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

COMMUNICATION FROM SIERRA LEONE

The following communication, dated 16 August 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Sierra Leone for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 19 August 2022 (G/TFA/N/SLE/1/Add.4), Sierra Leone 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 (WT/L/931).

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024
Donors: International Monetary Fund				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<i>Ongoing capacity building for risk management officers</i>				

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Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2024
Donors: International Monetary Fund				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<i>Ongoing capacity building for post-clearance audit officers</i>				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2023
Donors: World Bank Group				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<i>Technical assistance was provided to advance with the roll-out of the Time Release Study at the Port of Freetown. A detailed implementation plan was agreed with the National Trade Facilitation Committee. It was agreed that additional technical assistance will be provided by the World Bank team to further review/update the Time Release Study questionnaire, train all in requirements for completing the Time Release Study and analyse the Time Release Study results.</i>				

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Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2025
Donors: World Bank Group				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<i>Work has commenced to establish a technical working group under the National Trade Facilitation Committee that will work on the development of a coordinated border management framework. It was agreed that an immediate next step for the World Bank team should be to provide training in inter-agency coordination.</i>				
