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TFAD Trade Facilitation Agreement Database



Honduras

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Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C)	Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations	by 22 February 2017	Yes
A - 58.4% B - 2.5% C - 39.1%	**Not yet notified** - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in Category B	by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category B	by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified indicative dates in Category C	by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified definitive dates in Category C	by 22 August 2019	Yes
Notified Technical Assistance requirements	by 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support	by 22 August 2019	Yes

Transparency notifications			
Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date 1 March 2027	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017	Yes
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date 1 March 2024	Yes
Information on Assistance and Capacity Building			
Notified Art. 22.3			Yes

Legend: Yes Notification presented | No Notification due | No Notification not yet due

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
1.1	Publication	A		by 22 February 2017
1.2	Information available through internet	A		by 22 February 2017
1.3	Enquiry points	A		by 22 February 2017
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2017
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	C	by 01 March 2024	by 01 March 2024
2.2	Consultations	C	by 01 March 2024	by 01 March 2024
3	Advance rulings	A		by 22 February 2017
4	Procedures for appeal or review	A		by 22 February 2017
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 01 March 2023	by 01 March 2023
5.2	Detention	C	by 01 March 2023	by 01 March 2023
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 01 March 2025	by 01 March 2025
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2021	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2021
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	A		by 22 February 2017
7.2	Electronic payment	A		by 22 February 2017
7.3	Separation of release	C	by 01 March 2026	by 01 March 2026
7.4	Risk management	A		by 22 February 2017

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2017
7.6	Average release times	C	by 01 March 2023	by 01 March 2023
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 01 March 2022	by 01 March 2022
7.8	Expedited shipments	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2026	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2026
7.9	Perishable goods	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2025	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2025
8	Border Agency Cooperation	Ap Bp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2023	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2023
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2017
10.1	Formalities	A		by 22 February 2017
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 01 March 2024	by 01 March 2024
10.3	Use of international standards	A		by 22 February 2017
10.4	Single window	C	by 01 March 2027	by 01 March 2027
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	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

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
12	Customs cooperation	Ap Cp	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 2024	from 22 February 2017 to 01 March 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/HND/4	2024-03-27	Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of technical assistance
G/TFA/N/HND/3/Rev.2	2024-01-11	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/HND/2/Rev.2	2022-09-19	Article 22.3 - Revision 2
G/TFA/N/HND/2/Rev.1	2020-09-15	Article 22.3 - Revision
G/TFA/N/HND/3/Rev.1	2020-08-12	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 & 12.2.2 - Revision
G/TFA/N/HND/2	2020-02-28	Article 22.3
G/TFA/N/HND/3	2020-02-28	Article 1.4
G/TFA/N/HND/1	2018-03-06	Categories B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/HND/1	2014-07-18	Category A notification

Experience Sharing

23.2 - National Committee on Trade Facilitation

Date	Title
19 October 2021 - 21 October 2021	The Trade Facilitation Reform Tracker - Presentation by Honduras UNCTAD's reform tracker

Technical Assistance detailled information

2.1 Comments and information before entry into force

C

2.1.1 **Indicative date of implementation**
1 March 2024

2.1.2 **Definitive date of implementation**
1 March 2024

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Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Provision of an expert to conduct a diagnosis of the existing domestic and regional regulations and to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;

Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;

Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;

Sharing and dissemination of these new provisions;

Training of relevant human resources in government agencies.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2024

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2024

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Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;

Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;

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Donor Members: Germany, United Kingdom

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Commercial Law Development Program

Progress reported

Cooperación técnica Honduras-UNCTAD

Honduras fue incorporado en el Programa de la UNCTAD para Empoderamiento de los Comités Nacionales de Facilitación del Comercio, gracias al financiamiento del Ministerio Federal de Cooperación Económico y Desarrollo BMZ - Alemania. Los miembros han participado de siete cursos en línea en la plataforma e-learning sobre los siguientes temas: empoderamiento de comités, perspectivas de género en las reformas de facilitación del comercio, como utilizar el Reform Tracker de la UNCTAD, comunicación eficaz para los miembros del CNFC, como dirigir y presidir eficazmente un CNFC, como elaborar y aplicar una estrategia de movilización de recursos para la facilitación del comercio.

