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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
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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 B	Definitive implementation date 30 June 2027	Partial
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2024	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2024	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 2024
1.2	Information available through internet	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
1.4	Notification	B C»B E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 January 2025
3	Advance rulings	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 January 2025
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2022	by 30 September 2023
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
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	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 September 2023
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 September 2023
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
7.6	Average release times	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 March 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 September 2023
7.8	Expedited shipments	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 September 2023
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2024
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	Ap Bp Cp E	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2022	from 22 February 2017 to 30 June 2027
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024

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/EGY/5	2025-09-23	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 12.2.2

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/W/81/Rev.1	2025-09-23	Time release Study - Revision - Communication from Egypt
G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.2	2025-05-20	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.3	2025-05-20	Shifting of categories and extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/EGY/3/Rev.1	2025-05-20	Article 22.3 - Revision 1
G/TFA/N/EGY/4	2024-05-03	Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/W/98	2024-05-03	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators - Communication from Egypt
G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.1	2023-11-17	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/W/81	2022-07-05	Time Release Study - Communication from Egypt
G/TFA/N/EGY/2/Rev.1	2022-03-31	Article 10.6.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/EGY/3	2021-05-25	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/EGY/2	2019-10-14	Art. 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/EGY/1	2019-06-20	Categories A, B, C
WT/PCTF/N/EGY	2015-01-07	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

Implementation experience - National Trade Facilitation Committee

Date	Title
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	Statement by Egypt

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.1 Publication

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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 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Training and use of international best practices in relation to publication.
? Infrastructure Development for the relevant Agencies.
? Training of the relevant agencies' staffs.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Egyptian relevant agencies have not received technical assistance or capacity building support for the implementation of Article 1.1. However, all laws and ministerial decisions/decrees are published in the Official Gazette, and the Egyptian border agencies publish trade-related information on their websites noting the varying degree of development and maintenance of those websites.

TACB support needs include:

• Development of the information and communication infrastructure of the relevant Agencies.
• Training of staff on the use of the information and communication infrastructure and the international best practices in relation to publication.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Creation of a comprehensive trade information portal with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.
? Website development and Setting criteria and procedures for monitoring & updating the data.
? Training of the relevant agencies' staffs.
? Technical & Financial support for Translation into one of the official languages of the WTO.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Egypt was not able to secure technical assistance and capacity building in this respect. However, each relevant agency has a website on which information related to trade is published, yet, the level of development of these websites widely varies among the different agencies.

TACB support needs include:

• Creation of a single comprehensive trade information portal with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.
• Website development and setting criteria and procedures for collecting, monitoring, processing and updating the data.
• Training of the relevant agencies' staffs.
• Technical & Financial support for Translation into one of the official languages of the WTO.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Development of the TF Enquiry point and Training of the staff.
? Establishment of ICT infrastructure and acquisition of Equipment.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Egypt has not received any technical assistance or capacity building in this respect. Despite the fact that each agency has its own system for handling enquiries on trade-related information in its area of competence, there is no single central TF Enquiry point linking the existing mechanisms for handling enquiries.

TACB support needs include:

• Development of a TF Enquiry point system and training of the staff.
• Establishment of ICT infrastructure and acquisition of Equipment.

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3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Recognizing & Training on international best practices in the area of Advance rulings.
? Training for Customs officers to provide Advance ruling service.
? Development of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.
? Providing a software program for an advance ruling system through internet network, that enables the Traders dealing with the customs Authority to obtain all the requested information.

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

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development, Commercial Law Development Program

Progress reported

The Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) is currently working on the implementation of an "Advance Ruling" system through technical assistance provided by the USAID TRADE project in cooperation with CLDP.

In this context, the necessary legislative reforms for implementation have been drafted and an "application form" for advanced ruling has been designed. It is planned that during 2024, to finalize a proposal on regarding the organizational restructure to establish a specialized unit for advance rulings with clear functions and work procedures. The ECA officials will be trained on drafting advance rulings with respect to origin and tariffs.

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 January 2025

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishment of electronic network that links all the border agencies to facilitate the flow of notifications.
? Training of the Staff on risk analysis and dealing with such notifications.
? providing ICT infrastructure for relevant agencies.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Egyptian authorities has not received technical assistance and capacity building related to the implementation of Article 5.1.

TACB support needs include:

• Establishment of an electronic system through which the notifications are issued and disseminated to the relevant authorities/agencies at the border.
• Training of the staff on the issuance of notifications and dealing with such notifications based on the appropriate criteria.
• Providing the necessary ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
30 September 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishment of Laboratories to undertake testing at all the customs zones.
? Development of the existing laboratories and acquisition of equipment.
? Training of the Laboratories staff on the use of international best practices.
? Establishment of an electronic networking that links all the laboratories to all the related agencies and to link them with the Customs Authority.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies in order to be able to publish all fees & charges in Connection with Importation and Exportation.
? Training of the concerned staff in all related agencies on publication and the use of international best practices.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Egypt has not received technical assistance or capacity building support in this respect.

