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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database

Samoa

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 39.9%	B - 27.7%	C - 32.4%	**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	No
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2019	No

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 29 June 2021	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2040	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

Notified Art. 22.3	No

Legend: Yes Notification presented | No Notification due | No Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 22 February 2021	by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
1.4	Notification	B	by 29 June 2021	by 29 June 2021
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	A		by 22 February 2017
2.2	Consultations	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B E	by 22 February 2020	by 29 June 2020
5.2	Detention	B E	by 22 February 2020	by 29 June 2020
5.3	Test procedures	A		by 22 February 2017
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	C	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2025

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 30 June 2019	by 31 December 2025
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.3	Separation of release	B E	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2020
7.4	Risk management	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.6	Average release times	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 February 2023	by 31 December 2026
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C B»C E	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2025
9	Movement of goods	B	by 22 February 2020	by 29 June 2021
10.1	Formalities	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2027
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
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 2022	by 31 December 2040
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	B	by 22 February 2019	by 29 June 2019
11	Transit	B	by 29 June 2019	by 29 June 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/WSM/2	2021-06-30	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2, 12.2.2

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/WSM/1/Add.2	2020-06-30	Category B notification - Addendum 2 - extension of time request
G/TFA/N/WSM/1/Add.1	2019-08-20	Categories B and C notification - Addendum - extension of time request
G/TFA/N/WSM/1	2018-08-28	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/SAM/1	2015-11-02	Category A notification

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
22 February 2021

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy
? Undertake study to include stocktake of all trade information available online; identify gaps and assess Samoa's readiness to have a trade information portal/ website; cost and benefit analysis. Develop policy and legislate as necessary the mandate and process of publishing information; and having this information available online
Procedures
? Review of outdated Standard Operating Procedures
Human Resources/Training
? Training of IT Staff to design, develop and maintain websites
? Training of Customs officials on the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures
? Relevant training of officials and private sector
Information and Communication Technology
? Develop and maintain a Trade Information Portal system (TIP)
Infrastructure
? Appropriate equipment and software programs for border agencies
Consultations/Public Awareness
? Stakeholder consultations on the potential TIP

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

C

4.1 (a), (b)
4.2
4.3
4.4 (a), (b), paragraph
4.5
4.6

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Operation
? Financial (and technical support where relevant) assistance required for the initial set-up and operation of the Customs Appeal Authority for the first five years

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

C

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 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Human resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs officials on the implementation and application of this provision

Tags: *Human resources and training*

C

7.1.1
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation
30 June 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on the implementation and application of this provision
Information and Communication Technology
? Enhance the technological capacity of Customs officials in implementing this provision
Infrastructure
? Upgrade existing Customs and Border agencies systems and infrastructure to facilitate Pre-arrival processing
? Upgrade and improvements to existing Quarantine Biosecurity infrastructure to facilitate pre-arrival processing

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

C

7.2

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy
? Review existing systems and policies. And determine feasibility and resources required to set-up and operate an electronic payment system
Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on electronic payment
Information and Communication Technology
? Enhance technological capacity of border agencies and government agencies necessary to implement an electronic payment system
Infrastructure
? Development, set-up and installation of appropriate technology and equipment to put in place an electronic payment system

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

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal
? Review/develop legal basis to enhance coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management
Policy
? Develop a risk management policy with target percentages of low/high risk cargo
? Develop a training plan for Customs, Quarantine Biosecurity and Border agencies officials on risk management targeting the application of risk management
Procedures
? Review and develop necessary procedures
Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs and Quarantine Biosecurity officials on risk management using transaction data from ASYCUDA system
? Training and Development for border agencies staff on risk identification and profiling
Information and Communication Technology ? Enhance technological capacity of Border agencies necessary to implement a proper risk management process/system
Infrastructure ? Provision of Non -Intrusive Inspection equipment
? Provision of appropriate technology and equipment to support the implementation of a proper risk management system

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

7.5 Post-clearance audit

C

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.5.1	22 February 2023	31 December 2027
7.5.2		
7.5.3		
7.5.4		

Assistance required for implementation

Legal ? Develop/review relevant legislations and
policies for Post Clearance Audit (PCA)
Policy ? Develop a compliance assessment policy
and procedure incorporating the
connectivity with risk management
? Develop a training plan/module to train
Customs officials and agents on the
concept of 'informed compliance' and train
the target groups
? Develop a methodology/approach to
conduct a national compliance assessment
on an annual basis
Procedures
Develop and update processes and
procedures that incorporate these aspects of
PCA: ? Draft a compliance assessment policy and
procedure incorporating the connectivity
with risk management
? Draft a training module to train Customs
and the Agents on the concept of 'informed compliance' and train the target groups
? Draft a methodology/approach to conduct
a compliance assessment on an annual
basis for the whole of Samoa
? Conduct annual compliance assessments
? Train Customs staff to conduct PCA as a
compliance assessment tool
Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs
officials to conduct Post Clearance Audit as
a compliance assessment tool
? Develop data analysis skills and knowledge
for Customs and border agencies officials
? Capacity building and training for Customs
PCA officials on auditing techniques and
methodology
Information and Communication
Technology
? Enhance technological capacity of Border
agencies necessary to implement PCA
Infrastructure
? Provision of appropriate technology and
equipment to help implement PCA

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and*

equipment, 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
22 February 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Legal
? Develop relevant legislation and policies to allow the setup of an Authorised Operators (AO) program
Policy
? Develop an Authorised Operators policy
Procedures
? Develop proper procedures and criteria for the assessment of authorised operators that meet specified criteria in the AO program
Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs and Quarantine officials on the implementation of the AO program

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
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy
? Develop relevant legislation and policies
Procedures
? Review of outdated Standard Operating Procedures
Human Resources/Training
? Training of Customs and Border agencies officials on clearance of commercial cargos at the airports
? Training of Customs officials on the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures
Infrastructure
? Appropriate equipment required such as x-rays, scanners and computers for border agencies

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

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Legal/Policy
• Review and identify gaps in the existing system of coordination and policies
• Review/develop legal basis to enhance coordination and collaboration between border agencies
Procedures
• Develop Procedures and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help enhance the cooperation of border agencies
Human Resources/Training
• Capacity building and training for Border agencies officials on a new coordinated approach

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

C

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

Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Policy
? Support to customs to expedite publication and activation of the new draft procedures under the modernization program
Information and Communication Technology
? Enhance the technological capacity of Customs and border agencies officials to ensure full utilisation of the ASYCUDA World system
Infrastructure
? Upgrade existing Customs system and infrastructure to implement this provision

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

10.4 Single window

C

10.4.1	**Indicative date of implementation**	**Definitive date of implementation**
10.4.2	22 February 2022	31 December 2040
10.4.3		
10.4.4		

Assistance required for implementation

Legal
? Review/develop relevant laws to facilitate the development of a comprehensive national single window
? Compliance review
? Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with other agencies to enhance cooperation
Policy
? Conduct a feasibility study to explore the viability of a national single window system
? Develop a strategy for the implementation of single window
Procedures
? Develop appropriate procedures and processes to facilitate the implementation of single window
Human Resources/Training
? Capacity building and training for Customs officials and border agencies on the implementation of single window system
? Capacity building for other government agencies and private sector on the implementation of single window system
Information and Communication Technology
? Review of national ICT policies to facilitate the implementation of single window
? Enhance and upgrade technological capabilities of border agencies and government agencies necessary to implement the single window
Infrastructure
? Provision of appropriate technology and equipment to help implement single window

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, 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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