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

COMMUNICATION FROM BOTSWANA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 March 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Botswana for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 31 May 2017 (G/TFA/N/BWA/1) and in accordance with Article 16.1(b) and 16.1(e) of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, the Republic of Botswana hereby makes the following notification of its definitive date for implementation of its category B and C provisions.

Provision	Heading/Description	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.1	Publication	31 December 2021
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	31 December 2021
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	31 December 2025
Article 1.4	Notification	31 December 2022
Article 3	Advance Rulings	31 December 2020
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal or Review	31 December 2020
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	31 December 2025
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 December 2020
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 December 2020
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	31 December 2020
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	31 December 2020
Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	31 December 2020
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	31 December 2020
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	31 December 2020
Article 10.4	Single Window	31 December 2027
Article 11	Freedom of Transit	31 December 2020
Article 12	Customs Cooperation	31 December 2020

For ease of reference, the Botswana's full list of category commitments are summarized in the table as 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	Publication	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2022	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking an Information needs analysis and developing a suitable strategy to the needs • Designating appropriate agencies or Departments • Establishing standards and procedures of quality control including fixed timelines • Training of personnel on service delivery • Investment in the necessary hardware
Article 1.4	Notification	B	31 December 2022	31 December 2022	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	A	-	-	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support on Accreditation of Botswana Bureau of Standards testing laboratories • Review of the Standards Act. • Training and Capacity Building of BOBS test officers/technicians on method validation and measurement uncertainty • Support on maintenance of Accreditation of laboratories • Development of the National Quality standards, accreditation and certification

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement of Testing equipment Development of a new lab including infrastructure and equipment for the Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS) Specialised software service for the newly developed lab
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	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	A	-	-	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		B	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	-
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	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2027	31 December 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Feasibility studies and business cases • Develop IT platforms for other border agencies • Training for all Trade Related Ministries
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					
		B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-