



Moldova, Republic of

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2016-06-24**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 57.6%	B - 19.7%	C - 22.7%	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 31 December 2025	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	Yes
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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	C	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2017
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
2.2	Consultations	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2017
5.3	Test procedures	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	A		by 22 February 2017
7.7	Authorized operators	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	A		by 22 February 2017
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2019
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
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	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
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/MDA/4	2024-02-02	Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/MDA/2/Rev.1	2020-08-04	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/MDA/1/Add.2	2019-08-22	Category C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/MDA/1/Add.1	2019-02-26	Category B notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/MDA/3	2018-08-24	Notification under article 22.3
G/TFA/N/MDA/2	2018-06-29	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 notification
G/TFA/N/MDA/1	2018-03-13	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/MDA/1	2014-09-19	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

Implementation experience

Date	Title
2 May 2018 - 3 May 2018	Moldova's National Action Plan on Trade Facilitation

1.2 Information available through internet



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Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2019

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Creation of a comprehensive trade information e-portal (e-Trade Point), with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) structures and dissemination functions on trade-related administrative procedures and regulatory requirements. In addition, establish detailed procedures for Trade point functioning, the review and periodic updating of published information;

Updating the content, style and design of the official Customs Service web site and further develop Customs information system, to ensure prompt and timely reflection of applicable regulatory and procedural requirements;

Updating the content, style and design of the official website of the National Agency for Food Safety (ANSA).

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

Donor Agencies: United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

The Trade Information Portal of the Republic of Moldova (Trade Information Portal/M-TIP) is designed to implement the commitments of the Republic of Moldova provided in the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO TFA), the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union (AA) and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA). M-TIP integrates the Republic of Moldova's regulations on foreign trade, as well as useful information for importers and exporters, in an easily accessible manner. The aim is to provide transparency and predictability to regulations and commercial procedures, thus improving compliance and reducing the cost of external commercial activities.

The portal was implemented with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the USAID Moldova Institutional and Structural Reforms Activity (MISRA) and it was launched on 5 May 2020.

Currently, in the context of the new Customs Code entered into force on 1 January 2024, the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova with the support of the USAID Moldova Institutional and Structural Reforms Activity (MISRA) is in the process of updating the information on the Commercial Information Portal of the Republic of Moldova www.trade.gov.md

At the same time, with the support of the MISRA Program, in December 2023 the information campaign regarding the presentation of the provisions of the new Customs Code started.

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Assessment of best practice procedures, development, adoption and publication of border-notification procedures for the purpose of strengthening controls and inspections in line with the proposal, including:

- (i) the criteria according to which a notification may be made;
- (ii) the termination or suspension of the alert;
- (iii) notifying the importer or the competent authority of the exporting country.

Staff training in the management of the formal notification system, including national and international best practices;

Training of relevant border agencies in the field of the operational requirements of the notification system;

Conduct actions to develop and implement a National Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (SNARAF) and a National Early Warning Mechanism (MNAT) compatible with those in the EU;

Strengthen mechanisms for achieving the right to appeal or review by regulating the establishment of Dispute Settlement Boards as a tool to ensure transparency in the administrative procedure for reviewing appeals against actions, inactions of the public agent and against administrative acts issued in control procedures;

Implement and ensure the functioning of the Dispute Resolution Boards.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Customs Service has not received technical assistance for the implementation of the Art. 5.1 related to the Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections.



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Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020	31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Development of the ASYCUDA World System for the implementation of the prearrival declaration procedure and processing;

Developing the system of pre-arrival risk analysis.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Progress reported

The processing of pre-arrival of the customs declarations based on electronic data exchange has been implemented between customs and the designated national postal operator (SOE "Posta Moldovei") for postal items worth up to EUR 1,000, which are to be exported from the territory of the Republic of Moldova. In this sense, with the support of UNCTAD and the EBRD, the CN23 module was developed in the Customs Integrated Information System (SIIV) ASYCUDA World, which allows the online processing of data related to international postal items for export, received from the postal operator through the connection between SIIV ASYCUDA World and the postal operator's information system, Customs Declaration System (CDS).

Regarding the presentation of prior electronic data by the designated national postal operator, the Customs Service and the SOE "Posta Moldovei" signed on 22 March 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the promotion of the digitalization process of the national economy and the development of electronic commerce by aligning with international standards. The document establishes several areas of cooperation, such as simplifying customs procedures, increasing the security of correspondence, facilitating rapid processing, and combating the illicit traffic of goods through international postal items, increasing the exchange of advance electronic data between Customs and the Post Office, but also the approval of CN22 postal forms and CN23 as customs declarations.

