NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION

COMMUNICATION FROM SRI LANKA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Sri Lanka for Members’ information.

Following up from the notification dated 8 February 2018 (G/TFA/N/LKA/1), Sri Lanka hereby makes the following notifications of its definitive dates for its category C commitments in response to Article 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

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| Article 1.1 | Publication | C | 30 June 2018 | 31 December 2024 | • Expert support to develop an information management system.  
• Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• ICT Infrastructure for internal information management systems, maintaining and upgrading agency website.  
• Infrastructure (software) for Trade Information Portal. |
| Article 1.2 | Information Available through Internet | C | 30 June 2018 | 31 December 2024 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• ICT Infrastructure for internal information management systems, maintaining and upgrading agency website.  
• Infrastructure (software) for Trade Information Portal. |
| Article 1.3 | Enquiry Points | C | 30 June 2018 | 31 December 2021 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• ICT infrastructure and technology for maintaining enquiry points.  
• Staff capacity building on operating and maintaining enquiry points. |
| Article 1.4 | Notification | C | 30 June 2018 | 31 December 2025 | • For Creation of an electronic single information management platform encompassing official locations where in which the information has been published, Uniform resource locators of website of the TIP, enquiry points responsible for servicing enquires, enabling expeditious & accurate flow of notifications. |
| **Article 2**  | Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations | | | | |
| Article 2.1 | Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force | C | 31 December 2020 | 31 December 2026 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• Staff capacity building on developing procedures; managing notification and public comment on proposed laws and regulations. |
<p>| Article 2.2 | Consultations | C | 31 December 2020 | 31 December 2025 | • Expert support on developing public consultation strategy. |</p>
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• Expert support on the design and establishment of a risk management system.  
• ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system.  
• Staff capacity building on implementing the risk management system. |
| Article 7.5 | Post-clearance Audit                                                                                                                                                                                              | C        | 31 December 2018                                           | 31 December 2027                                           | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. |
| Article 7.6 | Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times                                                                                                                                                           | C        | 30 June 2018                                               | 15 December 2018                                           | • Staff capacity building on designing, planning and implementing TRS.               |
| Article 7.7 | Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators                                                                                                                                                            | C        | 31 December 2020                                           | 31 December 2026                                           | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• Staff capacity building on design, implementation and review of authorized trader scheme. |
| Article 7.8 | Expedited Shipments                                                                                                                                                                                              | A        | -                                                           | -                                                          | -                                                                                    |
| Article 7.9 | Perishable Goods                                                                                                                                                                                                | C        | 31 December 2020                                           | 31 December 2024                                           | • Expert support on developing a coordination mechanism for relevant border agencies on prioritized examination of perishable goods.  
• Advance testing facilities and technology.  
• Staff capacity building on the use of advanced testing facilities and techniques. |
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• Capacity building support for staff on border agency cooperation. |
| Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control | | | | | |
| Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit | | A | - | - | - |
| Article 10.1 Formalities and Documentation Requirements | | C | 31 December 2018 | 31 December 2026 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.  
• Capacity building support for responsible staff on conducting periodic reviews. |
| Article 10.2 Acceptance of Copies | | C | 31 December 2018 | 31 December 2026 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements.  
• ICT infrastructure & technology (to be covered through NSW).  
• Capacity building support to staff on the benefits of electronic documentation and processes. |
| Article 10.3 Use of International Standards | | C | 31 December 2020 | 31 December 2025 | • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.  
• Capacity building support to staff on the relevant international standards, testing procedures and international best practices. |
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  • Expert support on developing a blueprint for the NSW.  
  • ICT Infrastructure for automation at each agency.  
  • Staff capacity building on implementing the NSW.                                                                 |
| Article 10.5    | Pre-shipment Inspection                      | B        | 31 December 2017                                            | 31 December 2019                                            |                                                                                  |
| Article 10.6    | Use of Customs Brokers                       | A        | -                                                           | -                                                           |                                                                                  |
| Article 10.7    | Common Border Procedures and Uniform         | A        | -                                                           | -                                                           |                                                                                  |
|                 | Documentation Requirements                   |          |                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                  |
| Article 10.8    | Rejected Goods                              | A        | -                                                           | -                                                           |                                                                                  |
| Article 10.9    | Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward     | A        | -                                                           | -                                                           |                                                                                  |
|                 | and Outward Processing                      |          |                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                  |
| Article 11      | Freedom of Transit                           | A        | -                                                           | -                                                           |                                                                                  |
| Article 12      | Customs Cooperation                          | C        | 31 December 2020                                            | 31 December 2025                                            | • Expert support on developing a voluntary compliance regime.                     |