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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Maldives

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 16.4%	B - 33.2%	C - 50.4%	**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 C	Definitive implementation date 23 July 2019	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 30 June 2027	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 22 July 2021	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	B E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
1.2	Information available through internet	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 November 2022
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2021	by 23 July 2019
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
2.2	Consultations	B E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2021	by 22 October 2019
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 December 2027
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B 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	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2023	by 26 August 2024
7.3	Separation of release	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 December 2027
7.4	Risk management	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2023
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	C B»C E	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	B C»B E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	B	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2023
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2021	by 01 January 2022
10.3	Use of international standards	C E	by 31 December 2021	by 30 June 2027

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
10.4	Single window	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
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	B	by 31 December 2021	by 01 January 2022
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	C E	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2027
11	Transit	C	by 31 December 2023	by 30 June 2023
12	Customs cooperation	B	by 31 December 2021	by 22 July 2021

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/MDV/5/Rev.1	2025-08-29	Article 1.4 - Revision

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.7	2025-08-27	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/MDV/5	2024-09-18	Article 1.4
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.6	2024-09-04	Notification of earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.5	2024-08-27	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.3	2023-08-21	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.4	2023-08-21	Shifting of categories and extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/N/MDV/4/Rev.1	2023-08-08	Arrangement and progress in the provision of technical assistance - Revision
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.2	2023-08-08	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MDV/3/Add.1	2021-06-14	Categories B and C notification - Shifting of categories - Extension of time request
G/TFA/N/MDV/4	2020-01-16	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/MDV/3	2019-12-09	Categories A, B and C
G/TFA/N/MDV/1/Add.1	2019-10-03	Articles 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Addendum
G/TFA/N/MDV/2	2019-09-04	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/MDV/1	2019-07-23	Notification Art. 1.4

Technical Assistance detailled information

1.2 Information available through internet

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and financial support are required to translate all existing laws, rules and regulations, standards, guidelines, SOPs relating to trade, into English language.
Assistance and support are required to upgrade, Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and Maldives Food and Drug Authority (MFDA) website.
Assistance to develop capacity of MED, MFDA and officials of Ministry of Health (MoH) to manage, maintain and update website, / information portal.
Assistance to develop Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture (MoFMA) to further develop fisheries information system (FIS), and assistance to develop capacity on managing and updating fisheries information portal.

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

C

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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 November 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance to build institutional arrangements, develop staff capacity, training of staff on operating and maintaining enquiry points.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
23 July 2019

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support required to train staff in the area of notification.
Assistance is needed to establish an electronic information and notification management system or such mechanism, enabling an expeditious, accurate and timely flow in notifications.

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

2.1 Comments and information before entry into force

C

2.1.1 **Indicative date of implementation**
31 December 2021

2.1.2 **Definitive date of implementation**
30 June 2027

2.1.3

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support required to train staff to build the legal competency to develop procedures and a mechanism for public consultation on laws and regulations.

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

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3.2 (a), (b)
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3.6 (a), (b), (c)
3.7
3.8
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
22 October 2019

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance on training and building expertise on advance ruling and on Rules of Origin (ROO) required for Customs officials and other border related agencies.
Assistance to conduct public education campaigns for stakeholder awareness and engagement.

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

Donor Agencies: Asian Development Bank, World Customs Organization

Progress reported

World Customs Organization (WCO) Expert assistance was provided to create a regulation covering all the areas under this provision.

Staff capacity building activities and awareness sessions held.

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and support to implement an e-notification alert system for Health Protection Agency (HPA), Maldives Food and Drug Authority (MFDA) and Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture and capacity building to facilitate notification for enhanced controls and/or inspections.
Assistance to review the legal framework and procedures to analyse and enhance the legal framework and procedures.

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

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5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and financial support are required to acquire laboratory testing kits and relevant laboratory equipment and materials.
Assistance and support are required to train and build capacity of the technical staff and testing capabilities of laboratory staff.
Assistance and support are required to strengthen capacity at National Health Laboratory for food and medicine testing.
Assistance and support are also required to establish port facilities at central and regional level for food and medicine storage.
Assistance and support are also required to develop testing parameters and accreditation.

