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- **C**: Fully notified in C
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- **E**: Extension of time requested
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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- Review of outdated Standard Operating Procedures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
4 Procedures for appeal or review

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**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
### 7.1 Pre-arrival processing

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**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
7.2  Electronic payment

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**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
7.4 Risk management

7.4.1 Indicative date of implementation
22 February 2023

7.4.2 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

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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
7.7 Authorized operators

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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
7.8 Expedited shipments

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
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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
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**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.
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**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
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**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

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