



Myanmar

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2015-12-16**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2018	Yes
A - 5.5% B - 81.5% C - 13.0% Not yet notified - 0.0%		
Notified indicative dates in Category B	by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B	by 22 February 2020	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C	by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C	by 22 August 2022	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements	by 22 February 2019	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 February 2021	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 August 2022	Yes

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2021	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2028	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2025	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2026	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	B C»B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
1.2	Information available through internet	B C»B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2025
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 January 2024
1.4	Notification	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2021
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2023
2.2	Consultations	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2023
3	Advance rulings	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2024
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2018
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B C»B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
5.2	Detention	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2022
5.3	Test procedures	B C»B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2025
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2025
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 March 2024
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 March 2024
7.2	Electronic payment	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2026
7.3	Separation of release	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2024

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 March 2025
7.5	Post-clearance audit	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2022
7.6	Average release times	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 December 2025
7.8	Expedited shipments	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 December 2026
7.9	Perishable goods	B C»B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2028
9	Movement of goods	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 March 2024
10.1	Formalities	B C»B	by 31 December 2021	by 31 March 2024
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B C»B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
10.3	Use of international standards	B C»B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2026
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2028
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	B	by 31 December 2019	by 31 December 2023
10.7	Common border procedures	B C»B	by 31 December 2025	by 31 March 2024
10.8	Rejected Goods	B	by 31 December 2022	by 30 June 2023
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B C»B	by 31 December 2022	by 31 March 2025

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
11	Transit	C	by 31 December 2025	by 31 December 2026
12	Customs cooperation	B C»B	by 31 December 2024	by 31 December 2024

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/MMR/1/Add.9	2024-09-27	Category shifting
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.8	2024-09-26	Notification of earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MMR/2/Rev.2	2024-03-01	Article 1.4 and 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.7	2024-02-28	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MMR/5	2023-11-09	Article 10.6.2
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.5	2023-10-24	Category shifting
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.6	2023-10-24	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.4	2023-07-04	Earlier implementation
G/TFA/N/MMR/2/Rev.1	2023-06-21	Article 1.4 - Revision
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.3	2023-06-14	Category shifting
G/TFA/N/MMR/4	2022-12-22	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/MMR/3	2022-08-23	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.2	2022-08-15	Category C notification and shifting of categories

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/MMR/2	2021-01-21	Article 1.4
G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.1	2020-02-21	Category B notification - Addendum
G/TFA/N/MMR/1	2018-02-27	Categories A, B and C notification



5.3.1 5.3.2 5.3.3	Indicative date of implementation 31 December 2024	Definitive date of implementation 31 December 2026
Assistance required for implementation		
<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO/IEC: 17025-2017 accreditation • Human Resources Training • Method Validation Training • Measurement uncertainty Training • Human Resources/Training • Training staff and adoption of international best practices • Quality Management System ISO/IEC 17025-2017 training • Assessor training • Method validation training • Training need for volumetric glassware and micropipette calibration (including Calibration Procedure and Excel Sheet Uncertainty Calculation) • Training need for Rice Moisture Calibration, Moisture Meter Calibration, Moisture Analyzer and Moisture Balance Calibration including Calibration Procedure and Excel Sheet Uncertainty Calculation) • One Stop Shop System Training • Hand on Training for the method validation and verification and calculation of Measurement Uncertainty which are Technical Requirements to support trueness of test reports • Training on maintenance of each and every instruments which are able to be calibrated by internal persons (Competence analysts) • To extend test parameters which are not only concern food safety but also fulfil requirement of Trade facilitation.e.g., ochratoxin A and Acrylamide in coffee safety evaluation in honey etc; • Method validation on Training for pesticide residues (Expert and Training) • Calculation of uncertainty measurement training (Expert and Training) • Method Validation Training for Heavy Metal, Malachite green and Leucomalachite green, Pesticide residues, Histamine (Expert and Training) • Method Verification Training for Chloramphenicol and Tetracycline (Expert and Training) • Calculation of uncertainty measurement training for Microbiological and Chemical (Expert and Training) • Internal Audit Training • Risks Management Training • Regarding with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) For export products, training on the inspection procedures to meet the requirements of the imported country at all stages of production (b) For import products, training on the inspection procedures to prevent pests which haven't found in Myanmar • Training on plant pathogen process for pest control <p>Legislative and Regulatory Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation and Regulation Framework • 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

