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**Legend**

- **A**: Fully notified in A
- **Ap**: Partially notified in A
- **B**: Fully notified in B
- **Bp**: Partially notified in B
- **C**: Fully notified in C
- **Cp**: Partially notified in C
- **N**: Not yet notified
- **E**: Extension of time requested
- **C→B**: Shift from C to B
- **B→C**: Shift from B to C

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## 1.3 Enquiry points

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### Assistance required for implementation

The National Enquiry Point for Customs is already established.
The National Enquiry Point for Trade is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group.
Assistance required (related to the National Enquiry Point for Trade):

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Need Assessment

**Tags:** Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training
Donor Agencies: World Bank, USAID

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Enquiry Point (NEP) for Customs has been established by the National Board of Revenue with technical assistance from the USAID.

Therefore, the NBR will require capacity development and training assistance from other development partners/WTO.

The NEP for Ministry of Commerce for non-customs issues is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. WBG is providing the following assistance:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Logistics for the ministry of Commerce

Therefore, the Ministry of Commerce will require assistance from other development partners/WTO on –
(i) Capacity development and training, (ii) Development of software connectivity with other Ministries/Departments and develop linkage with Ministry of Commerce, (iii) development of a coordination mechanism and (iv) logistics for other ministries and department.
1.4 Notification

### 1.4 (c) Indicative date of implementation
20 February 2020

### Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

The National Enquiry Point for Customs is already established.
The National Enquiry Point for Trade is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group.

Assistance required (related to the National Enquiry Point for Trade):
1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Needs Assessment

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

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.
5.3 Test procedures

5.3.1

5.3.2

5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation
20 February 2020

Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

The Department of Plant Quarantine, Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institute, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Department of livestock, Department of Fisheries do not have sufficient laboratories for 2nd tests. It has now become a challenge for them. Technical assistance is required to establish testing laboratories and other logistics and also capacity building for Test Procedures. Development partners’ assistance is required in the following areas:

1. Equipment
2. Calibration
3. New lab
4. Training and capacity building

Tags: Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Department of Plant Quarantine, Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institute, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Department of livestock, Department of Fisheries do not have sufficient laboratories for 2nd tests. It has now become a challenge for them. Technical assistance is required to establish testing laboratories and other logistics and also capacity building for Test Procedures. Development partners’ assistance is required in the following areas:

1. Equipment
2. Calibration
3. New lab
4. Training and capacity building
7.1 Pre-arrival processing

7.1.1 Indicative date of implementation
To be determined

7.1.2 Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this Measure with technical assistance from the USAID. Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training

Donor Agencies: USAID

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID. The USAID is providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity building, and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Pre-Arrival Processing.
7.4 Risk management
7.4.1

Indicative date of implementation  
To be determined

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**Assistance required for implementation**

The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID and the World Bank Group (WBG). Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation.
2. Consultation.
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Need Assessment

The Plant Quarantine Wing has previously received training from the WBG. It requires assistance from development partners for:

1. Capacity development of surveillance mechanism.
2. Establishment of pest Risk Analysis (PRA) procedure.
3. Technical support on risk assessment and mitigation.
4. Documentary and awareness development program in social media for moral and ethical responsibilities.
5. Preparation of some SOPs and manuals for risk management issues.

The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) is working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. It requires assistance for:

1. Stabilization of the Risk management system following international best practices.
2. Training for the Risk Management Committee members.
3. On-site visit for Risk Management Committee that have successfully established the system.

No development partner is currently working with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission in this regard. It requires assistance from development partners in the area of risk management.

For developing laboratory facilities, accredited process is going on. Plant quarantine wing of DAE need official assistance.

Mentioned that, automation process of import and export permit already been started.

**Tags:** Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising
**Donor Agencies:** World Bank, USAID

**Progress reported**

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

A. The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the USAID and the World Bank Group (WBG). The USAID and the World Bank Group are providing technical assistance with respect to need assessment, support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders. However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Risk Management.

B. The Plant Quarantine Wing has previously received training from the WBG. Currently it is not receiving any assistance from any donor. It requires assistance from development partners/WTO for:

1. Capacity development of surveillance mechanism
2. Establishment of pest Risk Analysis (PRA) procedure
3. Technical support on risk assessment and mitigation
4. Documentary and awareness development program in social media for moral and ethical responsibilities
5. Preparation of some SOPs and manuals for risk management issues
6. Legislation support and technical assistance for processing bio-security clearance
7. Technical assistance for facilitation of the accreditation process in Developing laboratory facilities

C. The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) has previously worked to implement this measure wing technical assistance from the World Bank Group. Currently it is not receiving any assistance from any donor. It requires assistance from development partner/WTO for:

1. Stabilization of the Risk management system following international best practices
2. Training for the Risk Management Committee members
3. On-site visit for Risk Management Committee that have successfully established the system

No development partner is currently working with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission in this regard. It requires assistance from development partners in the area of risk management.
7.5 Post-clearance audit

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Assistance required for implementation

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID (for transaction-based audit) and the Asian Development Bank (for system-based audit) to become compliant with this Measure.

