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

COMMUNICATION FROM MALDIVES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 1 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Maldives for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 9 December 2019 (G/TFA/N/MDV/3), the Republic of Maldives hereby notifies, based on Article 19.1 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, (WT/L/931) that the following provision has been shifted between categories. The Maldives also notifies the related technical assistance and capacity building needs for that provision.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category previously notified as	Category shifted to	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	C	Technical assistance in configuring the systems to cater expedited release Develop staff capacity, training of staff on processing the release of expedited shipments. Technical assistance in the introduction of simplified declaration. Need technical assistance to introduce security/guarantee system. Training and Capacity Building required for Customs Officials to implement Authorized Economic Operators (AEO). Note: Technical assistance provided by ADB to design and develop Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program.

At the same time, Maldives also notifies, based on Article 17 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, the request for extension of its definitive implementation dates for the following provisions:

Provision	Heading/Description	Previously notified definitive date for implementation	New definitive date for implementation requested	Reason for request for extension
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	31 December 2023	31 December 2024	<p>There is a delay in moving to the new cargo facility arrangements at the Velana International Airport, hence a delay in the implementation of this Article.</p> <p>The expected date to move to the new Cargo Facility at Velana International Airport is at the end of 2021.</p> <p>Expected date for the establishment and implementation of Courier Facility at Velana International Airport is from 2022 to 2023.</p> <p>The approval of proposed amendments to the Customs General Regulation to introduce a security/guarantee system is expected to be in the year 2021.</p> <p>Introduction of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) is expected to be in the year 2021.</p>
Article 10.4	Single Window	31 December 2024	31 December 2025	<p>The National Single Window turnkey contract awarded in December 2019 was terminated in October 2021 and is currently being re-tendered and a new Turnkey Vendor is expected to be on board by 3rd Quarter 2021. Based on revised estimated timelines for Single Window turnkey contract implementation, the first phase of the single window system is expected to be delivered before end of 2023.</p>