



## Trinidad and Tobago

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2015-07-27**

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

				Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations				by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
<b>A</b> - 21.4%	<b>B</b> - 8.0%	<b>C</b> - 70.6%	<b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0%		
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category B</b>				by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category B</b>				by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category C</b>				by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category C</b>				by 22 August 2019	<b>Yes</b>
Notified Technical Assistance requirements				by 22 February 2017	<b>Yes</b>
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support				by 22 February 2018	<b>No</b>
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support				by 22 August 2019	<b>No</b>

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	No
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category B	Definitive implementation date 31 December 2023	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 30 June 2025	No

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	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
1.4	Notification	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
2.2	Consultations	A		by 22 February 2017
3	Advance rulings	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
4	Procedures for appeal or review	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
5.2	Detention	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
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	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2020
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.4	Risk management	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.6	Average release times	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2027
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2027
7.9	Perishable goods	A		by 22 February 2017
8	Border Agency Cooperation	B E	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
9	Movement of goods	C	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	B E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025
10.3	Use of international standards	C E	by 31 December 2020	by 30 June 2025
10.4	Single window	C	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2017
10.6	Use of customs brokers	B	by 31 December 2020	by 31 December 2023
10.7	Common border procedures	B	by 31 December 2023	by 31 December 2023
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	A		by 22 February 2017
12	Customs cooperation	Ap Cp E	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2023	from 22 February 2017 to 31 December 2027

## 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/TTO/2/Add.1	2023-08-31	Extension of implementation dates
G/TFA/W/74	2021-11-15	Trade Facilitation Agreement four year review - Article 23.1.6 of the TFA - Comments on the first review of the operation and implementation of the TFA (G/TFA/W/41/Rev.4)
G/TFA/N/TTO/4	2021-01-15	Article 10.4.3
G/TFA/N/TTO/3	2019-04-18	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/TTO/2	2018-09-28	Categories B and C notification
G/TFA/N/TTO/1	2017-11-27	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/TTO/1	2015-06-15	Category A notification

1.1 Publication



1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) **Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
- Human Resource - Train personnel to carry out Art. 1.1 provisions;
- ICT - Conduct a gap analysis.

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

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- ICT - Development of content for a Trade Information Portal;
- Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
- Equipment - Equipment for infrastructural upgrades.

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

1.3.1  
1.3.2  
1.3.3  
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation or drafting of new legislation to include Art. 1.1 provisions;
- Procedures - Develop procedures for responding to requests;
- Human Resource/Training - Train staff in the management of an Enquiry Point for the Agreement.

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



1.4 (a), (b), (c)

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2023**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2023**Assistance required for implementation**

- Human Resource/Training - Conduct awareness sessions on procedures for notifications and information to be notified.

**Tags:** *Human resources and training, Awareness-raising*

2.1.1  
2.1.2  
2.1.3

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2023	31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Policy - Develop policy to allow traders and other interested parties to comment on new and amended laws;
- Legal - Legislative and institutional amendments (legal consultancy).

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



3.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
3.2 (a), (b)	31 December 2023	31 December 2027
3.3		
3.4		
3.5		
3.6 (a), (b), (c)	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
3.7		
3.8		
3.9 (a) (i), (ii), (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (c), (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to the issuance of Advanced Rulings;</li><li>• Human Resources/Training - Train personnel to support the issuance of Advanced Rulings (e.g. Rules of Origin and Classification);</li><li>• Procedural - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.</li></ul>	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>	

4.1 (a), (b)	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
4.2	31 December 2023	31 December 2027
4.3		

4.4 (a), (b), paragraph

4.5

4.6

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting.

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



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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Revision of existing legislation that sets out procedures for enhanced controls or inspections for food, beverages or feedstuffs.

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

5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2027

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Infrastructure/Equipment - Funding accreditation of local labs;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - develop laws and policy to ensure compliance with this article;
- Procedures - Development of policy procedures in line with requirements of this article.

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

6.1.1  
6.1.2  
6.1.3  
6.1.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Technical - Procure and fund a consultant to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago;
- Procedural - Develop and publish a single schedule of all fees and charges related to imports and exports.

**Tags:** *Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures*

7.1.1  
7.1.2**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amendment of all legislation applicable to this article;
- Procedural - Develop and publish procedures.