At the moment, the import data processing is in test mode, in order to launch the electronic exchange of data between the express operators and the Customs Service.

On 1 January 2024, the Order of the Customs Service No. 559-O/2023 entered into force, which establishes the mechanism for declaring international postal items in digital format and the pre-arrival processing in the case of international postal items transported by the designated national postal operator, as well as the express operators.

According to the procedure described in SIIV ASYCUDA World, with the support of UNCTAD, the "Manifest" and "H6" - customs declaration modules with a reduced set of data were additionally developed, which are currently under the testing stage with postal operators.

Until the operationalization of the information systems, the Customs Service established the provisional procedure for declaring international postal items, pre-arrival processing being possible for international postal items with non-taxable value, that are declared only based on a manifest, presented in advance to the Customs Service.

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)	31 December 2020	31 December 2025
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Assistance required for implementation

Analyse the regulatory framework develop policies to simplify authorization or licensing procedures, in line with international standards and good practice;

Train civil servants and customs inspectors and representatives of economic agents in the field of simplified procedures on expedited shipments;

Develop simplified customs clearance procedures for expedited shipments and ensure the necessary conditions for rapid and qualitative customs controls.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Progress reported

On 1 January 2024, the Order of the Customs Service No. 559-O/2023 came into force, establishing the mechanism for declaring international postal items in digital format and pre-arrival processing in the case of international postal items transported by express operators. According to the described procedure, in SIIV ASYCUDA World, the modules "Manifest" and "H6" – customs declaration with a reduced set of data were additionally developed, with the support of UNCTAD, which are currently under the testing stage with express operators.

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Revise and amend, as appropriate, the existing rules on the importation of perishable goods in a way that:

allow release in the shortest possible time;

ensure, as appropriate, release outside the normal working hours of the customs;

give priority to these commodities when planning examinations;

allow such goods to be stored under conditions appropriate for their preservation where facilities approved by the relevant authorities are available;

if possible and on request, allow release to take place at these storage facilities, and

oblige authorities to provide the importer with a written explanation on request when there is a significant delay in the release of the goods.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

The Customs Service has not received technical assistance for the implementation of the Art. 7.9 related to Perishable goods.

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Implementation of the TWINNING Program for the Single Window.

Tags: *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Between November 2017 and November 2019, within the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova, the Twinning Project "Support in the modernization of the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the requirements of the Association Agreement" took place. One of the objectives of the project was the support of the Republic of Moldova in the necessary preparation for the implementation of the Customs Single Window - conditionality provided for in the chapter on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) of the Association Agreement.

Within the Twinning Project, with the support of experts, the following documents were developed:

- The vision document regarding the implementation of the Customs Single Window.
- The specifications with the functional and technical requirements for the implementation of the Customs Single Window concept within the SIIV ASYCUDA World.

After the completion of the Project, the Customs Service requested technical assistance from the international partners to develop a Concept regarding the implementation of the Customs Single Window and the evaluation of the costs for the implementation.

The Customs Single Window is still on the list of priorities of the Customs Service and efforts are being made to identify external financial resources for the development of the above-mentioned Concept.

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2020

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Implementation of the TWINNING Program for the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS);

Implementation of electronic and simplified procedures for transit operations;

Modernization of the Integrated Information System of the Border Police;

Improvement of border crossing infrastructure to provide separate lanes, signalling and equipment required for priority transit

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Following the completion of the Twinning Project (2017–2019) the Customs Service requested the assistance of the EU in the implementation of the NCTS.

In July 2023, the Contribution Agreement between the Delegation of the European Union and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) was signed. The purpose of the Agreement is to finance the development and implementation of the NCTS in the Republic of Moldova, which will ensure the connection with the national electronic system at the Common Communications Network of the European Commission. On 26 September 2023, the Project was launched, with UNCTAD being the developer. According to the work plan, the pilot test of the national transit system will be launched on 1 April 2024, for national movements with an economic operator, and later, on 1 July 2024, the system will be mandatory for all economic operators. The Customs Service plans to carry out the first joint transit operations on 1 April 2025.

Legend

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Partially notified in C

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Extension of time requested



Donor arrangement notified



Donor arrangement not yet notified

