

# Uganda

Ratified Agreement: **Yes**

Ratification Date: **2018-06-27**

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

			Due date	Status
Notified all category ABC designations			by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
<b>A</b> - 8.4%	<b>B</b> - 27.3%	<b>C</b> - 64.3%	<b>Not yet notified</b> - 0.0%	
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category B</b>			by 22 February 2018	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category B</b>			by 22 February 2020	<b>Yes</b>
Notified indicative dates in <b>Category C</b>			by 22 February 2021	<b>Yes</b>
Notified definitive dates in <b>Category C</b>			Extension agreed until 31 December 2023	<b>No</b>
Notified Technical Assistance requirements			by 22 February 2019	<b>Yes</b>
Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 February 2021	<b>No</b>
Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support			by 22 August 2022	<b>No</b>

Transparency notifications

Notified Art. 1.4	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	Yes
Notified Art. 10.4.3	Category C	Definitive implementation date to be determined	Yes
Notified Art. 10.6.2	Category A	Definitive implementation date 22 February 2018	No
Notified Art. 12.2	Category C	Definitive implementation date to be determined	Yes

Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

Notified Art. 22.3	No
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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	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
1.2	Information available through internet	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
1.3	Enquiry points	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
1.4	Notification	A		by 22 February 2018
2.1	Comments and information before entry into force	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
2.2	Consultations	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
3	Advance rulings	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
4	Procedures for appeal or review	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
5.2	Detention	A		by 22 February 2018
5.3	Test procedures	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
6.1	General disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
7.1	Pre-arrival processing	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.2	Electronic payment	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.3	Separation of release	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
7.4	Risk management	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.5	Post-clearance audit	A		by 22 February 2018
7.6	Average release times	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.7	Authorized operators	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.8	Expedited shipments	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
7.9	Perishable goods	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
9	Movement of goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.1	Formalities	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
10.2	Acceptance of copies	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
10.3	Use of international standards	B	by 01 July 2020	by 01 July 2023
10.4	Single window	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
10.5	Preshipment inspection	A		by 22 February 2018
10.6	Use of customs brokers	A		by 22 February 2018
10.7	Common border procedures	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
10.8	Rejected Goods	A		by 22 February 2018
10.9	Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing	A		by 22 February 2018

Implementation schedule			Indicative implementation date	Definitive implementation date
11	Transit	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined
12	Customs cooperation	C	by 01 July 2024	To be determined

### 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/UGA/2	2024-03-19	Articles 1.4, 10.4.3 and 12.2.2
G/TFA/W/92	2023-07-05	The role of technology transfer in building resilience: Trade Facilitation
G/TFA/N/UGA/1/Add.1	2022-08-19	Extension of time to notify Category C definitive dates
G/TFA/N/UGA/1	2020-01-15	Categories A, B and C notification
WT/PCTF/N/UGA/1	2015-08-07	Category A notification

1.2 Information available through internet



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

**Indicative date of implementation**  
1 July 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**  
To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

1. Creation of a comprehensive trade information portal with advanced ICT infrastructure.
2. Documentation under the national trade portal/financial support for translation.
3. Review, develop and establish information management systems where they do not exist in other trade facilitating entities.
4. Review and develop appropriate statutory instruments necessary for the simplification of the TF initiatives and measures.
5. Purchase and install the required modern equipment and infrastructure.
6. Review and strengthen rules and regulations to support efficient management of trade information systems.
7. Develop and operationalize rules and guidelines for publishing information via internet taking into consideration the interests of the different stakeholders.
8. Develop and implement change management strategy in the different organisations/Training and sensitization of all stakeholders.

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

1.3.1  
1.3.2  
1.3.3  
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**

1 July 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**

To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

1. Assessment of existing enquiry points, technology used, etc.
2. Establish a national enquiry and call centre to ensure that MTIC coordinates all the other institutions in this activity.
3. Purchase necessary equipment and train personnel.
4. Fund the national enquiry point.
5. Strengthen SPS and TBT Committees.

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



5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)	Indicative date of implementation 1 July 2024	Definitive date of implementation To be determined
<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Develop and implement a project on standard operating procedures on import and rapid alert and border agency coordination.</li><li>2. Equip and establish infrastructure to detect food hazards, including early warning systems.</li><li>3. Develop and monitor implementation of a risk management strategy.</li><li>4. Administrative guidelines and standard operating procedures that will manage risks coming from the implementation of the national SPS framework.</li><li>5. Train Staff and stakeholders.</li></ol> <b>Tags:</b> <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>		



5.3.1  
5.3.2  
5.3.3

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

- 1. Laboratories at entry/exist points to undertake testing.
- 2. Upgrading of existing laboratories with relevant infrastructures.
- 3. Training of the Laboratories staff on the use of international best practices.

**Tags:** *Infrastructure and equipment, Human resources and training*



7.1.1  
7.1.2

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- 1. Development of the ICT infrastructure for the border agencies and acquisition of equipment.
- 2. Establishment of logistics centres at all the borders to provide that service.

