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

COMMUNICATION FROM CABO VERDE

The following communication, dated 22 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Cabo Verde for Members' information.

Cabo Verde 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) |
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| Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information | | | | | |
| Article 1.1 | Publication | B | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2023 | |
| Article 1.2 | Information Available through Internet | C | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revision of legislation; ▪ Training on website management; regular updates to online trade-related information by competent bodies; ▪ Purchase of information and communication technology equipment; ▪ Development of a trade information portal; ▪ Technical and financial support for translation into one of the official languages of the WTO. |
| Article 1.3 | Enquiry Points | B | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2023 | - |
| Article 1.4 | Notification | B | 1 January 2024 | 1 January 2025 | - |
| 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 | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2024 | - |
| Article 2.2 | Consultations | B | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2023 | - |
| Article 3 Advance Rulings | | | | | |
| | | A | - | - | - |
| 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 | B | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2023 | - |
| Article 5.2 | Detention | A | - | - | - |
| Article 5.3 | Test Procedures | C | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance and financial support to set up a national reference laboratory, and laboratories to conduct testing in all customs zones; ▪ Training of laboratory staff on the use of international best practices. |

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| 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 | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2025 | - |
| Article 6.2 | Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation | C | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance and financial support to conduct a study on the procedures for setting import and export fees and charges. |
| Article 6.3 | Penalty Disciplines | A | - | - | - |
| 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 | C | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk management training for Customs Authority staff; ▪ Training on applied customs risk management technologies. |
| Article 7.5 | Post-clearance Audit | C | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of relevant staff on the latest accounting and auditing systems, in accordance with e-commerce and transfer pricing developments; ▪ Introduction of the necessary ICT infrastructure. |
| Article 7.6 | Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times | B | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2022 | - |

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| Article 7.7 | Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators | C | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance and training for customs officers and other relevant stakeholders in respect of the functioning of the Authorized Economic Operator Programme; ▪ Awareness-raising workshop for Customs Officers and Economic Operators; ▪ Development of the necessary ICT infrastructure for authorized operator administration within the customs authority. |
| Article 7.8 | Expedited Shipments | A | - | - | - |
| Article 7.9 | Perishable Goods | A | - | - | - |
| Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation | | A | - | - | - |
| 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 | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2025 | - |
| Article 10.2 | Acceptance of Copies | A | - | - | - |
| Article 10.3 | Use of International Standards | B | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2025 | - |

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| Article 10.4 | Single Window | C | 1 January 2023 | 1 January 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a Single Window platform and computer network for all entities involved in foreign trade; ▪ Creation / upgrade of a network for all foreign trade stakeholders; ▪ Training for technicians on the appropriate use of the Single Window; ▪ Establishment of the ICT system required for the Single Window, and purchasing of the computer equipment necessary to ensure its proper functioning (servers, computers, laptops, tablets, PDA, etc.); ▪ Study visits to countries with established single windows to learn about good practices that can be applied to Cabo Verde's own system; ▪ Assistance to define a national computer risk analysis system for implementation at the national level; ▪ Re-engineering of current foreign trade processes; ▪ Best practices for the establishment of a single window (capacity building). |
| Article 10.5 | Preshipment Inspection | A | - | - | - |
| Article 10.6 | Use of Customs Brokers | B | 1 January 2020 | 1 January 2022 | |
| 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 | - | - | - |

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| Article 11 Freedom of Transit | | | | | |
| | C | 1 January 2022 | 1 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training on local and regional transit; ▪ Supplying of X-ray apparatus to all sea and air customs borders; ▪ Implementation of best transit practices. | |
| Article 12 Customs Cooperation | | | | | |
| | C | 1 January 2021 | 1 January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of the necessary IT infrastructure for the exchange of information between customs authorities; ▪ Training for customs staff on confidentiality and security in relation to information sharing; ▪ Assistance to implement bilateral agreements with customs authorities in countries from which we import and to which we export most frequently. | |