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

COMMUNICATION FROM BANGLADESH

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 January 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Bangladesh for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 14 February 2019 (G/TFA/N/BGD/1/Add.1), Bangladesh hereby notifies that the following provision has been shifted between categories in response to Article 19 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category previously notified as	Category shifted to
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	B	C

For ease of reference, Bangladesh's full list of category commitments can be found in the table attached herewith.

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 1.1.1(a)-1.1.1(b)	Publication	A	-	-	-
Article 1.1.1(c)		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 1.1.1(d)-1.1.1(g)		A	-	-	-
Article 1.1.1(h)		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 1.1.1(i)-1.1.1(j)		A	-	-	-
Article 1.2.1(a)-1.2.1(b)	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.2.1(c)		B	20 February 2022	To be determined	
Article 1.2.2-1.2.3		A	-	-	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	To be determined	To be determined	The National Enquiry Point for Customs is already established. The National Enquiry Point for Trade is being established with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. Assistance required (related to the National Enquiry Point for Trade): 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development 5. Need Assessment
Article 1.4	Notification	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
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	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		A	-	-	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
Article 4.1-4.5		A	-	-	-
Article 4.6		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	To be determined	To be determined	The Department of Plant Quarantine, Bangladesh Standards & Testing Institute, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Department of livestock, Department of Fisheries do not have sufficient laboratories for 2nd tests. It has now become a challenge for them. Technical assistance is required to establish testing laboratories and other logistics and also capacity building for Test Procedures. Development partners' assistance is required in the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment 2. Calibration 3. New lab 4. Training and capacity building
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	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	To be determined	To be determined	The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this Measure with technical assistance from the USAID. Assistance required: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	20 February 2020		-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	To be determined	To be determined	The National Board of Revenue is currently working to implement this measure with technical assistance from

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					<p>the USAID and the World Bank Group (WBG). Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation 3. Training 4. Capacity development 5. Need Assessment <p>The Plant Quarantine Wing has previously received training from the WBG. It requires assistance from development partners for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity development of surveillance mechanism 2. Establishment of pest Risk Analysis (PRA) procedure 3. Technical support on risk assessment and mitigation 4. Documentary and awareness development program in social media for moral and ethical responsibilities 5. preparation of some SOPs and manuals for risk management issues <p>The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) is working to implement this measure with technical assistance from the World Bank Group. It requires assistance for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stabilization of the risk management system following international best practices. 2. Training for the Risk Management Committee members. 3. On-site visit for Risk Management Committee that have successfully established the system. <p>No development partner is currently working with Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission in this regard. It requires assistance from development partners in the area of risk management.</p>

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					<p>For Developing laboratory facilities, accredited process is going on. The Plant Quarantine Wing of DAE needs official assistance.</p> <p>The automation process of import and export permits has already been started.</p>
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	To be determined	To be determined	<p>The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID (for transaction-based audit) and the Asian Development Bank (for system-based audit) to become compliant with this Measure.</p> <p>Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 2. Training 3. Capacity development
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	A	-	-	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	To be determined	To be determined	<p>The National Board of Revenue is currently working in collaboration with the USAID and the Asian Development Bank to implement the AEO system in Bangladesh.</p> <p>Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 2. Training 3. Capacity development 4. Need Assessment 5. Support for Legislation

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Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	To be determined	To be determined	<p>The USAID is providing technical assistance to the National Board of Revenue in establishing an expedited courier system that complies with international best practice.</p> <p>Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 2. Training 3. Capacity development 4. Infrastructure Support
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	To be determined	To be determined	<p>No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods.</p> <p>Assistance required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development 5. Infrastructure Support <p>Again, Port authorities require both technical (feasibility study, drawing, design etc.) and financial (infrastructure, equipment, maintenance etc.) assistance.</p>
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	To be determined	To be determined	<p>(A) In-country border-agency cooperation:</p> <p>The World Bank Group has agreed to provide loan assistance in the area of coordinated border management.</p> <p>The Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance from development partners for establishing strong cooperation with all border agencies.</p> <p>(B) Cross-border agency cooperation:</p> <p>No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of cross-border agency cooperation.</p>

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					SASEC program under ADB coordinates activities in different South Asian countries. Assistance required: 1. Negotiation and Consultation 2. Capacity development 3. Infrastructure 4. Automation
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1.1(a)	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	To be determined	To be determined	No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of perishable goods. Assistance required: 1. Training 2. Capacity development Again, Plant Quarantine Wing requires assistance for- (a) the preparation of a valid organigram of a Plant Quarantine Authority in Bangladesh, and (b) the establishment of E-Phyto System.
Article 10.1.1(b)-10.1.2		A	-	-	-
Article 10.2.1	Acceptance of Copies	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2.2-10.2.3		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	To be determined	To be determined	The National Board of Revenue is currently implementing the project with loan assistance from the World Bank. Assistance required: 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development 5. Coordination mechanism among intra and inter agencies is required Again, ICT related assistance (both hardware and software) will be required at the ports.

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					Further, technical assistance for data standard management will be required at BCSIR.
Article 10.5.1	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.5.2		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
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	B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
Article 11.1-11.4		A	-	-	-
Article 11.5		C	To be determined	To be determined	No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (establishing separate physical infrastructure for traffic-in-transit). Assistance required: 1. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 2. Training 3. Capacity development 4. Development of Integrated Transit Policy
Article 11.6-11.8		A	-	-	-
Article 11.9		C	To be determined	To be determined	No development partner has so far offered any assistance in the area of traffic-in-transit (allowing advance filing and processing of transit documentation and data prior to arrival of goods under traffic-in-transit). Assistance required: 1. Support for legislation 2. Consultation with stakeholders through workshops, seminars and round table meetings 3. Training 4. Capacity development.

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					5. Development of Integrated Transit Policy
Article 11.10-11.14		A	-	-	-
Article 11.15		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 11.16		C	To be determined	To be determined	1. No donor agency is working on this measure, so support is required 2. Assistance is required for Development of Integrated Transit Policy
Article 11.17		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		B	20 February 2020	To be determined	-