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

7.2

**Indicative date of implementation**

1 July 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**

To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

1. Sensitization of stakeholders.
2. Develop and roll out relevant IT infrastructure and equipment.
3. Procure and deploy affordable and reliable internet interconnectivity.
4. Develop and implement training, sensitization and awareness programme.
5. Develop and implement change management programme.
6. Review and strengthen the legal framework to provide secure electronic payments.
7. Develop and implement a framework (including procedures, standards and regulations) to support the rolling out of e-payments.
8. Develop and expedite the implementation of the e-payment gateway.

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

7.4.1	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.4.2	1 July 2024	To be determined
7.4.3		
7.4.4		
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<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>		
<div>1. Review of the profiling mechanism and procedures in the customs and in other government agencies.</div> <div>2. Training and capacity build border agencies on risk management.</div> <div>3. Establish an ICT infrastructure to support national risk management framework.</div> <div>4. Develop multi-agency risk management framework.</div>		
<b>Tags:</b> <i>Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training</i>		

7.6.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
7.6.2	1 July 2024	To be determined
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<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Undertake national and EAC time Release studies.</li><li>2. Develop and implement a programme for training border and transit corridor personnel.</li><li>3. Develop and implement a framework for procuring professional firms to carry out periodic time release studies.</li><li>4. Launch and monitor the carrying out of the periodic national and EAC time release studies and benchmark them against previous study results and the international best practices.</li><li>5. Identify performance gaps and propose measures to address them.</li><li>6. Develop and implement a coordination mechanism for improving border and transit operations and release times.</li><li>7. Develop, identify and agree the maximum target time release standards.</li><li>8. Train personnel.</li><li>9. Establish a coordination mechanism.</li></ol>		

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Institutional procedures, 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)	1 July 2024	To be determined
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>	
	1. Sensitization of the private stakeholders.	
	2. Change management.	
	3. Develop a National mechanism for coordination and cooperation between Customs and other border agencies.	
	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising</i>	



7.8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
7.8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d)	1 July 2024	To be determined
7.8.3		

**Assistance required for implementation**

- 1. Establish a legal regime, regulations and procedures.
- 2. Review of procedures in other agencies.
- 3. Amend the SPS Protocol.

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

7.9.1 (a), (b)  
7.9.2  
7.9.3  
7.9.4

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- 1. Establishment of laboratories and acquisition of equipment to undertake testing for all perishable goods at all the customs zones.
- 2. Train staff on handling perishable goods.
- 3. Develop or review of relevant laws and undertake necessary reforms.

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





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

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

- 1. Review existing cooperation mechanisms both within Uganda and across borders.
  - 2. Training (Coordinated Border Management).
  - 3. Fund the border agencies.
- Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

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

**Indicative date of implementation**

1 July 2024

**Definitive date of implementation**

To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

1. A review of existing formalities be comprehensively carried out in relevant TF Agencies with a view of simplifying trade documents.
2. Harmonize national procedures at the border points with those of the bordering countries.
3. Simplify and standardize trade documents and making them easily available.
4. undertake legislative and regulatory review on procedures and documentation requirements.
5. Carry out stakeholders' sensitization on the revised procedures.

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

10.2.1  
10.2.2  
10.2.3

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**

1. Examine what happens in the other agencies and amend the law where necessary.

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



10.4.1  
10.4.2  
10.4.3  
10.4.4

Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
1 July 2024	To be determined

Assistance required for implementation

- 1. ICT Infrastructure.
- 2. Institutional capacity development
- 3. Training of personnel and sensitization.

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



10.7.1	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
10.7.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)	1 July 2024	To be determined

**Assistance required for implementation**






- 1. Review of existing border/ administrative procedures with a view of simplifying documentation.
- 2. Training of experts and other stakeholders.

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

11.1 (a), (b)	<b>Indicative date of implementation</b>	<b>Definitive date of implementation</b>
11.2	1 July 2024	To be determined
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11.6 (a), (b)	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
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11.9	1. Review and harmonize axle load limits across the EAC region.	
11.10	2. Review and harmonize compensation requirements under the COMESA Yellow Card (regional approach – Insurance).	
11.11	3. Review difference in implementation of Yellow Card policy in Kenya and Uganda.	
11.12	4. Sensitization	
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11.14		
11.15	<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment, Awareness-raising</i>	
11.16 (a), (b), (c)		
11.17		

	Indicative date of implementation	Definitive date of implementation
12.1.1	1 July 2024	To be determined
12.1.2		
12.2.1		
12.2.2		
12.3		
12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)	<b>Assistance required for implementation</b>	
12.4.2		
12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)		
12.5.2		1. Review of current procedures.
12.5.3		2. Review of current legal requirements.
12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)		3. Establish legal requirements and implementation guidelines.
12.6.2		4. Sensitization both public and private sector.
12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)		
12.7.2		
12.8		<b>Tags:</b> <i>Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Awareness-raising</i>
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		
12.12.1		
12.12.2		

**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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