



# Tonga

Ratified Agreement: **No**

## Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)

Notified all category ABC designations

Yes

**A** - 12.2%

**B** - 55.9%

**C** - 31.9%

**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](#)

Yes

Notified Technical Assistance requirements

Yes

Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support

No

Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support

No

## Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category B	Definitive implementation date by 31 December 2020	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date by 31 December 2029	No
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2020	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 E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2029
1.3	Enquiry points	B	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2020
1.4	Notification	B	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2024
2.2	Consultations	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
3	Advance rulings	C	by 22 February 2019	by 31 December 2024
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
5.2	Detention	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2029
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B E	by 22 August 2017	by 31 December 2020
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	A		by 22 February 2017
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A		by 22 February 2017
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	A		by 22 February 2017
7.4	Risk management	C B>>C	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2024

Detailed notification breakdown			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.6	Average release times	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2024
7.8	Expedited shipments	B E	by 22 August 2017	by 31 December 2020
7.9	Perishable goods	B E	by 22 August 2017	by 31 December 2020
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C B>C	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2024
9	Movement of goods	B	by 22 August 2017	by 31 December 2020
10.1	Formalities	C	by 22 February 2020	by 31 December 2024
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2024
10.3	Use of international standards	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2024
10.4	Single window	C	by 22 February 2022	by 31 December 2029
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	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
11	Transit	B	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020
12	Customs cooperation	B E	by 22 February 2018	by 31 December 2020

## Legend

<b>A</b>	Notified in Cat. A	<b>Ap</b>	Partially notified in A		
<b>B</b>	Notified in Cat. B	<b>Bp</b>	Partially notified in B	<b>C»B</b>	Shift from C to B
<b>C</b>	Notified in Cat. C	<b>Cp</b>	Partially notified in C	<b>B»C</b>	Shift from B to C
<b>N</b>	Not yet notified	<b>E</b>	Extension of time requested		

## Notifications and other documents

Symbol	Date	Description
G/TFA/N/TON/3/Rev.1	2021-10-28	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/TON/3	2021-09-16	Articles 1.4, 10.6.2,12.2.2
G/TFA/N/TON/1/Add.3	2021-02-19	Extension of definitive dates - Addendum 3
G/TFA/N/TON/2/Rev.2	2020-03-19	Article 22.3 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/TON/1/Add.2	2019-08-23	Category C notification - Addendum 2
G/TFA/N/TON/2/Rev.1	2019-02-25	Art. 22.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/TON/1/Add.1	2018-10-15	Category B notification
G/TFA/N/TON/2	2018-10-15	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/TON/1	2017-04-12	Cat. A, B, C

## Experience Sharing

### 7.8 - Expedited shipments

Date	Title
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	Implementation of TFA Article 7.8 expedited shipments for the importation of Covid-19 vaccine

## Technical Assistance detailed information

### 1.2 Information available through internet



1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)  
1.2.2  
1.2.3

#### Indicative date of implementation

22 February 2019

#### Definitive date of implementation

31 December 2029

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#### Assistance required for implementation

Support to amalgamate all information into a trade portal for purpose of complying with Article 1 sub articles 2.1 and 2.3.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT)*

2.1.1  
2.1.2  
2.1.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Support to establish a consultation mechanism and provide with legal basis e.g. legislation.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*



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	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
3.1		
3.2 (a), (b)	22 February 2019	31 December 2024
3.3		
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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) Customs need establishment of the Legal Framework and need Capacity Building for staffs.

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



5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2029

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Customs Discussed and agreed to C as there is no procedures set in place for that requirement.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

## Legal/Policy:

- Technical assistance to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management.

## Procedures:

- Technical assistance to develop necessary procedures that ensures effective implementation of risk management system.

## Human Resources/Training:

- Technical assistance to develop capacity in relevant border agencies to ensure understanding and application of risk assessment and risk management to allow for better risk identification, analysis, assessment and treatment.

## ICT:

- Enhance technological capacity for border agencies necessary to implement the risk management system.

## Infrastructure/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, Human resources and training, Institutional procedures*

Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

7.5.1  
7.5.2  
7.5.3  
7.5.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2024

**Assistance required for implementation**

Technical assistance will be needed to develop processes and procedures that incorporate the following in all aspects of risk management:

- o Draft a cargo clearance policy and process incorporating a risk based framework and PCA using the RKC as a guide
- o Draft terms of reference for the risk management committee
- o Draft position description for staff involved in risk management and set up a risk management unit
- o Train Customs and Quarantine staff on analysing available transaction data from CMS and identifying criteria for high risk cargo
- o Develop risk profiles using available transaction data from CMS
- o Train Customs and Quarantine staff on implementation of a risk based approach in the clearance of cargo

Technical assistance will be needed to develop processes and procedures that incorporate the following in all aspects of PCA:

- o Draft position description for staff involved in PCA and strengthen the PCA unit
- o Train Customs and Quarantine staff on analysing available transaction data from CMS and selecting entries/companies for desk audits and field audits
- o Train Customs and Quarantine staff on PCA
- o Draft and implement an awareness program to educate the trading community on the role of PCA and legislative requirements related to PCA

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

7.6.1  
7.6.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Technical assistance to be provided to Customs to develop capacity to undertake periodic Time Release Studies (TRS).

**Tags:** *Human resources and training*



7.7.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)	22 February 2022	31 December 2024
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)		
7.7.4		
7.7.5		
7.7.6	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
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8.1  
8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Procedures:

- Support on developing a framework for border agency cooperation; draw up of a harmonized border procedures manual for border agencies.
- Preparation of texts establishing and organizing joint controls and one-stop border post control.

Human Resources/Training:

- Support for staff on border agency cooperation.
- Training in and awareness-raising of new cooperation practices for border agency officials.

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

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Shift from Cat. B to Cat. C notification.

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

22 February 2020

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31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Support to develop policy and legislative framework.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

10.2.1  
10.2.2  
10.2.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2018

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Support to develop policy and legislative framework.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*



10.3.1  
10.3.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
22 February 2022

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31 December 2024

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**Assistance required for implementation**

Support to develop policy or procedure on the examination of relevant international standards and to enable Tonga to meet the recommendation of WCO to become RKC compliant.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*



10.4.1  
10.4.2  
10.4.3  
10.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

22 February 2022

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31 December 2029

**Assistance required for implementation**

Support to for a feasibility study to investigate viability of a Single Window system and based on results further support to implement - if viable.

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

**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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