TACB support needs include:

• Conduct a business process analysis of existing fees and charges on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation.
• Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies in order to be able to publish all fees & charges in connection with Importation and Exportation.
• Training of the concerned staff in all related agencies on publication and review and the international best practices in this respect.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 September 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the border agencies and acquisition of equipment.
? Establishment of logistics centres at all the border crossings to provide that service.
? Training of the border agencies' staffs on the use of best practices in that area.
? providing automated system for common risks for data processing before the arrival of the goods.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 September 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishing of administrations in relation to electronic payment at all relevant agencies & establishing a securing system for these financial transactions.
? Training of the staff to provide this service.
? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the administrations of the electronic payment.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Development of the Administration in relation to risk management at the Customs Authority and all the competent authorities and provide the necessary ICT infrastructure.
? Training of the related staff to provide that service in accordance with international best practices.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom, European Union

Donor Agencies: World Bank, United States Department of Agriculture, International Finance Corporation, Korea International Cooperation Agency

Progress reported

The International Finance Corporation (the World Bank Group) – UK funded project

- In cooperation between the IFC (the World Bank group) and the NTFC a Risk Management Policy Framework has been developed involving all border agencies.
- The establishment and operation of such an integrated risk management framework has been incorporated in the draft National Trade Facilitation Strategy that has also been developed in cooperation with the IFC.

The Korea International Cooperation Agency(KOICA):

- In cooperation with KOICA, the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) has delivered a road map for the implementation requirements for fully integrated automated risk-based inspection (RBI) system, and for the conformity assessment procedures (CAP) for non-food consignments at the border and beyond the border.
- The necessary legislative reform for the implementation of such a system has been adopted, Ministerial decrees Nos. 283 and 284/2023 were issued to grant GOEIC the full authority to implement the integrated Risk-based Inspection (RBI) with respect to imports of non-food and industrial goods.

The USDA TAIB project:

- In cooperation with the National Food Safety Authority of Egypt (NFSA), the TAIB project has provided institutional capacity building , training programs for food inspectors and a workshop on TFA provisions with a focus on risk management.
- The project supported NFSA with the implementation of the new risk-based food import control system through developing the process for food import licensing and drafting NFSA's food commodity risk list that categorizes food based on their potential to harbour harmful pathogens and hazards.
- The project also provided assistance in developing the strategic plan of NFSA 2023-2026 which stated among its objectives the operationalization of the risk-based approach and developing a food safety science capacity to anchor NFSA's decision–making in food risk analysis. The technical support provided also aims at promoting NFSA's risk assessment capacity and science evaluation operations supporting standard setting, food safety incident management and food monitoring program in support of risk assessment.

The Italian Customs Administration & Monopolies (ADM) - EU funded project:

- Under the twinning project between the Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) and the Italian Customs Administration & Monopolies - EU funded project, workshops were conducted in relation to risk analysis. These workshops included the following activities:
- Reviewing the EU risk management framework, which is implemented in the Italian Customs.
- Training the ECA officials on developing their own Business Process Mapping (BPM), creating risk profiles and the targeting procedures to enhance the skills in identifying and combating potential risks and identifying the methodology of analyzing required data.

TACB support needs include:

• Development of risk management systems and their integration at the different border authorities including the use of automated risk management and selectivity criteria to be the basis for control decisions consistent with international best practices.
• Development of ICT tools and training of staff.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Training of the related staff on the latest systems on Accounting & Auditing in consistent with the updates of the e-commerce and transfer pricing.
? Provide the necessary ICT infrastructure.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Under the twinning project, the following activities were conducted:

- The Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) auditors were trained on the Post clearance Audit (PCA) methodology and its stages as per the best international practices in addition to the method of conducting a post clearance audit applied in EU particularly the ADM
- A Post Clearance Audit (PCA) Handbook has been developed, setting methodologies and guiding principles conducting audits to identify potential irregularities and enforce compliance. The handbook has been published on the ECA website.

TACB support needs include:

• Establishment of PCA systems and training of staff.

7.6 Average release times

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 March 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Providing the programme for the release time measurement which is adopted by the WCO and Training of the staff.
? Providing technical support according to the programmes of the WCO.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom

Donor Agencies: International Finance Corporation, World Bank

Progress reported

- In 2021, Egypt with the support of the World Bank Group, Egypt undertook its first Time Release Study for imports (TRS) in accordance with the World Customs Organization's (WCO) TRS methodology. The TRS was conducted at the Port of Alexandria in August 2021. The second TRS for imports will be conducted in 2024.
- The TRS for exports was conducted in Egypt at the Port of Alexandria in June 2022.
- This article was fully implemented on 31 March 2023 according to Egypt's notification G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.1 dated 17 November 2023 a head of the notified definitive date of 31 December 2025.

