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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The following communication, dated 16 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 24 January 2017 (WT/PCTF/N/COD/1), in which it indicated its category A commitments, the Democratic Republic of Congo hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with 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 2020	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request support from UNCTAD to build trade portal Support for training of trade portal managers
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2020	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for capacity building for focal points (WTO, WCO, UNCTAD)
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 March 2020	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for capacity building for focal points
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 March 2020	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for capacity building for members of the notification committee (WTO, UNCTAD)
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 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		C	31 December 2018	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for capacity building (WCO)
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	A	-	-	-
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 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-

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Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	B	31 December 2019	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	31 December 2019	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 March 2021	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance from the WCO for the development of a study on average release times
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	31 December 2019	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	31 December 2019	20 August 2019	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 March 2021	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction, provision of equipment, and capacity building for border agencies and stakeholders (WCO, World Bank, WTO)
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		B	31 December 2018	20 August 2019	
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	31 December 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	31 December 2018	20 August 2019	
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 May 2018	20 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation, provision of equipment and capacity building (WCO, World Bank)
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	B	31 May 2018	20 August 2019	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	22 February 2020	20 August 2019	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-