



NOTIFICATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT OF CATEGORY C DESIGNATIONS

COMMUNICATION FROM RWANDA

The following communication, the first draft of which was received on 29 April, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Rwanda.

Rwanda hereby notifies information on the arrangements concluded and progress made in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support of the following category C designations, in response to Article 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: TradeMark East Africa (partial support)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<p>A One Stop Centre Enquiry Point has been established under the auspices of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) and operates as a centralized body/secretariat that transmits requests, compiles replies and sends them back to the requesting parties, through the Trade Portal live chat or per email. The Trade Portal live chat is a point of entry for enquiries on the homepage which go directly to the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point email.</p> <p>The coordination and communication mechanism of the One Stop Centre Enquiry Point were established together with Enquiry Points focal persons nominated from private and public institutions involved in international trade. However, there is still a challenge for establishing a dedicated national enquiry point office. The office will coordinate all the activities of the other enquiry points across the country and be responsible for all trade related notifications, including managing WTO notifications.</p>				

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Article 3	Advance Rulings	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: TradeMark East Africa (TMEA)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<p>The development of the Advance Ruling module was done through the Rwanda Electronic Single Window (RESW) in line with Article 3 of WTO TFA (Advance Rulings) and the WCO Technical Guidelines on Advance Rulings for classification, Valuation and Origin.</p> <p>The module is fully implemented in the RESW and enhanced certainty and predictability of clearance process. Disputes on release or clearance with customs authority on tariff headings, valuation and origin, i.e eligibility to preferential tariff treatment will be reduced and delays minimised.</p>				

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To be determined				

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Article 7.4.3	Risk Management	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
A Joint Risk Management Committee composed of key stakeholders involved in risk management for clearance of goods has been established and operationalized with clear Terms of Reference (ToRs). Training needs have been identified, a workplan developed and the committee is developing a Risk Register.				

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Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To be determined				

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Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	C	31 August 2024	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To be determined				