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**Ratified Agreement:** Yes

**Ratification Date:** 2015-11-30

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C) | | | Due date | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Notified all category ABC designations | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 73.1% | B - 2.9% | C - 23.9% | **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 C | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2022 | 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

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|---|---|
| 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 | Ap Cp B»C | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2019 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2027 |
| 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 | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2020 |
| 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 | C | by 22 February 2022 | by 22 February 2026 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 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 | Ap Bp C»B | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2020 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2020 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | Ap Cp | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2021 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2023 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2023 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | B | by 22 February 2019 | by 22 February 2020 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 7.8 | Expedited shipments | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.9 | Perishable goods | Ap Cp | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2019 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2023 |
| 8 | Border Agency Cooperation | Ap Cp B»C | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2020 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2027 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | Ap Bp | by 22 February 2017 | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | Ap Bp | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2022 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2022 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | A | | by 22 February 2017 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 22 February 2022 |
| 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 | Ap Bp | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2020 | from 22 February 2017 to 22 February 2020 |
| 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 | A | | by 22 February 2017 |

**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/N/GUY/4 | 2020-11-09 | Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance |

| Symbol | Date | Description |
| --- | --- | --- |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/2/Rev.1 | 2020-06-29 | Notification Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 - Revision |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/1/Add.2 | 2019-08-23 | Category C notification - Addendum 2 |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/3 | 2018-12-04 | Article 22.3 |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/1/Add.1 | 2018-04-03 | Categories A, B and C notification - Addendum |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/2 | 2018-01-24 | Notification Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 |
| G/TFA/N/GUY/1 | 2017-07-28 | Categories A, B & C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/GUY/1 | 2016-01-07 | Category A notification |

## Technical Assistance detailled information

### 1.3 Enquiry points

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**1.3.2**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2019

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2027

### Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance required:
-Develop regional guidelines and standard operating procedures for the administration of a regional enquiry point.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

### Progress reported

The provision applies to Enquiry Point at the Regional (CARICOM) Level, this measure was notified with an extended timeline of 2027, since implementation will also depend on actions taken at the regional level.

**3.1**
**3.2 (a), (b)**
**3.3**
**3.4**
**3.5**
**3.6 (a), (b), (c)**
**3.7**
**3.8**
**3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2020

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance required:
• Training staff and adoption of international best practices as increased institutional capacity in classification and valuation will be needed.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

The Customs Authority has implemented Advance Ruling.

TACB support needs include:
• Training staff and adoption of international best practices as increased institutional capacity in Classification, Valuation and Rules of Origin will be needed.

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**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2026

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance required:
• Training staff and adoption of international best practices.
• Development of appropriate legislation to ensure compliance with current standards and coordination with the relevant competent authorities such as the Government Analyst, Food and Drug Department and the Guyana National Standards Bureau.
• Develop in-house testing capability.

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

**Donor Agencies:** Inter-American Development Bank

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Initiatives are ongoing, A National Quality Infrastructure Project is being implemented by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards to enable the development of quality management systems, in order to obtain accreditation to international standards.
TACB support needs include:
• Training staff and adoption of international best practices.
• Development of appropriate legislation to ensure compliance with current standards and coordination with the relevant competent authorities such as the Government Analyst, Food and Drug Department and the Guyana National Standards Bureau.
• Develop in-house testing capability.

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**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2023

## Assistance required for implementation

Financial and Technical Assistance required:
• Procurement of appropriate software and any necessary hardware.
• Training IT staff and users of the system once procured.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
TACB support needs include:
• Procurement of appropriate software and any necessary hardware.
• Training of IT staff and users of the system once procured.

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7.5.2
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**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2023

## Assistance required for implementation

Resources required include additional staffing with audit skills related to valuation, classification, accounting and procurement of information digitally. Some legislation on the value of digital evidence may be required.

Technical Assistance is required to:
• Develop and Publish criteria for Authorised Traders as evolution of "Trusted Trader" Programme.
• Enable electronic filing and processing at land borders which would be dependent upon availability of infrastructure and connectivity.
• Draft Legislation for application of electronic filing and processing.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Initiatives have been implemented. Technical Assistance needs remain relevant especially in the area of Training.
TACB support needs include:
• Additional staffing with audit skills related to valuation, classification, accounting, and procurement of information digitally.
• Customs laws have been amended to accept electronic and paper-based submissions. Criteria for Trusted Traders has been developed and published since 2018. Electronic filing and processing implementation at land borders would be dependent upon availability of infrastructure and connectivity.