Asimismo, UNCTAD realizó una consultoría, con el objetivo de levantar una hoja de ruta en la plataforma Reform Tracker y realizó un escaneo rápido sobre preparación para la facilitación del comercio en tiempos de crisis. Resultado de ello se ha incorporado información en el Reform Tracker que permite a las agencias identificar las responsabilidades asignadas a cada una de ellas.

Acciones en curso en cooperación de UNCTAD:
Formaciones en línea y coaching para los miembros del Comité Nacional de Facilitación del Comercio y la Secretaría Técnica, según las necesidades identificadas (seguimiento y evaluación, hoja de ruta, movilización de recursos, comunicación eficaz, entre otros).

Cooperación técnica Honduras – CLDP
El Programa para el Desarrollo del Derecho Comercial

Mejores Prácticas: Beneficios de Implementar Mecanismos de Consulta Pública Inclusiva
Mediante un taller se exploró las complejidades de los mecanismos de consulta pública, los principios de coordinación entre agencias y las buenas prácticas regulatorias. Funcionarios gubernamentales de toda la región, incluidos El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica y México, presentaron sus respectivos procesos de notificación y comentarios para fomentar una mayor integración regional. Este taller fue parte de un esfuerzo multifásico para promover la transparencia, la cooperación y la coordinación entre los gobiernos del Triángulo Norte y mejorar el comercio interregional en Centroamérica.

5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

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

Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2023

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;

Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;

Preparation of a manual for quarantine technicians;

Technical advice for the design and construction of a platform, in the IT systems of the National Agriculture and Food Health and Safety Service (SENASA), the Customs service (DARA) and other relevant government agencies, for blocking goods with a high quarantine risk;

Software acquisition;

Provision of an expert to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;

Human resource training.

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

5.2 Detention

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2023

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Updating and/or adapting the regulations to enable implementation of this provision in respect of quarantine procedures;

Technical support for the design of an APSS-type web page through which SENASA can provide real-time notification of detentions and their status (transparency);

Provision of technological infrastructure (ICTs);

Provision of an expert to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;

Human resource training.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Learning about best practices;

Updating and/or adapting the existing quarantine and customs regulations;

Advice on the preparation of procedural manuals to include second sampling for quarantine and customs purposes;

Updating of the regulations on quarantine sampling;

Provision of high-technology equipment for existing laboratories;

Strengthening of existing diagnostic laboratories;

Advice and technical support for the accreditation and certification of government and private laboratories to perform second testing;

Capacity building and training for quarantine and customs staff;

Capacity building for border agencies and technicians;

Capacity building.

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

Donor Members: Germany, United Kingdom

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Progress reported

Cooperación Técnica Honduras-UNCTAD

Consultoría con el objetivo de levantar una hoja de ruta en la plataforma Reform Tracker resultado de ello se ha incorporado información en el Reform Tracker que permite a las agencias identificar las responsabilidades asignadas a cada una de ellas.

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7.3.2 (a), (b)
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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2026

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2026

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Carrying out a technical/legal diagnosis;

Preparing the legislation needed to implement this provision;

Adapting or developing the IT systems of relevant agencies;

Defining procedures for users and implementing agencies;

Dissemination and training.

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

7.6 Average release times

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7.6.2

Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2023

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2023

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Use of the WCO Time Release Study;

Development of an IT tool for automated calculation of average release times;

Development of software for integrating the changes into the SARAH system;

Managerial capacity building in this area.

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

7.7.1
7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)
7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)
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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2022

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2022

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for setting up the OE department or unit within the Customs service (DARA);

Provision of equipment and software;

Technical assistance for training the human resources to be involved in this area;

Technical assistance and capacity building for all government agencies involved in this area;

Awareness raising and training for government and private agencies.

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

Donor Members: Germany, United Kingdom

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United States Agency for International Development

Progress reported

Cooperación Técnica Honduras-UNCTAD

Consultoría con el objetivo de levantar una hoja de ruta en la plataforma Reform Tracker resultado de ello se ha incorporado información en el Reform Tracker que permite a las agencias identificar las responsabilidades asignadas a cada una de ellas.

