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Committee on Trade Facilitation

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**NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 AND 12.2.2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM JAMAICA

The following communication, dated 25 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Jamaica.

Jamaica hereby makes the following notifications based on articles 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 and 12.2.2 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

Article 1, paragraph 4

(a) The official place(s) where the items in subparagraphs 1.1(a) to (j) have been published

1.1(a) procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm Customs Act and Regulations	Import, Export and Transit clearance procedures.
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm	Import, Export and Transit clearance procedures.

1.1(b) applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm ; https://www.jacustoms.gov.jm/sites/default/files/docs/Tariff/PRINTABLE%20tariff%20-HS%202017-%20March%2015,%202021.pdf	Integrated tariff
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm	

1.1(c) fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;

Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm	Fees and Charges
The Trade Board Ltd	www.tradeboard.gov.jm	

1.1(d) rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm ; https://www.jacustoms.gov.jm/sites/default/files/docs/Tariff/PRINTABLE%20%20tariff%20-HS%202017-%20March%2015,%202021.pdf Classification: The Customs Tariff (Revision Amendment) Resolution 2018 Customs Act and Regulations
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm

1.1(e) laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm ; Customs Regulations
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm
Ministry of Foreign affairs and Foreign Trade	www.mfaft.gov.jm
The Trade Board Ltd	www.tradeboard.gov.jm – Trade Agreement Booklet

1.1(f) import, export or transit restrictions or prohibitions;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm Customs Act and Regulations
Ministry of National Security	www.mns.gov.jm
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm
Trade Board Ltd	www.tradeboard.gov.jm
Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority (HSRA)	Nuclear Safety and Protection Act (2015) – Part 3 – Prohibition and Restriction on Ionizing and Radiation Activities
The Veterinary Services Division	The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act The Public Health Act and Regulations (Meat Inspection) 1989 The Public Health Act and Regulations (Butchers)1989 The Food & Drugs Act 1975
Ministry of Health & Wellness	The Public Health Act The Food & Drugs Act 1975

1.1(g) penalty provisions for breaches of import, export, or transit formalities;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm Customs Act and Regulations
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm
Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection Branch	The Plant (Quarantine) Act The Plants (Importation) Control Regulations, 1997 https://www.moa.gov.jm/content/acts-regulations
Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority (HSRA)	Nuclear Safety and Protection Act (2015) https://www.miic.gov.jm/content/hazardous-substances-regulatory-authority-hsra

The Veterinary Services Division	The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act The Public Health Act and Regulations (Meat Inspection) 1989 The Public Health Act and Regulations (Butchers) 1989 The Process Food Act The Food & Drugs Act 1975 The Meat and Meat Products and Meat By-Products (Inspection and Export) Act 1999 https://www.moa.gov.jm/content/veterinary-services-division
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	The Food & Drugs Act 1975 Processed Food Act The Public Health Act https://www.moa.gov.jm/content/veterinary-services-division
Ministry of Health & Wellness	The Public Act The Food & Drugs 1975 The Process Food Act
The National Compliance and Regulatory Authority	The Standards (labelling of Processed Food) Regulations, 1974 The Standards Regulations, 1983 http://www.ncra.org.jm/acts-regulations

1.1(h) procedures for appeal or review;

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm
Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Division	Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Division Act 1058
Ministry of Health & Wellness	The Public Health Act, 1985
Veterinary Services Division	Aquaculture, Inland and Marine Products and By-Products (Inspection Licensing and Export) Act 1999

1.1(i) agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation, exportation, or transit; and

Jamaica Customs Agency	www.jacustoms.gov.jm	FTAs
Jamaica Trade Information Portal	https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm	FTAs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade	www.mfaft.gov.jm	FTAs

1.1(j) procedures relating to the administration of tariff quotas.

Jamaica does not operate any tariff quotas.

(b) The Uniform Resource Locators of website(s) referred to in paragraph 2.1

The Uniform Resource Locators (URL) of website referred to in paragraph 2.1 is:

www.jacustoms.gov.jm

<https://jamaicatradeportal.gov.jm>

(c) The contact information of the enquiry points referred to in paragraph 3.1

Contact information on enquiry point is:

Jamaica Customs Agency	Name: Shandilayne Davis Tel.: +1 (876) 750-3026 E-mail: Shandilayne.davis@jca.gov.jm Website: www.jacustoms.gov.jm	All Customs related matters
Ministry of Agriculture (Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection Branch)	Sanniel Wilson Chief Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspector Address: 193 Old Hope Road, Kingston 06 Telephone: +1 (876)-977-0637/6401 Email: sanniel.wilson@moa.gov.jm	International Plant Production Convention (IPPC) related Matters
	Damian Rowe Senior Plant Quarantine/ WTO-SPS Enquiry Point Officer Address: 193 Old Hope Road, Kingston 06 Telephone: +1 (876) 977-0637/6401 Email: damian.rowe@moa.gov.jm	Main Enquiry Point
Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Clifford Spencer Director of Commerce Address: 4 St. Lucia Avenue, Kingston 5 Telephone: +1 (876) 968-7116 Email: Clifford.spencer@miic.gov.jm	Main Enquiry Point
	Daenia Ashpole Director of Trade Address: 4 St. Lucia Avenue, Kingston 5 Telephone: +1 (876) 968-7116 Email: daenia.ashpole@miic.gov.jm	Main Enquiry Point
The Trade Board Limited	Sharisa Buckle JTIP Content Manager Address: 10 th Floor, Air Jamaica Building, 72 Harbour Street, Kingston Telephone: +1 (876) 967-0507 Email: sbuckle@tradeboard.gov.jm	Main Enquiry Point
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Article 10, paragraph 4.3

The Jamaica Single Window for Trade (JSWIFT) is an electronic platform which uses the Automated System for Custom Data (ASYCUDA) World technology. JSWIFT began implementation in 2018 and since June 2020 traders and their representatives have been using the system to make applications related to Licenses, Permits, Certificates and Other documents (LPCOs) to meet import, export, and transit requirements, including electronic payment for services, without having to visit relevant agencies.

The system allows traders and their representatives, such as approved customs brokers to register and access on-line services related to the application, payment and receipt of LPCOs for international trading purposes. This involves submitting required documentation and/or data to the JSWIFT single-entry point to the participating agencies where the agencies process these applications, notify applicants and deliver services through the JSWIFT platform in a timely and efficient manner.

The system, which is being implemented on a phased basis, is fully operational for LPCOs for the Trade Board Limited and the Plant Quarantine Product Inspect Brach (PQPIB) of the Ministry of Agriculture which are the main Government Agency for the granting of LPCOs, inclusive of certificate of origins and plant and animal agricultural products respectively.

The platform can be access at the website <https://www.jswift.gov.jm/> and the associated E-learning portal can be access at <https://www.learning.jswift.gov.jm/>. The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) is the implementing Agency and Operator of the JSWIFT system for the Government of Jamaica and collaborates with other cross-border regulatory agencies for this initiative.

The system is being extended to include other government agencies within the next two (2) years.

Article 10, paragraph 6.2

Part XVII of the Customs Regulations 1955

Section 147C states that the services of a customs broker are required where the value of the goods to be cleared exceeds USD 5,000.

Article 12, paragraph 2.2

Notification of details of contact point for the exchange of information set out in Article 12:6:1 (b) and/or (c).

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