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

COMMUNICATION FROM SRI LANKA

The following communication, dated 7 February 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Sri Lanka for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 31 July 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/LKA/1), in which the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka indicated its category A commitments, Sri Lanka 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	C	30 June 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert support to develop an information management system. • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	30 June 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • ICT Infrastructure for internal information management systems, maintaining and upgrading agency website. • Infrastructure (software) for Trade Information Portal.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	30 June 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • ICT infrastructure and technology for maintaining enquiry points. • Staff capacity building on operating and maintaining enquiry points.
Article 1.4	Notification	C	30 June 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Creation of an electronic single information management platform encompassing Official locations where in which the information has been published, Uniform resource locators of website of the TIP, enquiry points responsible for servicing enquires, enabling expeditious & accurate flow of notifications.
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • Staff capacity building on developing procedures; managing notification and public comment on proposed laws and regulations.
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert support on developing public consultation strategy.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff capacity building on developing consultation strategy/policy, procedures; carrying out consultations.
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. Equipment/technology for upgrading the laboratory.
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	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. Expert support on the design and establishment of a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections. Staff capacity building on implementing a notification system for enhanced controls or inspections. ICT Infrastructure for establishing an automated notification system.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. Testing kits and other relevant laboratory equipment/materials. Support to develop testing parameters and accreditation for veterinary laboratories. ICT infrastructure and technology (networking, automation, high-speed internet).
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	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert support on reviewing the current fee structure. Staff capacity building on periodic review of 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	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert support on reviewing the current fee structure.
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	31 December 2017	31 December 2019	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. Expert support on the design and establishment of a risk management system. ICT Infrastructure and technology for an automated risk management system. Staff capacity building on implementing the risk management system.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	30 June 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff capacity building on designing, planning and implementing TRS.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. Staff capacity building on design, implementation and review of authorized trader scheme.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert support on developing a coordination mechanism for relevant border agencies on prioritized examination of perishable goods. Advance testing facilities and technology. Staff capacity building on the use of advanced testing facilities and techniques.

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Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert support on developing a strategy/framework for border agency cooperation. • Capacity building support for staff on border agency cooperation.
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	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements. • Capacity building support for responsible staff on conducting periodic reviews.
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • Expert support on developing a system for periodic review of formalities and documentation requirements. • ICT infrastructure & technology (to be covered through NSW). • Capacity building support to staff on the benefits of electronic documentation and processes.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • Capacity building support to staff on the relevant international standards, testing procedures and international best practices.

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2022	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal expert support on drafting legal amendments to existing ordinances/acts/regulations. • Expert support on developing a blueprint for the NSW. • ICT Infrastructure for automation at each agency. • ICT infrastructure for the NSW. • Staff capacity building on implementing the NSW.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	B	31 December 2017	31 December 2019	-
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	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert support on developing a voluntary compliance regime.