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Committee on Trade Facilitation

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The following communication, dated 13 February 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Dominican Republic for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 30 July 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/DOM/1), in which it indicated its category A commitments, the Dominican Republic 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	B	31 December 2021	To be determined	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	-
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
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					
		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	31 December 2021	To be determined	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for technical and financial support and benchmarking with more developed countries, whose best practices must also be examined and adopted. • US\$150,000 is required to implement this measure.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	31 December 2021	To be determined	-
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	-	-	-

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial support is needed to successfully address all of the risks identified and those that may arise in the process. • Design a risk management plan to assess and identify the long-, medium- and short-term capacity and infrastructure needed to optimize waiting, loading and unloading times for goods transported to and from our ports. • Set up comprehensive risk management taking into account all bilateral and global agreements. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$1,000,000 is required to implement this measure.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building is necessary to enable the officials concerned to conduct time release studies. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$1,000,000 is required to implement this measure.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	A	-	-	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is necessary to implement a communication strategy and to establish a stronger supervision programme. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$5,000,000 is required to implement this measure.

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Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial support is needed to facilitate the traceability of goods; we also need to create and/or update a mechanism to control and monitor goods from source to final destination. • Design of an electronic alert and notification system. • Expert advice on the preparation of a handbook on managing perishables, and development of standards to improve the cold chain for perishable goods. • Creation of infrastructure, modification of processes, workshops, etc., and quantification of the cost of such projects and programmes. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system.
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-agency communication strategy. IT infrastructure to ensure effective communication among border agencies and foster the cultural change needed to streamline processes. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$500,000 is required to implement this measure.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures and the risk management system must be re-designed and equipment, software and vehicles purchased for the verification process. It is also necessary to invest in staff training.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is necessary to strengthen the inspection systems of the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD), the Ministries of Agriculture and Defence, and the Specialized Agency for Airport and Civil Aviation Security (CESAC). • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$5,000,000 is required to implement this measure.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and financial assistance is needed, as well as involvement of the public and private sectors in the recruitment of experts and the procurement of IT and infrastructure. • The VUE must be linked to several accredited quality control laboratories to guarantee the conformity of products for export. • The objectives and scope of this tool (Decree No. 626-12) need to be evaluated, adjusted and strengthened to bring it into line with the long-, medium- and short-term strategies and objectives of this global trade agreement. • Procurement of technological resources for institutions working with customs authorities and for the logistics community, and re-engineering. • Implementation of a communication strategy to foster cultural change among staff of institutions concerned with foreign trade. • Technical assistance is needed so that all institutions concerned with foreign trade (tariffs, taxes, sanitary and phytosanitary matters, etc.) can have a comprehensive risk management system. • US\$10,000,000 is required to implement this measure.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-

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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					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-