Assistance required:
1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development

Tags: Human resources and training

Donor Agencies: USAID, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID (for transaction-based audit) and the Asian Development Bank (for system-based audit) to become compliant with this Measure.

The USAID and ADB are providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate capacity development and training activities on Post-clearance Audit.
7.7 Authorized operators

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7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
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**Assistance required for implementation**

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID and the Asian Development Bank to implement the AEO system in Bangladesh.

Assistance required:
1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development
4. Need Assessment
5. Support for Legislation

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

**Donor Agencies:** USAID, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Progress reported**

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID and the Asian Development Bank to implement the AEO system in Bangladesh.

The USAID and ADB are providing technical assistance with respect to need assessment, support for legislation, training, and consultation with stakeholders. However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate only in capacity development and training activities on Authorized Operator.
### Indicative date of implementation
To be determined

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To be determined

#### Assistance required for implementation

The USAID is providing technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue in establishing an expedited courier system that complies with international best practice.

Assistance required:
1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development
4. Infrastructure Support

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

#### Donor Agencies: USAID

#### Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The USAID is providing technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue in establishing an expedited courier system that complies with international best practice.

The USAID is providing technical assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity development and consultation with stakeholders.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Expedited shipments.
## 7.9 Perishable goods

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### Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Infrastructure Support

Again, Port authorities require both technical (feasibility study, drawing, design etc.) and financial (infrastructure, equipment, maintenance etc.) assistance.

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

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Infrastructure Support

Again, Port authorities require both technical (feasibility study, drawing, design etc.) and financial (infrastructure, equipment, maintenance etc.) assistance.
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**Assistance required for implementation**

(A) In-country border-agency cooperation:
The World Bank Group has agreed to provide loan assistance in the area of coordinated border management.
Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance from development partners for establishing strong cooperation with all border agencies.

(B) Cross-border agency cooperation:
No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of cross-border agency cooperation. SASEC program under ADB coordinates activities in different South Asian Countries.
Assistance required:
1. Negotiation and Consultation
2. Capacity development
3. Infrastructure
4. Automation

**Tags:** Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training
Donor Agencies: World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

(A) In-country border-agency cooperation:

The World Bank Group is providing loan assistance to the Ministry of Shipping to develop facilities and infrastructure only at four ports, namely Benapole, Bhomra, Sonamasjid and Burimari. Ministry of Shipping requires assistance from other development partners/ WTO in developing facilities and infrastructure at other ports.

The ADB is considering to provide technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue for the development of facilities and infrastructures at Sonamasjid, Sonahut, Tamabil, Akhaura, Teknaf, Haluaghat, Bibirbazar, Nakugaon, Shaola, and Darsana land customs stations.

On the other hand, Plant Quarantine Department is not currently receiving any assistance from any development partner.

(B) Cross-border agency cooperation:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of cross-border agency cooperation. SASEC program under ADB coordinates activities in different South Asian Countries.

Assistance required:

1. Negotiation and Consultation
2. Capacity development
3. Infrastructure
4. Automation
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**Assistance required for implementation**

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:
1. Training
2. Capacity development

Again, Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance for-
(a) the preparation of a valid organogram of Plant Quarantine Authority in Bangladesh, and
(b) the establishment of E-Phyto System.

**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:

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.

Assistance required:
1. Training
2. Capacity development

Again, Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance for-
(a) the preparation of a valid organogram of Plant Quarantine Authority in Bangladesh, and
(b) the establishment of E-Phyto System.
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**Assistance required for implementation**

The National Board of Revenue is currently implementing the project with loan assistance from the World Bank.

Assistance required:

1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
4. Capacity development
5. Coordination mechanism among intra and inter agencies is required

Again, ICT related assistance (both hardware and software) will be required at the ports.

Further, technical assistance for data standard management will be required at BCSIR.

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

Progress reported

Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:

The National Board of Revenue is currently implementing the project with loan assistance from the World Bank.

The World Bank Group is providing loan assistance with respect to support for legislation, training, capacity development and consultation with stakeholders, and development of coordination mechanism.

However, the NBR appreciates any opportunity from other development partners/WTO for the relevant officials to participate in capacity development and training activities on Single Window.

Further, technical assistance for data standard management will be required at BCSIR. BCSIR is not currently receiving any assistance from any development partner in this area related to perishable goods. Therefore, it requires assistance highlighted above from the development partners/WTO.
Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (establishing separate physical infrastructure for traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:
1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
2. Training
3. Capacity development
4. Development of Integrated Transit Policy

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training

Donor Agencies: to be determined

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Indicative date of implementation
To be determined

Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (allowing advance filing and processing of transit documentation and data prior to arrival of goods under traffic-in-transit).

Assistance required:
1. Support for legislation
2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings
3. Training
5. Development of Integrated Transit Policy

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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11.16 (a), (b), (c)

Indicative date of implementation
To be determined

Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

1. No donor agency is working on this measure, so support is required
2. Assistance is required for Development of Integrated Transit Policy

Tags: Legislative and regulatory framework

Donor Agencies: to be determined

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