



Rwanda

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2017-02-22**

Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

Notified all category ABC designations

Yes

A - 26.9%

B - 57.1%

C - 16.0%

Not yet notified - 0.0%

Notified indicative dates in **Category B**

Yes

Notified definitive dates in **Category B**

Yes

Notified indicative dates in **Category C**

Yes

Notified definitive dates in **Category C**

No

Notified Technical Assistance requirements

Yes

Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support

Yes

Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support

Yes

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category B	Definitive implementation date by 31 March 2021	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category C	Indicative implementation date 31 August 2024	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 March 2021	Yes

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3			Yes
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Detailed notification breakdown			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
1.2	Information available through internet	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2018
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2018
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B C↔B	by 26 March 2021	by 26 March 2021
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2018
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	A		by 22 February 2018
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2018
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2018

Detailed notification breakdown			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2018 to 31 August 2024	by 22 February 2018 & To be determined
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2018
7.6	Average release times	C B»C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
7.7	Authorized operators	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
7.8	Expedited shipments	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2018
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
10.2	Acceptance of copies	A		by 22 February 2018
10.3	Use of international standards	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
10.4	Single window	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	C	by 31 August 2024	To be determined
10.7	Common border procedures	A		by 22 February 2018
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B	by 31 March 2020	by 31 March 2021
11	Transit	A		by 22 February 2018

Detailed notification breakdown**Indicative implementation date****Definitive implementation date**

12 Customs cooperation

B

by 31 March 2020

by 31 March 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/RWA/1/Add.3	2021-07-14	Categories B and C notification - Shifting of categories
G/TFA/N/RWA/4	2021-07-14	Arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/RWA/2	2021-04-27	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/RWA/3	2021-04-27	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 12.2.2
G/TFA/N/RWA/1/Add.2	2020-04-30	Category C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/RWA/1/Add.1	2020-02-19	Category B notification
G/TFA/N/RWA/1/Corr.1	2018-07-05	Categories A, B and C notification - Corrigendum (in English only)
G/TFA/N/RWA/1	2018-06-04	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/RWA/1	2015-04-27	Category A notification

Experience Sharing**10.4 - Single window**

Date	Title
15 October 2019 - 16 October 2019	UNCTAD Compendium of Good Practices (UNCTAD and Rwanda)

1.3 Enquiry points



	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1.3.1	31 August 2024	To be determined
1.3.2		
1.3.3		
1.3.4		

Assistance required for implementation

- Develop a Legal Framework for establishment of a One Stop Centre Enquiry Point
- Develop an Operations Manual for the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point
- Harmonize procedures from different enquiry points for running the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point
- Establishment and Operationalization of a One Stop Centre Enquiry Point
- Awareness (sensitization workshops, media talks, etc)
- Training of National Enquiry Points & NTFC subcommittees

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

Donor Agencies: TradeMark East Africa

Progress reported

TradeMark East Africa (partial support)

A One Stop Centre Enquiry Point has been established under the auspices of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) and operates as a centralized body/secretariat that transmits requests, compiles replies and sends them back to the requesting parties, through the Trade Portal live chat or per email. The Trade Portal live chat is a point of entry for enquiries on the homepage which go directly to the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point email.

The coordination and communication mechanism of the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point were established together with Enquiry Points focal persons nominated from private and public institutions involved in international trade. However, there is still a challenge for establishing a dedicated national enquiry point office. The office will coordinate all the activities of the other enquiry points across the country and be responsible for all trade related notifications, including managing WTO notifications.



3.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
3.2 (a), (b)	31 August 2024	To be determined
3.3		
3.4		
3.5		
3.6 (a), (b), (c)	Assistance required for implementation	
3.7		
3.8		
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)	- Publish the advance rulings processes and procedures (and best practices) through the Trade Information Portal and other communication channels	
	- Undertake an outreach sensitization program to ensure the public is fully aware of the approved process and underlying benefits	
	Tags: <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Awareness-raising</i>	
	Donor Agencies: TradeMark East Africa	
	Progress reported	
	The development of the Advance Ruling module was done through the Rwanda Electronic Single Window (RESW) in line with Article 3 of WTO TFA (Advance Rulings) and the WCO Technical Guidelines on Advance Rulings for classification, Valuation and Origin.	
	The module is fully implemented in the RESW and enhanced certainty and predictability of clearance process. Disputes on release or clearance with customs authority on tariff headings, valuation and origin, i.e eligibility to preferential tariff treatment will be reduced and delays minimised.	

5.3.1
5.3.2
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation

31 August 2024

Definitive date of implementation

To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Design Formal Operational Guidelines and Legal Framework for conducting/undertaking the Second Test
- Build Staff Capacity with Appropriate Skills (public and private sectors) on use of second tests
- Develop and interlink Laboratory Information Management Systems to all laboratories identified for testing
- Conduct a Gaps Assessment of the capacity of existing private laboratories for their accreditation to enable them to provide the 2nd test required under the TFA
- Support in peer assessment and regional proficiency testing for 3 years
- Support to the proficiency testing (PT) schemes at regional level

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

7.4.3

Indicative date of implementation

31 August 2024

Definitive date of implementation

To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Risk Management System interface for agencies involved in export, import and transit (integrated risk management-through the eSW)
- Build capacity for Staff of concerned Government institutions and Risk Management Committee
- Procure laboratory equipment for various tests and other inspection tools
- Establish and Operationalise the Risk Management Committee
- Awareness of traders on Risk Management

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

A Joint Risk Management Committee composed of key stakeholders involved in risk management for clearance of goods has been established and operationalized with clear Terms of Reference (ToRs). Training needs have been identified, a workplan developed and the committee is developing a Risk Register.

7.6.1
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
31 August 2024

Definitive date of implementation
To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

Rwanda is submitting the notification to shift from category B to category C in order to obtain financial and technical assistance and capacity building support to carry out Time Release Studies.

Tags: *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Human resources and training*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.



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

Indicative date of implementation

31 August 2024

Definitive date of implementation

To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- Enhance coordinated border management by harmonizing procedures and formalities (extension of border working hours, harmonization of working hours, joint inspections, etc)
- Improve Operationalization of Joint Border Committees
- Continue with work on One Stop Border Posts and required equipment such as e-gates, IT facilities, etc
- Conduct Training, Sensitization, and Workshops of Stakeholders

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

10.6.1
10.6.2
10.6.3

Indicative date of implementation

31 August 2024

Definitive date of implementation

To be determined

Assistance required for implementation






- Review and publish the licensing requirements
- Consider a careful interpretation of article 145 of EAC CMA 2004 and amend it to cater for TF provision and requirement
- To review the legal base to allow importers to clear goods without the use of clearing agents
- Capacity building for importers & exporters
- Establish a review team led by the RRA, but encompassing representatives from the Broker community and interested members of the import/export community to commence the process

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

Donor Agencies: to be determined

Progress reported

Legend

	Notified in Cat. C		Partially notified in C		Extension of time requested
	Donor arrangement notified		Donor arrangement not yet notified		

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