Infrastructure

- Technical Assistance
- Equipment
- Upgrade
- New Chemical Laboratory
- LC/MS/MS/MS Machine Technical Assistance
- Technical assistance is needed to promote technician's competent on testing
- Expert Guidance to the Quality Management System in place to support until to be accredited laboratories
- Technical assistance on ISO 17025 certification process for Residues Laboratory
- Technical assistance on Post Entry Quarantine Process

Financial

• Financial support for equipment and infrastructure facilities is needed to establish the accredited laboratory and to strengthen the existing laboratory

Capacity Building

- Develop in-house testing capability

Others

- Human Resources
- Information and Communication technology

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

Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) tried to pass ISO/IEC 17025:2017 for BSL II lab (Yangon and Mandalay Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory) by the plan of 2018-2020 by cooperating with the regional accreditation body (MAB) and Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) and has planned for Veterinary Assay Laboratory (VAL) for ISO certification in future based on the previous experiences on the way to ISO. The laboratory staffs from YVDL, MVDL and VAL were conducted the ISO trainings (like measurement uncertainty trainings) by the support of SAC in Yangon. These ISO activities are stunning now due to COVID-19 situation, staff shortage and the difficulties of the invitation of the international experts. Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) needs the international support to overcome the difficulties on the way of ISO and needs expert suggestions and trainings by the support of developing partners. In addition, Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) would like to request ISO/IEC accreditation training, human resource training, method validation training and measurement uncertainty trainings in the near future. Finally, Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) would like to request infrastructure like technical assistance and equipment. At present, the second test in the first case test result of the sample showed negative results has been conducting as a department laboratory testing procedure upon request by client. The SOP and directives are under preparation to allow the second tests. There are some validated test methods and parameters are already prepared and may need to expend testing other parameters. Laboratory test harmonization and recognition remain to be conducted. ARISE Plus Myanmar need to have technical assistance of the management and capacity building for accreditation, method validation and measurement uncertainty. In relevant sector such as Laboratory section are still required. ARISE Plus Myanmar provided technical assistance in laboratory accreditation (ISO:17025) process on food testing laboratories of Food and Drug Administration and private sectors (Proficiency testing of food testing laboratories including public and private laboratories and drawing of National Food Safety Policy). And as a result, two Food microbiology laboratories (one from public and one from private) got ISO 17025: 2017 accreditation and National Food Safety Policy was published and distributed in May 2022.

The Pesticide Residues Laboratory (PRL) received the technical assistance by the aid of UNIDO project, namely, "Strengthening NQI for trade in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar" for preparing ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation. In order to fulfil of technical requirements, UNIDO provided technical expert for pesticide analysis by means of two phases in 2017, phase 1 was from 28.8.2017 to 1.9.2017 and the last was from 30.10.2017 to 3.11.2017. The fruitful results of those two phases were PRL knew exactly how to prepare technical requirements for accreditation and how to do Quenchers methods for proficiency testing (PT). After learning from expert, PRL passed four times in PT. In this case, PRL should need to do Quality Assurance Program including method validation for seven molecules and measurement of uncertainty in future to issue its reliable test report. ARISE Plus provided training for "Implementation of ISO/IEC 17025:2017" to staff of Food Testing Laboratories. Food Microbiology Laboratory got ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and on the other hand Food Chemical Laboratory is trying to get ISO/IEC certificate.

TACB support needs include:

TACB and financial and technical assistance for the test procedures are needed for those valuable trainings. In testing procedures, financial and technical assistance are still needed. Some food testing laboratories are ongoing process to get accreditation. They require technical assistance on Good Document Practice. Good Laboratory Practice, internal audit, Method development, method validation, calibration hands on training on analysis using sophisticated equipment take GCMSMS, LCMSMS etc. It is needed to provide training for the identification of plant pests and diseases regarding with Plant Quarantine activities and assistance for implementation of Post Entry Quarantine.