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7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 September 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Recognizing and Training on international best practices in relation to Authorized operators to expand the scope of the system and to include the small & Medium enterprises.
? Development of the necessary ICT infrastructure for the Authorized operator Administration at the Customs Authority.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

- The technical assistance in the context of the twinning project aimed at the expansion of the AEO program in the ECA and its upgrading in order to be in line with the best international practices through training on applying all the requirements and criteria necessary to grant the AEO status as per the WCO SAFE Framework.
- A legislative review related to AEO has been conducted.
- Guidelines for the AEO programme has been developed, providing clear instructions and criteria for stakeholders to attain the AEO status.
- According to Egypt's notification G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.1 dated 17 November 2023, this article was fully implemented on 30 September 2023 ahead of the notified definitive date of 31 December2025.

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

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Training of the related staff at the Customs Authority on the use of international best practices according to the programmes of the WCO.
? Development of the ICT infrastructure & the X-ray machines.
? Setting criteria/new frameworks to comply with the steady increase in the e-commerce imports through expedited shipments.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

The USDA TAIB project:

- The project supported NFSA in updating its food control system for imports and exports, training programs for NFSA inspectors to raise the efficiency of the release of food imports at the borders including those through Air Cargo, NFSA relied on pre-arrival notifications for incoming shipments. The project also supports the development/procurement of an e-inspection system and e-certificate for NFSA.

The twinning project between the Egyptian Customs Authority(ECA) and the Italian Customs Administration and Monopolies (ADM):

- Noting that expedited shipments (air-cargo shipments involves E-commerce, the twinning project has focused on presenting the EU and the ADM experience with respect to:
- Developing an E-commerce strategy and the associated risks and implementing monitoring mechanisms.
- The Electronic integrated models that link customs, postal services, express couriers and the relevant control authorities. These systems allow the exchange of information among them in relation to the customs declaration.
- The models and examples of cooperation protocols between customs, postal services, and express couriers to allow the possibility of providing the customs with the information related to shipments and packages.
- Currently, the ECA is preparing a draft strategy for the risks associated with e-commerce.

TACB support needs include:

• The development of a national implementation framework for the treatment of expedited shipments in accordance with international best practices including the establishment of the necessary ICT infrastructure.
• Training of staff on the application of the measure.

7.9 Perishable goods

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 September 2023

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishment of Laboratories to undertake testing for all Perishable Goods at all the customs zones.
? Development of the existing laboratories and acquisition of equipment for the expedited release of those goods.
? Training of the Laboratories staff on the use of international best practices.
? Establishment of an electronic networking to link the laboratories with all the related agencies and to link them with the Customs Authority.

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

Donor Agencies: United States Department of Agriculture

Progress reported

- USDA TAIB project contracted experts to provide specialized training programs for NFSA inspectors regarding the use of latest methods, techniques and percentages for sampling at the border for laboratory testing.
- This article was fully implemented on 30 September 2023 according to Egypt's notification G/TFA/N/EGY/1/Add.1 dated 17 November 2023 ahead of the notified definitive date of 31 December 2025.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Provide the necessary funds to establish an electronic networking for all the border agencies.
? Provide the necessary funds to establish a unified system of procedures to be applicable on the border ports.

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

Donor Members: United Kingdom

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Progress reported

- With respect to coordination and cooperation among border agencies at the national level, Egypt through its national efforts has taken the necessary measures to coordinate between all border agencies in the Egyptian ports in order to clear goods and speed up their release, especially with regard to examination procedures. In this regard, Prime Minister's Decision No. 3053 of 2019 was issued regarding the establishment of a permanent joint committee at each customs port to be responsible for inspection, including one or more representative from each border agency, and the coordinator of this committee is a representative of the Customs Authority chosen by the port's director.
- Coordination is also carried out among all agencies during the meetings of the various committees, including the National Trade Facilitation committee (NTFC), which was established as per Ministerial Decree No. 183/2011, including all the competent authorities (public & private).
- With regard to cooperation with other countries who share common border crossing points, it is carried out in accordance with memorandums of understanding or regional or bilateral agreements regulating this matter.

UNCTAD:

- UNCTAD provided the Egyptian NTFC with the reform tracker a digital tool to assist NTFCs in their role as coordinators of trade facilitation reforms and to monitor this reform.
- In addition to serving its main purpose , the reform tracker enables better coordination and cooperation among the border agencies by enhancing visibility of reforms.

