NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY A COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION

COMMUNICATION FROM PAKISTAN

The following communication dated 5 March 2015 to the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation is being circulated at the request of Pakistan for Members' information.

Pursuant to the Ministerial Decision of 7 December 2013 (WT/MIN(13)/36, WT/L/911), the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation established under the General Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Preparatory Committee") shall, inter alia, receive members' notification of Category A Commitments under the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

With reference to the above, the Government of Pakistan has the honour to notify the Preparatory Committee that it designates all the provisions contained in Section I of the Agreement (annexed to the above-mentioned Ministerial Decision) under Category A for implementation in full upon the entry into force of the Agreement, except for the following:

Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information:
Sub-paragraph 1.1 (j)
Sub-paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3
Subparagraphs 3.1 and 3.4

Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force, and Consultations

Article 3 Advance Rulings

Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review

Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency:
Paragraph 1 - Notifications for Enhanced Controls or Inspections

Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties:
Paragraph 1 - General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation
Sub-paragraph 3.6

Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods:
Paragraph 2 - Electronic payment
Sub-paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5
Paragraph 4 - Risk Management
Paragraph 5 - Post-clearance Audit
Paragraph 6 - Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times
Paragraph 7 - Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators
Paragraph 8 - Expedited Shipments
Paragraph 9 - Perishable Goods

Article 8  Border Agency Cooperation

Article 9  Movement of Goods Intended For Import under Customs Control

Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit:
Paragraph 1 - Formalities and Documentation Requirements
Sub-paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2
Paragraph 3 - Use of International Standards
Paragraph 4 - Single Window
Sub-paragraph 7.1
Paragraph 8 - Rejected Goods
Paragraph 9 - Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing

Article 11 Freedom of Transit:
Paragraphs 1, 16 and 17

Article 12 Customs Cooperation