



13 February 2020

(20-1164)

Page: 1/10

Committee on Trade Facilitation

Original: French

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

COMMUNICATION FROM GUINEA

The following communication, dated 7 February 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Guinea for Members' information.

The Republic of Guinea 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	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and improving the existing legal framework. • Training all relevant border agency officials to have a better understanding of international obligations, relevant domestic laws and roles and identification of the type of information that agencies need to publish. • Developing standard operating procedures (SOPs) for publication. • Setting up or identifying a central body to monitor and coordinate the publication of information and updates and the adoption of best practices. • Developing and establishing a trade portal for publishing all information.
Article 1.2	Information Available Through Internet	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a manual of import/export/transit/appeal procedures for each relevant border agency, designing information forms and identifying the required documents. • Identifying a central body to monitor and coordinate the publication of information and the adoption of best practices (may be the same body as for Article 1.1). • IT Training for staff of the central body responsible for designing, developing and maintaining the websites that publish the information. • Installing appropriate equipment and software systems for border agencies. • Providing relevant training for border agencies and users.

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)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producing a practical guide on import, export and transit procedures, and mobilizing resources to translate such procedures into the WTO languages and publish them online. Installing ICT infrastructure and providing ICT material, including website development and agency linkages. Raising public awareness of information available online. Developing a trade portal for publishing all information. Strengthening institutional capacities. Stakeholder consultations on the potential trade portal.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	B	22 February 2024	22 February 2024	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2025	22 February 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	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing specific and clear guidelines on procedures to implement and undertake advance rulings. Training customs staff, brokers and importers on the procedures for advance ruling and its importance as well as how it will be implemented. Acquiring ICT infrastructure. Integrating advance rulings into automated customs systems. Raising awareness of the decision maker internally and externally.

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 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notifications for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	31 December 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and regulatory review to determine compliance with the provision. • Analysing the business process: establishing roles and responsibilities for each structure and for all mechanisms used to carry out tasks, including the validity of confirmatory tests across the whole country and the process of notifying the component in the exporting country. • Developing and validating a manual on standard operating procedures and making the manual available to the concerned institutions through a website with a view to clarifying their respective interventions. • Training staff in the management of the formal notification system, including national and international best practices. • Organizing focused seminars for economic operators. • Building a globally accessible, instantaneous, ICT-based communication system linking the food safety authority, the National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and border posts (Ministries of Agriculture, Trade, Health, Livestock, Fisheries and the Environment, and customs authorities, etc.) that can be used to send notifications in the form of warnings and information alerts.

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)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening mechanisms for achieving the right to an appeal or review. Managing risk and developing quality metrology infrastructure and conformity assessment and test procedures. Capacity building with regard to standardization. Strengthening risk assessment bodies. Equipping the notification authority and the enquiry points with material information resources.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2024	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving accreditation criteria and/or identifying labs with the capacity to conduct relevant test procedures. Capacity building for relevant border agencies, laboratory technicians and traders.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing up and publishing the procedure for pre-arrival processing. Holding workshops on pre-arrival processing for stakeholders. Setting up a mechanism to provide advance passenger information (API/PNR).

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 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	31 December 2023	31 December 2023	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a risk management strategy with target percentages of low/high risk cargo. • Establishing risk management operational procedures. • Analysing and managing risk in data gathering and criteria building. • Training customs agents in targeting and risk profiling. • Building and enhancing the technological capacity of border agencies involved in risk management.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the legal framework and reorganizing post-clearance audit. • Connecting the post-clearance audit structures in the risk management system. • Training customs agents responsible for post-clearance audit. • Enhancing the technological capacity of border agencies that implement post-clearance audit and incorporating them into risk management programmes.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting in place systems to meet Trade Facilitation Agreement requirements to be able to regularly measure and publish average release times. • Developing procedures for regularly publishing and measuring average release times.

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)
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting the Time Release Study and publishing the results. • Holding a training workshop for the Time Release Study with all border agencies.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing relevant legislation and policies to allow the setup of an Authorized Operators programme. • Developing proper procedures and criteria for assessing Authorized Operators that meet specified criteria in the Authorized Operators programme. • Holding a training workshop with all stakeholders on the concept of Authorized Operators. • Designing and implementing an appropriate system for Authorized Economic Operators.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a regulatory and legislative framework for the sending of cargo, parcels and express mail in line with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention. • Creating an information form required for releasing goods as soon as they reach an airport. • Setting up premises (depots or terminals) for express mail. • Training customs and border agency officials in clearing commercial cargo at airports.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up suitable facilities for storing perishable goods until they are released. • Training customs and other border agency officials in the procedures for the release and expedited clearance of perishable goods.

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 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2024	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the legal framework for cooperation among border agencies. • Connecting the information systems for the different agencies. • Holding a workshop to raise awareness among agencies involved in cooperation among border agencies. • Providing training on inter-agency cooperation procedures.
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing legislation authorizing the customs authorities and other agencies to accept copies of supporting documents required for import, export and transit formalities in place of the originals, subject to any justifiable exemptions or conditions. • Training the customs authorities and other border agencies on the new regulations governing the acceptance of copies.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing procedures, rules and regulations and bringing them into line with international conventions (regional and multilateral framework). • Participating in meetings on the development and updating of international standards. • Transposing international standards into domestic legislation.

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 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating a legal and regulatory framework for implementing the Single Window for Foreign Trade. Installing IT equipment.
Article 10.5	Preshipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	B	22 February 2024	22 February 2024	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
Article 11.1-11.3		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, and amend if necessary, laws, regulations, procedures, and documentation requirements. Assessing the impact of measures applied to transit traffic (charges, regulations, formalities) and ensuring that the objectives are legitimate and that pro-trade solutions are applied. Training all stakeholders.
Article 11.4		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing all transit fees to ensure they reflect the cost of services rendered. Strengthening the legal framework for inspecting means of transport in transit and goods in transit.
Article 11.5-11.10		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing and updating automated systems to ensure there are tools for inspecting transit operations and managing transit guarantees. Training stakeholders on the World Customs Organization directives on transit.

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 11.11-11.15		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating guarantee systems and implementing relevant procedures and tools for supervising transit operations and managing transit guarantees.
Article 11.16-11.17		C	22 February 2025	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing World Customs Organization directives on transit facilitation.
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		B	22 February 2023	22 February 2023	-