Cooperación Técnica Honduras-USAID

Él apoyó consistió en la implementación del Programa de Operador Económico Autorizado de Honduras con el acompañamiento a las empresas para cumplir los requisitos, así como la habilitación para convertirse en OEA, así como la implementación de estrategia para la inclusión de otras autoridades de control, y demás actores de la cadena logística, apoyando al fortalecimiento del programa, logrando un acuerdo reconocimiento mutuo centroamericano.

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2025

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2025

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Learning about best practices;

An expert to assist in adapting the regulations and defining internal procedures in agencies involved in this area;

Advice on the preparation of procedural manuals for the quarantine and customs services;

Financial support for the construction of refrigeration chambers at the main entry points into the country;

Advice and technical support for the accreditation and certification of importers' cold stores or private facilities;

Capacity building and training for quarantine and customs staff;

Capacity building for border agencies and technicians;

Capacity building.

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

10.2 Acceptance of copies

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2024

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2024

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Preparing regulations within domestic legislation to enable the implementation of this measure;

Adaptation of the IT systems of the relevant government agencies;

Implementation of a software tool for the digitization and storage of customs and other government agency documents, as necessary;

Capacity building for implementation and effective follow-up of the measure.

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

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Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2027

Definitive date of implementation
1 March 2027

Assistance required for implementation

Technical and financial assistance for:

Preparation of a Single Window for Foreign Trade project, having regard to the United Nations model and the regional initiatives on trade facilitation;

Provision of equipment and software;

Development of systems for each of the government agencies involved;

Provision of technological infrastructure (ICTs);

Provision of an expert to share, with the government agencies involved, best practices in regard to document simplification, data harmonization, interoperability and inter-agency collaboration,

Learning about WCO best practices;

Software acquisition for digital signature implementation;

Human resource training;

Capacity building for follow-up and strengthening of the project.

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

Donor Members: European Union

Donor Agencies: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Progress reported

Cooperación Técnica Honduras-UNCTAD

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Cooperación Técnica Honduras - Unión Europea

Propuesta para la Incorporación de los trámites y servicios de exportación e importación que aún no han sido desarrollados dentro del SECEH, contiene la hoja de ruta en fases para la automatización de trámites y la reestructuración del sistema SECEH actual adaptándolo a la arquitectura orientada a servicios con el propósito de poder interoperar con el resto de las instituciones involucradas, organismos regionales y/o terceros.

Con el objetivo de fortalecer, mejorar y ampliar la Ventanilla Única de Trámites de Exportación con el propósito de convertirla en la Ventanilla Única de Comercio Exterior de Honduras (VUCEH) a través de la simplificación e incorporación de los diferentes trámites de exportación e importación que aún no están dentro del Sistema Electrónico de Comercio Exterior de Honduras (SECEH).

Objetivos Específicos

• Proponer una reforma de la Ley de creación del CENTREX (Decreto No.180-87 del 10 de diciembre de 1987) para lograr la incorporación de todos los trámites relacionados a exportación e importación
• contemplados en el proyecto de Ventanilla Única de Comercio Exterior de Honduras (VUCEH).
• Realizar un análisis cuyo resultado sea una propuesta de mejora de los diferentes trámites y servicios que se ofrecen en la Ventanilla Única de Trámites haciendo uso del recurso humano, de la capacidad técnica y logística, y las herramientas electrónicas ya existentes en el CENTREX.
• Convertir el CENTREX en la Ventanilla Única de Comercio Exterior de Honduras (VUCEH) con la incorporación de los diferentes trámites y procedimientos de comercio exterior en el Sistema Electrónico de Comercio Exterior de Honduras (SECEH); facilitando el flujo comercial y contribuyendo en la toma de decisiones en materia de políticas públicas.
• Desarrollar un plan de trabajo de pruebas piloto y capacitaciones a todos los usuarios sobre los cambios, procesos y trámites contemplados en esta consultoría para el desarrollo e implementación de la VUCEH.

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12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
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12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
12.5.2
12.5.3
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.6.2
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)
12.7.2
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12.9.1
12.9.2
12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)
12.11.2

Indicative date of implementation
1 March 2024

Definitive date of implementation
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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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