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**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**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2022

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance is required:
• Training staff and users of the service as it evolves.
• Procure and develop an automated processing system to monitor same. Consideration of integration into ASYCUDA once this is implemented.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
There is a Trusted Trader Programme currently in place. This programme is a variant of the Authorized Economic Operators Programme. However, The Customs Authority is working towards having the AEO implemented at the earliest.
TACB support needs include:
• Training staff and users of the service as it evolves.
• Procure and develop an automated processing system to monitor same. Consideration of integration into ASYCUDA once this is implemented.

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7.9.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2019

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2023

## Assistance required for implementation

Financial and Technical Assistance is required:
• Training and development of procedures consistent with best practices.
• Procurement of tracking software.

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

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
There is the IMD7 established in the ASYCUDA platform which facilitates immediate delivery of perishable goods.
TACB support needs include:
• Training and development of procedures consistent with best practices.
• Procurement of tracking software.

8.2 (b)

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2027

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance is required:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations between bordering countries.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Institutional procedures*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Article 8.2 (b –e) was given an extended timeline of 2027, since full implementation is not feasible in the short term and would require procedural and legal changes.
8.2 b – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of relevant border procedures regulations to guide operations between bordering countries.
8.2 c – TACB support needs include:
• Drafting of legislation to allow for the acceptance of results of cross border testing and common standards.
• Training and development of testing facilities.
8.2 d – TACB support needs include:
• Development of IT system to capture all the required information and data at the borders.
8.2 e – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
• Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure, and equipment.
• Harmonisation of different systems between bordering countries.
• Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.

**8.2 (c)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2027

## Assistance required for implementation

Financial and Technical Assistance required:
• Drafting legislation to allow for the acceptance of results of cross border testing and common standards.
• Training and development of testing facilities.

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Article 8.2 (b –e) was given an extended timeline of 2027, since full implementation is not feasible in the short term and would require procedural and legal changes.
8.2 b – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of relevant border procedures regulations to guide operations between bordering countries.
8.2 c – TACB support needs include:
• Drafting of legislation to allow for the acceptance of results of cross border testing and common standards.
• Training and development of testing facilities.
8.2 d – TACB support needs include:
• Development of IT system to capture all the required information and data at the borders.
8.2 e – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
• Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure, and equipment.
• Harmonisation of different systems between bordering countries.
• Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.

**8.2 (d)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2027

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical Assistance required:
• Develop IT system to capture all the required information and data at the borders.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Article 8.2 (b –e) was given an extended timeline of 2027, since full implementation is not feasible in the short term and would require procedural and legal changes.
8.2 b – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of relevant border procedures regulations to guide operations between bordering countries.
8.2 c – TACB support needs include:
• Drafting of legislation to allow for the acceptance of results of cross border testing and common standards.
• Training and development of testing facilities.
8.2 d – TACB support needs include:
• Development of IT system to capture all the required information and data at the borders.
8.2 e – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
• Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure, and equipment.
• Harmonisation of different systems between bordering countries.
• Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.

**8.2 (e)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2027

## Assistance required for implementation

Financial and Technical Assistance required:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
• Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure and equipment.
• Harmonisation of different systems between bordering countries.
• Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

**Donor Agencies:** to be determined

## Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Article 8.2 (b –e) was given an extended timeline of 2027, since full implementation is not feasible in the short term and would require procedural and legal changes.
8.2 b – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of relevant border procedures regulations to guide operations between bordering countries.
8.2 c – TACB support needs include:
• Drafting of legislation to allow for the acceptance of results of cross border testing and common standards.
• Training and development of testing facilities.
8.2 d – TACB support needs include:
• Development of IT system to capture all the required information and data at the borders.
8.2 e – TACB support needs include:
• Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
• Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure, and equipment.
• Harmonisation of different systems between bordering countries.
• Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.

## 10.4 Single window

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**10.4.1**
**10.4.2**
**10.4.3**
**10.4.4**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
22 February 2022

### Assistance required for implementation

Financial and Technical Assistance required:
• Procurement of ASYCUDA software and any necessary hardware.
• Training IT staff and users of the new ASYCUDA system.

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

**Donor Agencies:** Inter-American Development Bank

### Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:
Initiatives on track with the targeted timeline. However due to COVID-19 measures, there is a delay and consultations are expected to resume later in the year for revised timelines. Full implementation of SW is expected within a few years.
Some needs in the area remains relevant especially as it relates to training IT staff and users of the new ASYCUDA World programme.
TACB needs include:
• Procurement of software and any necessary hardware for the ESW
• Training IT staff and users of the new ESW system.

**Legend**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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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