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

COMMUNICATION FROM SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

The following communication, dated 17 August 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 18 May 2015 (WT/PCTF/N/KNA/1), in which the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis indicated its category A commitments, Saint Kitts and Nevis 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)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 1.2.	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3.1	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3.2		B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 1.3.3-3.3.4		A	-	-	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	30 June 2017	31 December 2017	-
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	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Drafting/Amending of all legislation applicable such as the Customs Administration Act in order to undertake advance ruling; Procedures – assistance to develop relevant procedures in order to implement and undertake advance rulings effectively; Human Resources/Training – training and creating awareness of Border Agencies on the importance of advance rulings and how it will be implemented; ICT – Require technical assistance to integrate advance rulings into automated customs systems; Infrastructure/Equipment - to support the classification ruling process ideally, assistance is required in terms of having better laboratories to test for classification of products.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy – develop relevant laws and policies for agencies such as Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Health to ensure traders have access to second testing; • Human Resources/Training – capacity building for relevant border agencies, laboratory technicians and academic institutions on secondary testing; • Institutions - technical assistance and capacity building is needed for academic institutions, public and private laboratories to provide second testing; • Infrastructure/Equipment - establishment of accredited laboratory/laboratories to undertake second testing.
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	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Drafting/Amending of all legislation applicable such as the Financial Act, Customs and Excise Administration Act in order to the application of Customs Service Charge (CSC); • Procedures – assistance to develop relevant procedures in order to implement and undertake effectively applying CSC.
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	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Drafting/Amending of all E-legislation and Financial Act in order to undertake Electronic Payment; • Procedures – assistance to develop relevant procedures in order to implement electronic payment and

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					undertake effectively.
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy – Technical assistance required to develop a mechanism to ensure enhanced coordination and collaboration between border agencies on risk identification and application of risk management; • Procedures – technical assistance to develop necessary procedures that ensures effective implementation of risk management system; • Human Resources/Training – technical assistance to develop capacity in relevant border agencies to have a full understanding and application of risk management system; • ICT – assistance required to acquire as well as enhance technological capabilities necessary to implement a proper risk management process; • Infrastructure/Equipment – assistance to have relevant technology such as x-ray machines, scanners, laboratory testing facilities in order to implement a proper risk management system.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/Policy – assistance required to develop a more open accredited client scheme (which is non-discriminatory e.g. Gold card Scheme) to comply with customs and other related laws and regulations; • Procedures – assistance to develop proper procedures with transparent criteria to be applied to assess authorised operators that meet

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					specified criteria in a trusted trade program e.g. Gold card Scheme; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Resources/Training – capacity building for all border agencies such Customs and Excise Department, Quarantine Department and Port Authority is needed to ensure full compliance with this measure.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation		A	-	-	-
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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal/Policy - technical assistance to review relevant laws in order to develop comprehensive nation single window; Technical assistance needed leading to setting a clear time scale of Single Window role out and implementation; Procedures - development of efficient procedures and checklist in order to implement national single window effectively; Institutions - technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement national single window; Human Resources/Training capacity building needed for relevant border agency Officials and business community to be sensitised, equipped and trained in order to implement national single window; ICT –assistance to ensure reasonable

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					to high level access to IT equipment's especially for other border agencies; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure/Equipment - assistance required in setting up and installing appropriate IT equipment's and systems in some agencies and at ports of entry.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6.1	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6.2		B	31 December 2017	31 December 2018	-
Article 10.6.3		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					
Article 12.1	Measures Promoting Compliance and Cooperation	A	-	-	-
Article 12.2	Exchange of Information	A	-	-	-
Article 12.3	Verification	A	-	-	-
Article 12.4	Request	A	-	-	-
Article 12.5	Protection and Confidentiality	A	-	-	-
Article 12.6.1	Provision of Information	A	-	-	-
Article 12.6.2		B	31 December 2017	31 December 2018	-
Article 12.7.1	Postponement or Refusal of a Request	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures - technical assistance to develop necessary procedures that ensures effective notification.
Article 12.7.2		C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Drafting/Amending of all legislation applicable such as Customs and Excise Administration Act, and document privacy legislations in order to facilitate information sharing with Members while protecting Information credibility and confidentiality; Institutions - technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement and

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					facilitate information sharing systems and protocols.
Article 12.8	Reciprocity	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 12.9.1	Administrative Burden	C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures - development of efficient procedures in order to facilitate and implement information sharing system at the Regional/International level; • Institutions - technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement and facilitate information sharing systems and protocols; • ICT -assistance to ensure reasonable to high level access to IT equipment's especially for other border agencies.
Article 12.9.2		C	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures - development of efficient procedures in order to facilitate and implement information sharing system at the National /Regional/International level; • Institutions - technical assistance to build capacity in relevant border agencies in order to implement and facilitate information sharing systems and protocols; • Human Resources/Training capacity building needed for relevant border agency Officials and business community to be sensitised, equipped and trained in order to implement information system; • ICT - assistance to ensure reasonable to high level access to IT equipment's especially for border agencies.
Article 12.10	Limitations	A	-	-	-
Article 12.11	Unauthorized Use or Disclosure	A	-	-	-
Article 12.12	Bilateral and Regional Agreements	A	-	-	-