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**Committee on Trade Facilitation**

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

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The following communication, dated 20 February 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Honduras for Members' information.

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Following up on the notification dated 18 July 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/HND/1), in which it indicated its category A commitments, the Government of Honduras hereby makes the following additional 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)
<b>Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information</b>					
Article 1.1	Publication	A	-	-	
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	
<b>Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations</b>					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of an expert to conduct a diagnosis of the existing domestic and regional regulations and to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;</li> <li>- Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Sharing and dissemination of these new provisions;</li> <li>- Training of relevant human resources in government agencies.</li> </ul>
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of an expert to conduct a diagnosis of the existing domestic and regional regulations and to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;</li> <li>- Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Sharing and dissemination of these new provisions;</li> <li>- Training of relevant human resources in government agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		A	-	-	-

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<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	See definitive date	1 March 2023	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;</li> <li>- Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Preparation of a manual for quarantine technicians;</li> <li>- Technical advice for the design and construction of a platform, in the IT systems of the National Agriculture and Food Health and Safety Service (SENASA), the Customs service (DARA) and other relevant government agencies, for blocking goods with a high quarantine risk;</li> <li>- Software acquisition;</li> <li>- Provision of an expert to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Human resource training.</li> </ul>
Article 5.2	Detention	C	See definitive date	1 March 2023	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating and/or adapting the regulations to enable implementation of this provision in respect of quarantine procedures;</li> <li>- Technical support for the design of an APSS-type web page through which SENASA can provide real-time notification of detentions and their status (transparency);</li> <li>- Provision of technological infrastructure (ICTs);</li> <li>- Provision of an expert to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Human resource training.</li> </ul>
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	See definitive date	1 March 2025	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning about best practices;</li> <li>- Updating and/or adapting the existing quarantine and customs regulations;</li> <li>- Advice on the preparation of procedural manuals to include second sampling for quarantine and customs purposes;</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating of the regulations on quarantine sampling;</li> <li>- Provision of high-technology equipment for existing laboratories;</li> <li>- Strengthening of existing diagnostic laboratories;</li> <li>- Advice and technical support for the accreditation and certification of government and private laboratories to perform second testing;</li> <li>- Capacity building and training for quarantine and customs staff;</li> <li>- Capacity building for border agencies and technicians;</li> <li>- Capacity building.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties</b>					
Article 6.1.1-6.1.2	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	A	-	-	-
Article 6.1.3		B	See definitive date	1 March 2020	-
Article 6.1.4		B	See definitive date	1 March 2021	-
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	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods</b>					
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	C	See definitive date	1 March 2026	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carrying out a technical/legal diagnosis;</li> <li>- Preparing the legislation needed to implement this provision;</li> <li>- Adapting or developing the IT systems of relevant agencies;</li> <li>- Defining procedures for users and implementing agencies;</li> <li>- Dissemination and training.</li> </ul>

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	See definitive date	1 March 2023	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of the WCO Time Release Study;</li> <li>- Development of an IT tool for automated calculation of average release times;</li> <li>- Development of software for integrating the changes into the SARAH system;</li> <li>- Managerial capacity building in this area.</li> </ul>
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	See definitive date	1 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical and financial assistance for setting up the OE department or unit within the Customs service (DARA);</li> <li>- Provision of equipment and software;</li> <li>- Technical assistance for training the human resources to be involved in this area;</li> <li>- Technical assistance and capacity building for all government agencies involved in this area;</li> <li>- Awareness raising and training for government and private agencies.</li> </ul>
Article 7.8.1	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.8.2(a)-(c)		A	-	-	-
Article 7.8.2(d)		B	See definitive date	1 March 2026	-
Article 7.8.3		A	-	-	-
Article 7.9.1-7.9.2	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9.3		C	See definitive date	1 March 2025	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning about best practices;</li> <li>- An expert to assist in adapting the regulations and defining internal procedures in agencies involved in this area;</li> <li>- Advice on the preparation of procedural manuals for the quarantine and customs services;</li> <li>- Financial support for the construction of refrigeration chambers at the main entry points into the country;</li> <li>- Advice and technical support for the accreditation and certification of importers' cold stores or private facilities;</li> </ul>

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Article 7.9.4		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
Article 8.1		A	-	-	-
Article 8.2(a)-8.2(b)		A	-	-	-
Article 8.2(c)-8.2(e)		B	See definitive date	1 March 2023	-
<b>Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit</b>					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparing regulations within domestic legislation to enable the implementation of this measure;</li> <li>- Adaptation of the IT systems of the relevant government agencies;</li> <li>- Implementation of a software tool for the digitization and storage of customs and other government agency documents, as necessary;</li> <li>- Capacity building for implementation and effective follow-up of the measure.</li> </ul>
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	See definitive date	1 March 2027	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of a Single Window for Foreign Trade project, having regard to the United Nations model and the regional initiatives on trade facilitation;</li> <li>- Provision of equipment and software;</li> <li>- Development of systems for each of the government agencies involved;</li> <li>- Provision of technological infrastructure (ICTs);</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of an expert to share, with the government agencies involved, best practices in regard to document simplification, data harmonization, interoperability and inter-agency collaboration,</li> <li>- Learning about WCO best practices;</li> <li>- Software acquisition for digital signature implementation;</li> <li>- Human resource training;</li> <li>- Capacity building for follow-up and strengthening of the project.</li> </ul>
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
<b>Article 11 Freedom of Transit</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
Article 12.1	Measures Promoting Compliance and Cooperation	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	Technical and financial assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of an expert to conduct a diagnosis of the existing domestic and regional regulations and to share best practices and capacity building with the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Preparation of regulations to enable implementation of this provision;</li> <li>- Preparation of implementation procedures for all the agencies involved;</li> <li>- Training of relevant human resources in government agencies.</li> </ul>
Article 12.2	Exchange of Information	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.3	Verification	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.4	Request	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.5	Protection and Confidentiality	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.6	Provision of Information	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.7	Postponement or Refusal of a Request	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.8	Reciprocity	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.9	Administrative Burden	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.10	Limitations	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.11	Unauthorized Use or Disclosure	C	See definitive date	1 March 2024	
Article 12.12	Bilateral and Regional Agreements	A	-	-	-