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**NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY COMMITMENTS UNDER
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM EGYPT

The following communication, dated 18 June 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 7 January 2015 (WT/PCTF/N/EGY/1), in which the Arab Republic of Egypt indicated its category A commitments, the Arab Republic of Egypt hereby makes the following notification of additional category A commitments as well as its category B and C commitments in response to Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)	Assistance and Support for Capacity Building Required for Implementation (for category C)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training and use of international best practices in relation to publication. - Infrastructure Development for the relevant Agencies. - Training of the relevant agencies' staffs.
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a comprehensive trade information portal with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure. - Website development and Setting criteria and procedures for monitoring & updating the data. - Training of the relevant agencies' staffs. - Technical & Financial support for Translation into one of the official languages of the WTO.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the TF Enquiry point and Training of the staff. - Establishment of ICT infrastructure and acquisition of Equipment.
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on procedures for notifications and information to be notified.
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizing & Training on international best practices in the area of Advance rulings. - Training for Customs officers to provide Advance ruling service. - Development of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure. - Providing a software program for an advance ruling system through internet network, that enables the Traders dealing with the customs Authority to obtain all the requested information.

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Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of electronic network that links all the border agencies to facilitate the flow of notifications. - Training of the Staff on risk analysis and dealing with such notifications. - providing ICT infrastructure for relevant agencies.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of Laboratories to undertake testing at all the customs zones. - Development of the existing laboratories and acquisition of equipment. - Training of the Laboratories staff on the use of international best practices. - Establishment of an electronic networking that links all the laboratories to all the related agencies and to link them with the Customs Authority.
Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties					
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies in order to be able to publish all fees & charges in Connection with Importation and Exportation. - Training of the concerned staff in all related agencies on publication and the use of international best practices.
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the border agencies and acquisition of equipment. - Establishment of logistics centres at all the border crossings to provide that service.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training of the border agencies' staffs on the use of best practices in that area. - providing automated system for common risks for data processing before the arrival of the goods.
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing of administrations in relation to electronic payment at all relevant agencies & establishing a securing system for these financial transactions. - Training of the staff to provide this service. - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the administrations of the electronic payment.
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the Administration in relation to risk management at the Customs Authority and all the competent authorities and provide the necessary ICT infrastructure. - Training of the related staff to provide that service in accordance with international best practices.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training of the related staff on the latest systems on Accounting & Auditing in consistent with the updates of the e-commerce and transfer pricing. - Provide the necessary ICT infrastructure.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing the programme for the release time measurement which is adopted by the WCO and Training of the staff. - Providing technical support according to the programmes of the WCO.

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Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizing and Training on international best practices in relation to Authorized operators to expand the scope of the system and to include the small & Medium enterprises. - Development of the necessary ICT infrastructure for the Authorized operator Administration at the Customs Authority.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training of the related staff at the Customs Authority on the use of international best practices according to the programmes of the WCO. - Development of the ICT infrastructure & the X-ray machines. - Setting criteria/new frameworks to comply with the steady increase in the e-commerce imports through expedited shipments.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of Laboratories to undertake testing for all Perishable Goods at all the customs zones. - Development of the existing laboratories and acquisition of equipment for the expedited release of those goods. - Training of the Laboratories staff on the use of international best practices. - Establishment of an electronic networking to link the laboratories with all the related agencies and to link them with the Customs Authority.
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the necessary funds to establish an electronic networking for all the border agencies. - Provide the necessary funds to establish a unified system of procedures to be applicable on the border ports.
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies.

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Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizing & Training on the international best practices in relation to the electronic signature & ratification to be able to use the electronic copies of the documents. - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies to enable the usage of the electronic copies of the documents.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training of the related agencies' staffs on the use of international best practices in relation to trade facilitation procedures and exchange of experiences with other countries in that area.
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of systems for electronic networking for all the border agencies to facilitate the operation of the single window - Providing ICT infrastructure for the relevant agencies and the acquisition of necessary equipment. - Re-engineering of the procedures for the competent authorities and coordinating the relevant Data.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
Article 11.1		B	31 December 2020	31 December 2025	-
Article 11.2-11.3		A	-	-	-
Article 11.4-11.10		C	31 December 2022	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the necessary funds to establish separate lanes for Transit in the Egyptian ports. - Providing x-ray machines at all customs borders related to Transit. - Establishment of a network to link x-ray machines at the national and international level to establish a mechanism for

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cooperation between customs at borders to exchange the images of Transit trucks. - Establish a GPS System for the Containers and trucks for securing the Transit system. - Providing Track and Trace devices - Recognizing and Training on international best practices in relation to the operation of the Transit system and the use of the international expertise especially European.
Article 11.11-11.16		A	-	-	-
Article 11.17		C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of an Administration for the response of enquiries in relation to Transit. - Development of the ICT infrastructure for that Administration and the acquisition of necessary equipment.
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2021	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the ICT infrastructure for the Customs Authority and establishing a system for securing the information and maintain its confidentiality. - Training of the Staff on the mechanism of enforcing the Agreements on Administrative Assistance and exchanging information.