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

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

*Addendum*

The following communication, dated 11 September 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

Following up on the notification dated 9 March 2023 ([G/TFA/N/ECU/1/Add.5](#)), Ecuador hereby notifies the extension to its definitive implementation dates for the following provisions, in accordance with Article 17.1(a), 17.1(b) and 17.2 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation ([WT/L/931](#)).

| Provision   | Heading/description | Previously notified definitive date for implementation | New definitive date for implementation requested | Reasons for extension  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Article 5.3 | Test Procedures     | 15 January 2024  | 15 July 2025                                     | A consultancy exercise was conducted to analyse the condition of two control authorities' laboratories. However, cooperation is needed to implement the recommendations resulting from this exercise.<br><br>For this purpose, Ecuador intends to hold a meeting for donors to explain the needs relating to this Article. |
| Article 7.9 | Perishable Goods    | 15 January 2024  | 15 July 2025                                     | Work is being undertaken with entities to identify how to fully implement this provision. However, the lack of staff and the work load mean that the review is yet to be completed.  |

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| Article 8        | Border Agency Cooperation  | 15 January 2024   | 15 July 2025  | <p>Discussions were held with the Inter-American Development Bank, but we are waiting for the technical assistance to be defined.</p> <p>In addition, Ecuador intends to hold a meeting for donors to explain the needs relating to this Article.</p> |

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