TACB support needs include:

Egypt still needs assistance in accordance with sub paragraph 8.2, these TACB include:

• Establishment of an electronic networking for all the border agencies and establishing a unified system of procedures to be applicable on the border points.
• Harmonization of different systems between border agencies of neighbouring countries.
• Capacity building for staff on border agency cooperation.

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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

? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The relevant Egyptian Authorities have not received technical assistance or capacity building in respect of the implementation of Article 10.1.

However, Egypt has taken appropriate steps to minimize the incidence and complexity of import, export, and transit formalities and to decrease and simplify documentation requirements.

TACB support needs include:

• Conduct a thorough business process analysis of existing formalities and documentation.
• Harmonize trade formalities and documentation to international standards.
• Develop a system for regular and periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.
• Training of staff.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Recognizing & Training on the international best practices in relation to the electronic signature & ratification to be able to use the electronic copies of the documents.
? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies to enable the usage of the electronic copies of the documents.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Egypt has not received any technical assistance for the implementation of Article 10.2

TACB support needs include:

• Establishment of the appropriate procedural framework and ICT to ensure the sharing information and copies across the relevant agencies at the national level.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Training of the related agencies' staffs on the use of international best practices in relation to trade facilitation procedures and exchange of experiences with other countries in that area.

Tags: *Human resources and training*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Egypt has not received targeted technical assistance or capacity building in the implementation of this Article 10.3. The use of international standards is the basis for the various trade facilitation measures including the simplification of relevant formalities and procedures.

TACB support needs include:

Despite the fact that the relevant agencies and authorities exert their best effort to use international standards, TACB is needed in the following areas:

• Training of staff and creating awareness and understating of existing relevant international standards.
• Enhance participation of the relevant authorities in the development of international standards in the different international organizations.
• Assessing the conformity of existing relevant national formalities and procedures with national standards.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishment of systems for electronic networking for all the border agencies to facilitate the operation of the single window
? Providing ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies and the acquisition of necessary equipment.
? Re-engineering of the procedures for the competent authorities and coordinating the relevant Data.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

- Egypt has not received any technical assistance or capacity building in the implementation of the Single Window.
- Through its national efforts, Egypt launched the national single window for Egyptian trade across border (NAFEZA). The single window enables stakeholders to submit all the documentations needed for import, export & transit of goods in a single point of entry.
- Egypt has established a single window system in accordance with international standards, particularly Recommendation 33 issued by (UN/CEFACT).
- The single window system has been activated in most customs ports, and the platform has been electronically linked to most of the border agencies concerned with import, export and transit.
- The implementation of the system is being completed in the rest of the border ports and the electronic linking still remains to be completed with some concerned agencies.
TACB support needs include:

• Completion of the electronic networking of all the border agencies to facilitate the operation of the single window.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Provide the necessary funds to establish separate lanes for Transit in the Egyptian ports.
? Providing x-ray machines at all customs borders related to Transit.
? Establishment of a network to link x-ray machines at the national and international level to establish a mechanism for cooperation between customs at borders to exchange the images of Transit trucks.
? Establish a GPS System for the Containers and trucks for securing the Transit system.
? Providing Track and Trace devices
? Recognizing and Training on international best practices in relation to the operation of the Transit system and the use of the international expertise especially European.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

- Workshops were conducted with the Egyptian Customs Authority to exchange experience and to understand the existing transit system in the EU.
- A legal review has been conducted and accordingly, the Customs legislations has been modified to be in line with the international best practices and to fulfil the objective of transit-related legislations, which is monitoring the flow of international trade and protecting the borders.
- A transit guideline has been drafted in Arabic and English.

TACB support needs include:

• Development of a procedural framework and ICT infrastructure to ensure interlinking of the relevant agencies and authorities.
• Building capacity of the relevant agencies on the international standards and best practices with respect to freedom of transit.
• Establishment of an Administration for the response of enquiries in relation to Transit.
• Provide the necessary funds to establish separate lanes for Transit in the Egyptian ports.
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• Establish a tracking and trace system including a GPS System for the Containers and trucks for securing the transit.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

? Establishment of an Administration for the response of enquiries in relation to Transit.
? Development of the ICT infrastructure for that Administration and the acquisition of necessary equipment.

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

? Development of the ICT infrastructure for the Customs Authority and establishing a system for securing the information and maintain its confidentiality.
? Training of the Staff on the mechanism of enforcing the Agreements on Administrative Assistance and exchanging information.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

- A draft proposal for establishing a secure mechanism for exchange of data with other government agencies to enhance the exchange of information and cooperate to combat illegal trade.
- A MOU was drafted to enhance the mechanism of information exchange and better cooperation and information exchange with the stakeholders and the relevant parties.
TACB support needs include:

• Development of the ICT infrastructure for the secure exchange of data and information.
• Training and capacity building for the staff on the use of information exchange mechanisms.

Legend

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