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Committee on Trade Facilitation

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

COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITANIA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 August 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mauritania for Members' information.

Further to the notification dated 25 February 2020 (G/TFA/N/MRT/1/Add.1), Mauritania hereby makes the following notifications:

- (1) The shifting of categories;
- (2) The definitive implementation dates for Category B and C measures.

1. In accordance with Article 19 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, Mauritania wishes to notify that the following provision should be shifted from Category B to Category C.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category previously notified as	Category shifted to	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.2	Information available through Internet	B	C	31 December 2024

2. Mauritania also hereby makes the following notification of its definitive dates for implementation of its Category B and C provisions, in accordance with Article 16.2 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. For ease of reference, the full list of category commitments are summarized in the table below.

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	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Funding to augment the budget of the body responsible for the Official Journal – Assistance in updating and distributing practical guides on import, export and transit procedures – Assistance in improving visibility and communication with users – Assistance in enhancing interaction with users (Q&A system) – Assistance in supplying domestic agencies with materials and equipment (France/Switzerland)
Article 1.2	Information Available Through Internet	C	31 December 2020	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Customs will need full support in setting up a website that can be updated over time
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in obtaining necessary computer equipment for enquiry points (Switzerland) – Assistance in training staff in how to manage and communicate information (Switzerland)
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in training individuals in how to complete WTO notifications – Assistance in providing the individual responsible for WTO notifications with the necessary computer equipment (Switzerland)
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in establishing a process to release draft trade-related legal texts for public consultation prior to their implementation (Switzerland)

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Article 2.2	Consultations	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in defining a legal framework for implementation of an appropriate consultation mechanism – Assistance in training the border staff responsible for consultations – Assistance in creating a website or platform for communicating with the public (Switzerland)
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	31 December 2024	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Legal expert to set up a legal framework – Legal expert to establish procedures – IT expert to design an automated system – Assistance in promoting outreach activities (WCO/UNCTAD)
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in publishing manuals on dispute procedures (WCO)
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	31 December 2024	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establishment of a rapid alert system for imports (via Intranet or the Single Window) connecting all border posts – Training of agents operating the alert system – Intranet system or the creation of a digital platform for information exchange (EU)
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance from a country that has made this amendment to its customs code and submitted Category A notifications – Assistance in developing procedures for second tests – Training of officers in how to weigh the results of the two tests (Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Morocco)
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	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in setting up a periodic review of all fees – Assistance with the regular, electronic publication of all fees (WTO)
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in setting up a periodic review of all customs fees – Assistance with the regular, electronic publication of all customs fees (WTO)
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in establishing a regulatory framework for the processing of import documentation prior to the arrival of goods – Assistance in acquiring specific equipment: scanners and server memory cards (WCO)

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Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in introducing implementing texts from countries that have set up electronic payment systems – Planning for changes to Treasury regulations to allow for electronic payment of import and export duties – Interfacing of ASYCUDA and the Treasury and banking systems to enable customs to accept credit card payments – A study of the three systems to find a standard interface language along the lines of ISO 8583 – Second interfacing with the future national payments system (RTGS and SWIFT). Payment for the services of an IT firm specialized in interfacing – Training of customs and Treasury officers in electronic payments and payment systems – Credit card terminals and other necessary infrastructure to be funded for Customs, the Treasury and the banking system (WCO/UNCTAD/EDIFACT)
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2024	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in establishing a legal and regulatory framework – Development of a risk management strategy – Establishment of control procedures on the basis of risk management principles – Regular reviews of formal risk management plans

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanism to disseminate risk information to all offices - Creation of a dedicated risk analysis body - Assistance in training system operators - Creation of a risk analysis and management model (WCO/AFRITAC)
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2024	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance in creating a dedicated post-clearance audit service - Assistance in training - Provision of IT expertise (AFRITAC/WCO/GIZ)
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carrying out of a study on the average release time - Development of common procedures for determining the release time - Creation of a committee comprising several agencies to measure the average release time of goods - Training in designing, planning, conducting and analysing a TRS - Training on the use of WCO software (WCO)
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertise in creating a legal framework for AEOs - Customs expert to train staff in how AEOs function (WCO/AFRITAC)
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-

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Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2024	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in forming bilateral committees with neighbouring countries; making use of ECOWAS customs cooperation mechanisms (ECOWAS Commission) – Assistance from countries that have instituted information exchange on goods in transit (Côte d'Ivoire) – Assistance in setting up juxtaposed customs offices (Mali) – Help in acceding to the TIR Convention and the Convention on Temporary Admission (ATA) – Help with cargo tracking to replace escorts (Mali) (TIR Secretariat and ECOWAS countries)
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance in changing procedures from, for example, a neighbouring country that has changed its procedures (Senegal) – Training of customs officers in accepting copies in connection with the single window (Senegal)
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assistance from the WCO in implementing the revised Kyoto Convention and the Istanbul Convention – Assistance in implementing the simplified declaration (WCO)

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint assistance from the WCO/UNCTAD and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in conducting a feasibility study on a single window under the Ministry of Finance (Customs) – Assistance from the WCO/UNCTAD in developing ASYCUDA as an electronic platform connecting all participants in the import, export and transit processes – Help in signing the FAL Convention, which has an annex that recommends digital formats, unification of procedures and the creation of a port community (WCO/UNCTAD/IMO)
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2024	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Benchmarking study tour – Training on supervising and verifying manufacturing operations for inward processing regimes – Module on managing production records for the monitoring of inward processing – Implementation of module on managing exemptions and temporary admission – Capacity building (WCO)

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Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024	– Assistance in modernizing the transit system and the main corridors (World Bank)
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-