Tags: *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
26 August 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Capacity development for the respective institutions that will be involved in the implementation of the national single window system.
Assistance required to strengthen the legal framework, to enable electronic payments.

The feature of electronic payment may be made available with the introduction of National Single Window (NSW).

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

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7.3.1
7.3.2 (a), (b)
7.3.3
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance and financial support to procure the relevant technologies, such as pallet scanners, container X-ray scanners, so that shipments can be released without payment of duty and taxes, upon providing adequate security or guarantee.

Assistance on introduction of a security/guarantee system in Customs.

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

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7.4.2
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

Expert support on the design and establishment of a risk management system.
ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system.
Assistance required for the development of capacity of staff in related institutions on the implementation of the risk management system.
Technical assistance to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification, and application of risk management.
Expert support required in the design, establishment and operation of a risk management system.

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

C

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7.5.2
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7.5.4

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance required for Maldives Customs Service and where required, at other related agencies to develop a full-fledged PCA System, with all internal process and procedures, which is also linked with the risk management system that will complement each other.

Tags: *Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

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7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Assistance is required on designing, planning and implementing time-release studies.
Staff capacity needs to be developed and the necessary training is required for staff on improving the average time release.

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

C

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 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and support are required to introduce authorized trader/operator scheme, develop a monitoring framework though which Customs can establish and monitor operator compliance and the necessary training to Customs Officials.
Training and capacity building are also required for all other border agencies to ensure fuller compliance to this provision.

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

C

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)
7.8.3

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance in configuring the systems to cater expedited release
Develop staff capacity, training of staff on processing the release of expedited shipments.
Technical assistance in the introduction of simplified declaration.
Need technical assistance to introduce security/guarantee system.
Training and Capacity Building required for Customs Officials to implement Authorized Economic Operators (AEO).
Note: Technical assistance provided by ADB to design and develop Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program.

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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10.3.1
10.3.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Training and capacity development are required to support the staff of relevant institutions to comply with international standards and best practices.
Assistance is required for testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of relevant regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading the facilities in compliance with international standards.
Assistance required to join ATA Carnet. (Note: Customs will be acceding to the RKC soon.)
Training is required for Customs Officials to implement ATA Carnet.

Technical expertise required to identify gaps between existing legislation and international standards and assist to align in accordance with them.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

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10.4.2
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Training and capacity building are required for relevant border agency staff and the business community to sensitize and train them to implement and operate in a National Single Window environment.
Training is required, specifically focused on those officials who will be involved in the day to day operation and implementation of the National Single Window System in the country.
Technical assistance is also required to build the institutional capacity in relevant border agencies, in order to implement the National Single Window.
(Note: Financial assistance requested, funding approved and Agreements signed with ADB in 2019, for the development of a National Single Window in Maldives.
Funding for this project will be released in 2019).

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

Donor Agencies: Asian Development Bank

Progress reported

The Government of Maldives has sought assistance from the Asian Development Bank to implement a National Single Window (NSW) Project on trade facilitation in the Maldives. The project was signed between the Government of Maldives and ADB on 18 June 2019.

Under the NSW system, all import and export documentary requirements, processes and procedures, including payments will be automated and streamlined.

A total of 7 core border agencies ICT systems will be integrated with the NSW system to be established in the country.

Donor Agencies: Asian Development Bank

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10.9.2 (a), (b), (c)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and training are required to supervise and audit inward and outward operations.

Technical assistance to establish the link between revenue authority in determining inward/outward duty and applicable taxes.

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

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11.1 (a), (b)
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11.6 (a), (b)
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11.16 (a), (b), (c)
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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
30 June 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building required to develop a legal framework and in the ICT field.

Assistance to introduce security/guarantee system.

Assistance to train staff at Customs and other border agencies.

Assistance required to establish a coordination and cooperation exchange mechanism between border agencies.

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

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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