NOTIFICATION BASED ON ARTICLE 22:1 AND 22:2 OF THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

COMMUNICATION FROM SWITZERLAND

The following communication, dated 22 March 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

Switzerland hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with Article 22.1 and Article 22.2 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

1. Notified under Article 22.1

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<td>The Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP) is a multi-donor program of the World Bank Group's Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice which provides support for countries seeking assistance in aligning their trade practices with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.</td>
<td>Swiss contribution: 2017-2023 CHF 2 million</td>
<td>Every country is eligible to receive support under the Program. Eligible countries are expected to have demonstrated a strong commitment to implementing trade facilitation reforms in the areas covered by the WTO TFA. Moreover, the TFSP will prioritize assistance to countries with limited access to other donor support.</td>
<td>WTO: World Trade Organization ITC: International Trade Center US ITC: United States International Trade Commission WCO: World Customs Organization IMF: International Monetary Fund UNCTAD: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development WBG: World Bank Group</td>
<td>Requests for technical assistance can be made directly to the Trade Facilitation Support Program or through WBG offices and partners. For further information: Trade Facilitation Support Program</td>
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<td>The Global Trade Facilitation Program (GTFP) is a multi-bi donor program of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and Switzerland providing support to priority countries in the realm of the Swiss Economic Development Cooperation. The program assists countries in implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention.</td>
<td>Swiss contribution: 2018-2022 CHF 5.5 million</td>
<td>Eligible countries include partner countries of the Swiss Economic Development Cooperation: Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of North Macedonia, Peru, Serbia, South Africa, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Ukraine, and Viet Nam</td>
<td>WCO: World Customs Organization</td>
<td>Requests for assistance can be made to the notified TF Contact Point responsible for technical assistance and capacity building or directly to the WCO. Eligible countries will be selected through the program.</td>
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### 2. Notified under Article 22.2

In Switzerland the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) is in charge of economic cooperation and development activities. Within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation SECO’s Trade Promotion Division is responsible for assistance and support for capacity building.

Enquiries regarding trade facilitation-related assistance can be directed to:

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The Donor contact information can also be found on [http://www.tfafacility.org/switzerland](http://www.tfafacility.org/switzerland).

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