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**NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY COMMITMENTS UNDER
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM MYANMAR

Addendum

The following communication, dated 17 May 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Myanmar.

Following up from the notification dated 15 August 2022 (G/TFA/N/MMR/1/Add.2), the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby notifies that the following provisions have been shifted between categories in response to Article 19 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

Provision	Heading/Description	Category previously notified as	Category shifted to
Article 1.1	Publication	C	B
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	B
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	B
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	B
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	B
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	B
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	B
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	B
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	B
Article 9	Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control	C	B
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	B
Article 12	Customs Cooperation	C	B

For ease of reference, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar's full list of category commitments can be found in the table attached herewith.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Point	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2021	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	31 December 2021	31 December 2024	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	31 December 2024	31 December 2026	
Article 5.2	Detention	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2022	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2024	31 December 2026	Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO/IEC: 17025-2017 accreditation • Human Resources Training • Method Validation Training • Measurement uncertainty Training • Human Resources/Training • Training staff and adoption of international best practices • Quality Management System ISO/IEC 17025-2017 training • Assessor training • Method validation training • Training need for volumetric glassware and micropipette calibration (including Calibration Procedure and Excel Sheet Uncertainty Calculation) • Training need for Rice Moisture Calibration, Moisture Meter Calibration, Moisture Analyzer and Moisture Balance Calibration including Calibration Procedure and Excel Sheet Uncertainty Calculation) • One Stop Shop System Training • Hand on Training for the method validation and verification and calculation of Measurement Uncertainty

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					<p>which are Technical Requirements to support trueness of test reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on maintenance of each and every instruments which are able to be calibrated by internal persons (Competence analysts) • To extend test parameters which are not only concern food safety but also fulfil requirement of Trade facilitation.e.g., ochratoxin A and Acrylamide in coffee safety evaluation in honey etc; • Method validation on Training for pesticide residues (Expert and Training) • Calculation of uncertainty measurement training (Expert and Training) • Method Validation Training for Heavy Metal, Malachite green and Leucomalachite green, Pesticide residues, Histamine (Expert and Training) • Method Verification Training for Chloramphenicol and Tetracycline (Expert and Training) • Calculation of uncertainty measurement training for Microbiological and Chemical (Expert and Training) • Internal Audit Training • Risks Management Training • Regarding with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) For export products, training on the inspection procedures to meet the requirements of the imported country at all stages of production (b) For import products, training on the inspection procedures to prevent pests which haven't found in Myanmar • Training on plant pathogen process for pest control <p>Legislative and Regulatory Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation and Regulation Framework • Development of appropriate legislation to ensure compliance with current standards and coordination with the relevant competent authorities such as the Government Analyst, Food and Drug Department <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance • Equipment • Upgrade • New Chemical Laboratory

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC/MS/MS/MS Machine Technical Assistance Technical assistance is needed to promote technician's competent on testing Expert Guidance to the Quality Management System in place to support until to be accredited laboratories Technical assistance on ISO 17025 certification process for Residues Laboratory Technical assistance on Post Entry Quarantine Process Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support for equipment and infrastructure facilities is needed to establish the accredited laboratory and to strengthen the existing laboratory Capacity Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop in-house testing capability Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Resources Information and Communication technology
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 and penalties	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2025	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs processing import on or in connection with importation and exportation	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	31 December 2022	31 December 2025	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	31 December 2025	31 December 2027	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	Technical Assistance required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation and application of appropriate software and hardware. Training for IT staff and users of the system. To assist technical assistance in formulation of regulations for releasing goods by guarantee system before the payment of customs duty and tax.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide trainings for Customs Officials regarding application of software and guarantee system.
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building for upgrading risk management system Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to specify the suitable Selectivity Criteria for Risk Categories, to lay down Regulations, Procedures and Risk Management Plan. Technical and Financial support for risk identification and regulating impact assessment Capacity Building to specify risk indicators for inspecting Passengers and vehicles
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2023	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2026	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	31 December 2022	31 December 2026	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	31 December 2024	31 December 2026	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2023	31 December 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enactment of the relevant procedures regulations to guide operations. Increased institutional capacity, infrastructure and equipment. Harmonization of different systems among the border agencies and bordering countries. Training for staff of the various regulatory agencies at the border. Technical Assistance and ICT support for designing mechanisms for sharing of data and information. Capacity Building and staff training on border agency cooperation and sharing of international best practices on SSI/SWI.
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		B	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of an expert for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of

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					Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of an expert for needs assessment and gap analysis of existing laws, rules and regulations, procedures, documentation requirements and practices of Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	B	31 December 2024	31 December 2026	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and Financial Assistance to develop ICT (hardware and software) and to implement Single Window Technical and Financial Assistance to set up backend system in order to exchange Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary (e-SPS) Certificates via National Single Window Routing Platform and ASEAN Single Window Gateway. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for system enhancement and integration of Port EDI System as a part of National Single Window. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building on formulating legislative and regulatory framework regarding Single Window. Capacity Building for awareness workshops and capacity building programmes. Capacity Building for human resources and trainings regarding e-SPS.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2025	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Workshops for amending and enacting laws and regulations of the Trade Related Departments in accordance with International Standards.
Article 10.8	Reject Goods	B	31 December 2022	31 December 2025	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	31 December 2022	31 December 2026	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		C	31 December 2025	31 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide best practices of customs control in affixing Customs Seals, designing separate infrastructure (lanes, berth) for transit vehicles.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide awareness raising training and seminar regarding with the transit guarantee. • To provide technical assistance for Transit regulating which has being drafted in Myanmar Customs. • To provide capacity building for customs officials in regarding with Transit Operations and Controls. • To provide capacity building for customs officials for Transit Cooperation and Coordination among regional and other customs administrations.
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		B	31 December 2024	31 December 2026	-