs procedures.

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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