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



7.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2027**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative Drafting or amending of all legislation in order to undertake Electronic Payment;
- Equipment - Funding upgrades of the necessary infrastructure;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel.

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

7.3.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.3.2 (a), (b)	31 December 2023	31 December 2027
7.3.3		
7.3.4		
7.3.5		
7.3.6		
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	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal/Policy - Development of policy on payment of guarantees for monetary penalties or fines</li></ul>	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>	

7.4.1  
7.4.2  
7.4.3  
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel in risk management techniques; Periodic training in risk management;
- ICT - Acquisition of risk management system software for Customs control; Design and implement Risk Management System;
- Procedural - Develop risk registers for importers and other procedures.

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

7.5.1  
7.5.2  
7.5.3  
7.5.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2027

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Legislative and institutional;
- Human resources/ Training - Train personnel and develop continuous work programs;
- Implement auditing software;
- Procedures - creation of a strategic plan in the area of Post Clearance Audit and Risk Management.

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

7.6.1  
7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
31 December 2020	30 June 2025

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Technical Assistance - needed to conduct a Time Release Study for Trinidad and Tobago.

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

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)	31 December 2023	31 December 2027
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>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Procedures - Develop an Authorized Operator Programme;</li><li>• Legal/ Policy - assistance with policy development and drafting of regulations;</li><li>• Human Resource/Training - capacity building for all border agencies is needed to ensure full compliance with this measure.</li></ul>	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>	

7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) **Indicative date of implementation**  
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d) 31 December 2020  
7.8.3

**Definitive date of implementation**  
31 December 2027

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Human Resources/Training - Train personnel;
- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act;
- Procedures - Development of procedures for the operation of the programme and provide advice on the criteria to be used to determine companies which qualify.

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



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**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Legal/Policy - Legislative amendments to the Customs Act (legal consultancy) inclusive of regulations and policy.

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



10.3.1  
10.3.2

**Indicative date of implementation**  
31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**  
30 June 2025

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**Assistance required for implementation**

- Procedures - Assess the testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of food safety regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading facilities and achieving compliance with relevant standards;
- Human Resources/Training - Develop and implement a training and certification program to assist exporters to meet relevant standards awareness session on the importance of the use of international standards.

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

10.4.1  
10.4.2  
10.4.3  
10.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

31 December 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**

31 December 2023

**Assistance required for implementation**

- Technical - Develop information security plan, Business Continuity System; Develop change management strategy; Develop capacity building program and knowledge management strategy and Service Oriented Architecture;
- Legal/Policy - technical assistance to modernize legislative and institutional framework and institutional governance of the Single Electronic Window;
- Procedural - Conduct business process reengineering;
- Human Resource/ Training - Train personnel; Undertake public awareness campaign;
- ICT - Develop a Trade Data Information System, an Integrated Multimodal Logistics Module, Information Security Plan, Business Continuity System and Service Oriented Architecture.

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

12.1.1 12.1.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
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<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>		
• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control.		
<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
12.2.1 12.2.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
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<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>		
• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control.		
<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
12.3	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
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<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>		
• Policy - Development of a Policy Customs Control.		
<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
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12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) 12.4.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
<b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) 12.5.2 12.5.3	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
<b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) 12.6.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
<b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) 12.7.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
<b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal/Policy - Revision of Customs Act and Data Protection Act to ensure TFA provisions are covered; development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		

12.8	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 31 December 2027
<hr/> <b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests;</li> <li>• Human Resource/ Training – fill staff vacancies;</li> <li>• Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>		
12.9.1 12.9.2	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 31 December 2027
<hr/> <b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal/Policy - development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests;</li> <li>• Human Resource/Training - Train personnel;</li> <li>• Procedural - Revision of Business Process Management.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>		
12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b> 31 December 2023	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b> 30 June 2025
<hr/> <b>Assistance required for implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for information requests.</li> </ul> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework</i>		

12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)  
12.11.2

Indicative date of implementation  
31 December 2023



Definitive date of implementation  
31 December 2027

Assistance required for implementation

- Policy - Development of a Policy for the Enhancement of Customs Control and for verification procedures.

Tags: *Legislative and regulatory framework*

Legend

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

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