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Committee on Trade Facilitation

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

COMMUNICATION FROM JAMAICA

The following communication, dated 12 October 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Jamaica.

Following up on the notification dated 4 February 2015 (WT/PCTF/JAM/1), in which Jamaica indicated its category A commitments, Jamaica 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 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review existing legislation; ii. Identify and allocate resources to ensure timely publication; iii. Develop and implement change management programmes in the public sector to effectively disseminate information; iv. Develop public education content and campaigns, and develop standard operating procedures (SOP); v. Setup the central body to monitor and coordinate the dissemination of information, as well as the adoption of best practices; vi. Train personnel; vii. Develop competencies of relevant units responsible for publication of information; viii. Provide ICT infrastructure, including website development and agency linkages.
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Develop a website and for content management; ii. Train personnel (including technical training in ICT); iii. Acquire resources for infrastructure upgrade.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Train staff (including cross-training) in core competencies; ii. Train staff to utilize diverse response mechanisms including new and alternative media
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-

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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	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	22 February 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Train personnel and implement and a "Train the trainer" program; ii. Provide ICT infrastructure; iii. Develop public education campaigns for stakeholder engagement.
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		C	22 February 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Train personnel; ii. Build a review management system.
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Fund the establishment of a national Food Safety Council (FSC) Secretariat; ii. Establish a single window.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Train personnel; ii. Fund the acquisition of equipment.
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	C	22 February 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Develop competence in using methodologies to quantify costs in order to justify fees and charges; ii. Streamline structures of payments; iii. Develop comprehensive training programme to periodically assess existing and new fees and charges.

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Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	22 February 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Implement efficient system of apportioning costs to ensure that cost appropriation is accurate.
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	22 February 2019	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Review existing legislation; ii. Train personnel.
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Acquire additional risk management system.
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Provide ICT infrastructure (hardware and software), including website development and agency linkages; ii. Train personnel.
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Develop a mechanism for ongoing stakeholder engagement.
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Obtain a comprehensive automated risk management system; ii. Source international training to develop a "Train the trainer" program; iii. Train personnel.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: i. Develop a comprehensive automated risk management system.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-

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Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fund feasibility study for coordination of border agencies; ii. Create risk management framework aligned with WTO/WCO best practices through consultants and training; iii. Fund inter-agency training; iv. Provide technical and fiscal assistance to develop entry tracking system.
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review existing legislation and conduct gap analyses.
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fund participating in overseas training; ii. Organize training in change management tools for senior managers; iii. Assess the testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of food safety regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading facilities and achieving compliance with relevant standards; iv. Develop and implement a training and certification program to assist exporters to meet relevant standards.

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	28 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Procedure consultant to coordinate the development of the policy and legal framework for the single window; ii. Procure consultant to coordinate the development of the policy and legal framework for streamlined procedures; iii. Fund consultant to review procedures; iv. Fund needs assessment for human resources training; v. Develop curriculum for training programme on Harmonized System (HS) of Tariff Nomenclature and single window operations; vi. Procure hardware and software for single window kiosks; vii. Procure storage area network for database; viii. Procure ICT cabling, fit-out and cabinets.
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	B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
Article 11.1-11.3		C	22 February 2022	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ensure that cost apportionment is accurate; ii. Train personnel in appropriate methodology to assess the trade impact of transit fees.
Article 11.4		A	-	-	-

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Article 11.5-11.17		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Build capacity in external stakeholders; ii. Undertake public education activities; iii. Develop a compliance mechanism, inclusive of related Policy and Plan.