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7.3.2 (a), (b)	31 December 2022	31 December 2024
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	Assistance required for implementation	
	Technical Assistance required:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation and application of appropriate software and hardware. • Training for IT staff and users of the system. • To assist technical assistance in formulation of regulations for releasing goods by guarantee system before the payment of customs duty and tax. • To provide trainings for Customs Officials regarding application of software and guarantee system. 	
	Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training</i>	
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	Donor Agencies: to be determined	
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	Progress reported	
	Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building support:	
	<p>According to Section 41 of the Sea Customs Act, Myanmar Customs has the power to give credit for, and keep account current of, duties and charges. However, there is no Guarantee system associated with the procedures of separation of release from the final determination of Customs duties, taxes, fees, and charges.</p>	
	TACB support needs include:	
	<p>TACB is needed on Installation and application of appropriate software and hardware; Training for IT staff and users of the system; formulating regulations for releasing goods by guarantee system before the payment of customs duties and taxes and training for Customs Officials regarding the application of software and guarantee systems.</p>	

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2022

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2026

Assistance required for implementation

- Capacity Building for upgrading risk management system
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to specify the suitable Selectivity Criteria for Risk Categories, to lay down Regulations, Procedures and Risk Management Plan.
- Technical and Financial support for risk identification and regulating impact assessment
- Capacity Building to specify risk indicators for inspecting Passengers and vehicles

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

Myanmar Customs developed the Myanmar Customs Intelligent System (MCIS) in MACCS for risk management and assessment in 2016 with technical assistance from JICA. MACCS is able to automatically distinguish the Green (without inspection), Yellow (document examination), and Red channels (document and physical examination) according to the selectivity criteria in the system. Myanmar Customs has developed Risk Management Strategy (2022-2023) with technical assistance from IMF.

TACB support needs include:

TACB and financial assistance are needed on Training for upgrading risk management system; Technical Assistance and Training supporting to specify the suitable Selectivity Criteria for Risk Categories, to lay down Regulations, Procedures and Risk Management Plan; risk identification and regulating impact assessment and Training for specify risk indicators for inspecting Passengers and vehicles.



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

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2023

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

- Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations.
- Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure and equipment.
- Harmonization of different systems among the border agencies and bordering countries.
- Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border.
- Technical Assistance and ICT support for designing mechanisms for sharing of data and information.
- Capacity Building and staff training on border agency cooperation and sharing of international best practices on SSI/SWI.

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:

Border cooperation such as Single Window Inspection and Single Stop Inspection in GMS CBTA will be scrutinized and implemented in accordance with the minimum requirements of the Article. The training for capacity building development of border and related agencies was provided by USAID in 2015 and the Department of Energy (DOE) of the USA in 2017 and during the period of 2019 and 2020 respectively. Myanmar needs to be engaged with developing partners for this measure.

TACB support needs include:

Enactment of the relevant procedures and regulations to guide operations; Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure, and equipment; Harmonization of different systems among the border agencies and bordering countries; Training for the staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border; Technical Assistance and ICT support for designing mechanisms for sharing of data and information and Capacity Building and staff training on border agency cooperation and sharing of international best practices on SSI/SWI.

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

Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2021

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2025

Assistance required for implementation

- Provision of an expert for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

In 2015, the World Bank Group (WBG) only provided technical assistance in preparing procedures for formalities and documentation requirements. However, we need for reviewing existing laws and procedures of all trade-related agencies.

TACB support needs include:

TACB is needed for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.

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Assistance required for implementation

- Provision of an expert for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

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 acceptance of copies.

TACB support needs include:

TACB is needed for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.

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Indicative date of implementation

31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2028

Assistance required for implementation

- Technical and Financial Assistance to develop ICT (hardware and software) and to implement Single Window
- Technical and Financial Assistance to set up backend system in order to exchange Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary (e-SPS) Certificates via National Single Window Routing Platform and ASEAN Single Window Gateway.
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for system enhancement and integration of Port EDI System as a part of National Single Window.
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building on formulating legislative and regulatory framework regarding Single Window.
- Capacity Building for awareness workshops and capacity building programmes.
- Capacity Building for human resources and trainings regarding e-SPS.

