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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 19 July 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Liberia for Members' information.

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Liberia 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)
<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	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	22 February 2020	30 December 2020	-
Article 5.2	Detention	B	22 February 2020	30 December 2020	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2019	To be determined	<p><b>Legal/Policy Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting of legal or formal policy provisions concerning the right to a second test by customs or other relevant border agencies (MOCI, MOH, Quarantine or Fisheries, etc.) as described in the TFA measure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Resources/Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity building training for customs officers on chemical or other products testing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure and Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate facility and equipment for testing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Consultation and Public Awareness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Border agencies and other stakeholder consultation.</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	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	22 February 2020	31 December 2020	-

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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	B	22 February 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	22 February 2020	31 March 2021	-
<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods</b>					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	12 March 2020	To be determined	<p><b>Human Resources/Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity building and training for customs, quarantine biosecurity, and other border agencies for the implementation of this program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information and Communication Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide TA in technology in order to build the capacity of customs offices in implementing this provision.</li> <li>Upgrade or improve existing quarantine biosecurity infrastructures to facilitate pre-arrival processing.</li> </ul>
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	22 February 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	22 February 2019	31 March 2021	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	22 February 2019	To be determined	<p><b>Policy/Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop formal policies and procedures for periodic measurement of average release times, to include the processes of all relevant stakeholders at the port/airport/land border within the scope of the study.</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate the setting up of the software in order to establish the TRS platform.</li> <li>Technology equipment to enhance the establishment of a TRS platform.</li> <li>Develop a methodology for determining the average release time of goods based on the WCO methodology.</li> </ul>

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					<b>Human Resources/Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of customs staff on the operations of TRS platform.</li> <li>• Provide awareness in the form of workshops for the business community and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2019	To be determined	<b>Legal Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop relevant legislations to allow the setup of an Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program.</li> </ul> <b>Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an authorized economic operator policy.</li> </ul> <b>Procedure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop proper procedure and criteria for the assessment of AEO that meet specified criteria in the AEO program and in consideration of the ISO 17712:2013.</li> </ul> <b>Human Resource/Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building and training for customs officers, other border agencies and quarantine officers on the implementation of the AEO and to ensure full compliance with this measure.</li> <li>• Conduct awareness campaigns</li> </ul>
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	22 February 2019	30 April 2020	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		B	22 February 2019	31 March 2020	-
<b>Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control</b>					
		B	22 February 2019	31 March 2020	-
<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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	B	22 February 2019	20 December 2019	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	<b>Legal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review/develop relevant laws to Facilitate the development of a comprehensive national single window.</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance review</li> <li>Develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with other agencies to enhance cooperation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a feasibility study to explore the viability of a national single window system.</li> <li>Develop a strategy for the implementation of a single window.</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop appropriate procedures and processes to Facilitate the implementation of a national single window.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Resources/Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity building and training of customs officers and officials of other border agencies in order to smoothly implement a national single window system.</li> <li>Capacity building for officials of other government agencies and private sector on the implementation of a national single window system.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information and Communication Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of national ICT policies in order to enhance the implementation of a single window.</li> <li>Enhance and upgrade technological capacities of border agencies and other government agencies necessary to implement a single window.</li> </ul>
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	B	22 February 2022	31 March 2023	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	B	22 February 2018	31 March 2020	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	B	22 September 2017	31 October 2019	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	22 February 2017	30 November 2019	-
<b>Article 11 Freedom of Transit</b>					
		B	22 February 2018	31 October 2020	-

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<b>Article 12</b>	<b>Customs Cooperation</b>				
	C	22 February 2018	To be determined	<p><b>Infrastructures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an electronic platform for the exchange or sharing of data information and systems interfacing</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Resources/Training and Awareness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building for external stakeholders and customs officers.</li> <li>• Public sector education and awareness</li> </ul> <p><b>Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate policy to improve customs control and for requesting information.</li> <li>• Formulate a compliance instrument to include related policies and action plans.</li> </ul>	