WTO Trade Facilitation
WTO TFA State of Play
WCO TFAWG Meeting
March 2020

✓ Ratification
✓ WTO TF Committee
✓ Notifications
✓ Implementation
✓ WTO/WCO Cooperation
WTO Trade Facilitation Committee
Meetings

2019
- 3 meetings + dedicated session on TACB

2020
- Meeting February + 2 extraordinary sessions

Next Meetings:
- May 19-20 + October 20-22 (dedicated session)

WCO and other international organizations invited ad hoc
TFC Topics Presented

- Publication
- Advance Rulings
- TRS
- TFA implementation and public/private partnership
- AEO
- Single window
- Transit
- NTFC
- Country specific reports
February 22, 2019 -

- TACB requirements for Category C

**Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)**

**Assistance required:**

- Legal/Policy - Technical expertise to develop user friendly publications. Technical expertise in translating information in other 2 Official languages.

**Procedures**

- Assistance is required to review the range of publications produced by border agencies and develop more formal procedures in order to publish trade-related information in easily accessible manner and to provide measures to ensure that relevant agency staffs are aware of the obligation.

**Human Resources/Training**

- Training of all relevant border agency Officials to have better understanding of Fiji’s international obligations, relevant domestic laws and roles and responsibilities of other border agencies to facilitate trade.
- The training will also include identification of type of information that the agencies need to publish.

**ICT**

**Cat. B definitive dates**

February 22, 2020

**Assistance et soutien pour le renforcement des capacités nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre (pour la catégorie C)**

**Assistance nécessaire:**

- Politique/cadre juridique – expertise technique pour l’élaboration de publications accessibles, et pour la traduction dans les deux autres langues officielles.

**Procédures**

- Une assistance est nécessaire pour passer en revue les publications produites par les organismes présents aux frontières et élaborer des procédures plus formelles, afin de publier les renseignements relatifs au commerce sous une forme facilement accessible, et pour prévoir des dispositions permettant au personnel des organismes pertinents d’avoir connaissance de cette obligation.

**Ressources humaines et formation**

- Formation de tous les fonctionnaires des organismes présents aux frontières pertinents, pour améliorer leur compréhension des obligations internationales des Fidji, de la législation nationale pertinente et des rôles et responsabilités des autres organismes présents aux frontières afin de faciliter les échanges.
- La formation portera aussi sur l’identification des types de renseignements.
ABC Deadlines for Developing Countries

August 22, 2019 -
• All ABC-related notifications due
Current overall implementation rate of TFA

65.8%

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org
Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

% rate of implementation commitments

- Cat. A
- Cat. B
- Cat. C
- Developed Members

Today 65.8%

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Developing Members at 100% Implementation

All provisions in **Category A:**

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Chili
3. Republic of Korea
4. Hong Kong, China
5. Israël
6. Mexico
7. Singapore
8. Chinese Taipei
9. Turkey

Category B/C dates passed:

1. Brazil
2. China
3. Georgia
4. Macao, China
5. North Macedonia
6. Oman
Transparency Notifications
Articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2

Article 1.4:
- The official place(s) for publication
- Website URL
- Enquiry Point contact information

Article 10:
- 10.4.3 Details of operation of the single window
- 10.6.2 Measures on the use of customs brokers

Article 12:
- 12.2.2 Customs cooperation - contact point for information exchange
WCO/TFAF Cooperation

• Border Agency Cooperation Regional Workshop for Caribbean

• LDC retreat

• TFA and the CVA experience sharing workshop

• October TFC + workshops

• Several diagnosticians facilitated needs assessments

• A4T Global Review – Facilitation Feud
Thank you!

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IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF TFA PROVISIONS DISCUSSED
Art. 7.6 – Average release times

Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today 58.3%

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Art. 7.5 – Post clearance audit

Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today 66.1%

% of TFA implementation


Cat. A  Cat. B  Cat. C  Developed Members

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Art. 11 – Transit

Timeline of implementation commitments
Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today 72.3%
Art. 10.4 – Single window

Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today 39.6%

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Art. 12 – Customs cooperation

Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time

Today 67.3%

% rate of implementation commitments


Cat. A, Cat. B, Cat. C, Developed Members

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Art. 7.3 – Separation of release from clearance

Timeline of implementation commitments

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Today 74.0%

% rate of implementation commitments

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