



***COUNTRY REPORT ON
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF
WTO'S TRADE FACILITATION
AGREEMENT***

Pakistan

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- Trade Facilitation Agreement concluded at Bali Ministerial Conference(December 2013).
- Came into force on 22nd February 2017, when 2/3 members have ratified it.
- Pakistan Ratified TFA in October 2015.

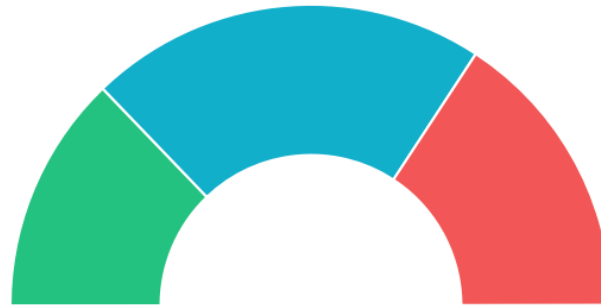
PAKISTAN STATUS ON TFA

- A Capital Based Working Group under National Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee was established in February 2014 to divide the technical commitments in Category A,B and C.
- Capital Based Working Group comprised of representatives of Ministry of Commerce, FBR, Ministry of National food ad security, Ministry of Science and technology ,Ministry of Communications, Ministry of ports and shipping, Chambers of Commerce
- **Category A:**
Pakistan Notified its category A commitments in October 2015.Effort has been made to include all the measures in category “A” to which Pakistan is already Compliant.
- **Category B &C:**
The category B&C Commitments was initially drafted in November 2015 and remained under consideration of the stakeholders till April 2017 and notified to the WTO Secretariat on 15th June 2017.

Pakistan's notified Commitments

Share of Categories A, B, C

Based on % of all notifiable items



● A – 25.6%

● B – 42.9%

● C – 31.5%

● Not yet notified – 0.0%

TFAD (Trade Facilitation Agreement Database) www.tfadatabase.org

Rate of implementation of commitments

- Total rate of implementation commitments **to date: 45.8%** which includes:
- Category A: 25.6%
- Category B: 19.7%
- Category C: 0.42%

Category “ A” Commitments (Already Implemented)

Provisions	Heading/Description
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information	
Article 1.1,1.2,1.3	Publication
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency	
Article 5.2	Detention
Article 5.3	Test Procedures
Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties	
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation
Article 6.3.1-6.3.5	Penalty Disciplines

Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods

Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing
Article 7.3.	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers
Article 11 Freedom of Transit	
Article 11.2-11.15	Freedom of Transit

Category “B” Commitments

Provisions	Heading/Description	Implementation Date
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information		
Article 1.1.1 (j)		31 December 2017
Article 1.3.1,1.3.4	Establishment of Enquiry Points	30 June 2018
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations		
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	30 September 2018
Article 2.2	Consultations	30 June 2018
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review		31 December 2017
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency		
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	31 December 2017
Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties		
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 December 2017
Article 6.3.6		30 September 2018

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Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods		
Article 7.3.4-7.3.5		30 September 2018
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	30 September 2018
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation		
		To be determined
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control		
		30 June 2018
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit		
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	30 September 2018
Article 10.2.1,10.2.2	Acceptance of Copies	31 December 2017
Article 10.2.2		31 December 2017

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Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	30 June 2018
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	30 September 2018
Article 11 Freedom of Transit		
Article 11.1,11.16,11.17		30 June 2023
Article 12 Customs Cooperation		30 June 2019

Category “C” Commitment And Technical Assistance Requirement

Provisions	Heading/Description	Indicative date for implementation	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information			
Article 1.2.1,1.2.3	Information Available through Internet	30 June 2019	Development of Project and IT/skilled HR, Hardware/Software related assistance to align with international best practices.
Article 1.2.3		30 June 2019	Infrastructure/Civil works, Software development, IT network hardware, capacity building of HR.
Article 3 Advance Rulings		30 June 2019	Development of institutional infrastructure, HR/IT/Capacity building.
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods			
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	30 June 2018	Software capacity building support.
Article 7.4	Risk Management	30 June 2019	Business Intelligence Tools (software), Data Analysts, RMS Design, Capacity Building, IT Support.

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Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods			
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	30 June 2019	Capacity Building, IT Support, HR Support.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	30 June 2019	Awareness workshops, TRS Software, Development of Study Modules, IT, Training and capacity Building of HR.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	30 June 2020	Awareness workshops, TRS Software, Development of Study Modules, IT, Training and capacity Building of HR.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	31 December 2018	Capacity Building, IT support.
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation			
		30 June 2020	IT Support, Establishment of EDI Links with Customs across the Border, establishment of NSW.

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Article 10.4	Single Window	30 June 2022	Hardware, IT Support, Capacity Building, Infrastructure.
Article 10.7.1	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	30 June 2019	Modules Development, software, IT Support, HR Development.