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

The Blueprint for the Implementation of the National Single Window has been developed in 2018 with the aid of the World Bank Group. According to the loan for Customs Modernization Project that is a part of Myanmar Private Sector Growth and Competitiveness (PSGC) Project proposed by World Bank, US\$26.8 million will be cost for the process such as National Single Window establishment, software development, purchasing and installing hardware, building infrastructure, services such as technical advice, strengthening the Customs automation system, management and monitoring process. However, while negotiating with the World Bank Group regarding to get loan, the discussion has been delayed for various reasons. According to the existing Project of Capacity Development for National Single Window and Customs Modernization by Introducing Automated Cargo Clearance System (Phase 2) (2020-2023), a technical cooperation project, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is planning to set up brief design for National Single Window (NSW). However, the said project is going to be concluded on 30 June 2023 and, we need technical and financial assistance to develop ICT (hardware and software) infrastructure and to fully implement Single Window. Myanmar Port Authority (MPA) implemented Port EDI System in order to operate port related procedures including pre-arrival processing electronically with the Grant Assistance of JICA from 2015-2016 to 2018 2019. At present, MPA still needs TACB for system enhancement and integration with other systems such as MACCS, by which to develop a comprehensive community system that connects all related agencies and stakeholders in line with the concept and principles of implementing National Single Window.

TACB support needs include:

Technical and Financial Assistance is needed to develop ICT (hardware and software) and to implement Single Window. Technical and Financial Assistance is needed to set up backend system in order to exchange Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary (e-SPS) Certificates via National Single Window Routing Platform and ASEAN Single Window Gateway. TACB is needed for system enhancement and integration of Port EDI System as a part of National Single Window. TACB is needed on formulating legislative and regulatory framework regarding Single Window. TACB is needed for awareness workshops and capacity building programmes. TACB is needed for human resources and trainings regarding e-SPS.



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10.7.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Indicative date of implementation
31 December 2025

Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Workshops for amending and enacting laws and regulations of the Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

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

Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) and Myanmar Customs Intelligence System (MCIS) have been operated in Yangon since November 2016 by Japanese grant aid, in Myawaddy border checkpoint since June 2018 and, in Muse and Chin shwe haw border checkpoints since April 2022 by Japan technical support. However, we need to expend the system to the border checkpoints with high trade volume in order to be common border procedures and uniform documentation requirements.

TACB support needs include:

Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Workshops are needed on amending and enacting Laws and regulations of the Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.



11.1 (a), (b)	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
11.2	31 December 2025	31 December 2026
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11.6 (a), (b)	Assistance required for implementation	
11.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide best practices of customs control in affixing Customs Seals, designing separate infrastructure (lanes, berth) for transit vehicles. • To provide awareness raising training and seminar regarding with the transit guarantee. • To provide technical assistance for Transit regulating which has being drafted in Myanmar Customs. • To provide capacity building for customs officials in regarding with Transit Operations and Controls. • To provide capacity building for customs officials for Transit Cooperation and Coordination among regional and other customs administrations. 	
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11.16 (a), (b), (c)	Tags: <i>Institutional procedures, Human resources and training, Awareness-raising</i>	
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Donor Agencies: to be determined		
Progress reported		
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:		
<p>In Myanmar, the Transit Trade Procedure has been issued and is still being implemented to be in line with the provisions of TFA and RKC. Myanmar Customs has been developing the ASEAN Customs Transit System to operate in the ASEAN region. With the help of the EU (ARISE PLUS), all is in the hardware readiness of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) in August 2020. In June and July 2022, ARISE PLUS had a training session on the ACTS system for the ACTS Central Management Team (CMT) of the ASEAN Secretariat. The CMT team will then resume practical training in Myanmar. In this case, it needs financial and technical assistance to implement ICT infrastructure and technical solutions from international experts. Especially, Myanmar Customs needs a long-term expert in implementing ACTS.</p>		
TACB support needs include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide best practices of customs control in affixing Customs Seals, and designing separate infrastructure (lanes, berth) for transit vehicles - To provide awareness-raising training and seminar regarding the transit guarantee - To provide technical assistance for Transit regulation which has been drafted in Myanmar Customs - To provide capacity building for customs officials in regard to Transit Operations and Controls - To provide capacity building for customs officials for Transit Cooperation and Coordination among regional and other customs administrations 		

Legend

C	Notified in Cat. C	Cp	Partially notified in C	E	Extension of time requested
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Donor arrangement notified



Donor arrangement not yet notified

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