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

COMMUNICATION FROM MONTENEGRO

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The Government of Montenegro 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	C	1 January 2022	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical assistance and support for the mapping of all procedures related to the implementation of art. 1.2;</li> <li>2. Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal framework in order to introduce and define procedures for drafting, publishing and updating the information referred to in art. 1.2, as well as defining the form for publishing those information in an uniform way;</li> <li>3. Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for drafting and updating practical guides for import/export/transit and appeal procedures and other assistance and support for trainings and capacity building;</li> <li>4. Technical and financial assistance and support for preparing Trade Information Portal (TIP) development Project;</li> <li>5. Technical and financial assistance and support for implementation of the TIP Project and setting up TIP into function;</li> <li>6. Financial support for translation of information referred to in art 1.2 into one of the official languages of the WTO;</li> <li>7. Other technical and financial assistance and support for implementation of Article 1.2.</li> </ol>
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical assistance and support for drafting the implementation plan for</li> </ol>

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					<p>establishment of the "enquiry point(s)";</p> <p>2. Assistance and support for acquaintance with the best practice examples in development of the enquiry point(s);</p> <p>3. Technical assistance and support for defining/changing legal framework for establishment of the "enquiry point(s)", as well as defining operating procedures, modalities of cooperation and information exchange among the relevant authorities;</p> <p>4. Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for the "enquiry point(s)" staff;</p> <p>5. Other technical and financial assistance and support for implementation of Article 1.3.</p>
Article 1.4	Notification	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	1. Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for the preparation of notifications in accordance with the WTO rules.
<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	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	1. Technical assistance and support for defining and drafting procedures for functioning of the system for issuing, publishing and forwarding notifications among the relevant border authorities;

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					<p>2. Assistance and support for learning about the best practice examples of the notification system (e.g. EU Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed);</p> <p>3. Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for administering and usage of notification system;</p> <p>4. Technical and IT support for development and setting up into function the notification system;</p> <p>5. Assistance and support for acquisition of IT equipment.</p>
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	A	-	-	-
<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	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	<p>1. Technical assistance and support for defining and introducing the obligation to revise and drafting procedures for a periodical revision of number, diversity and amount of fees so that they reflect the real expense arising from the service rendered;</p> <p>2. Technical assistance and support for mapping of all fees and chargers charged by different agencies that are imposed on/in connection with importation and exportation.</p>
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	C	1 January 2022	To be determined	1. Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal framework in order to harmonize the border authorities' processes and procedures

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					<p>for pre-arrival processing;</p> <p>2. Assistance and support for trainings and capacity building for border customs and inspections officials regarding the processing of declarations and documents prior to arrival of goods;</p> <p>3. Assistance and support for trainings for business entities on benefits and manner of use of this system;</p> <p>4. Technical, IT and financial assistance and support for development of the Customs Information System's (CIS) software module for the automated processing of declarations and documents prior to the arrival of goods;</p> <p>5. Assistance and support for acquisitions of necessary IT equipment for border inspections, introduction of an IT system within the inspections and its networking with the CIS.</p>
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	B	1 January 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	1 January 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	1. Assistance and support for the implementation of Time Release Study recommendations.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	A	-	-	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	1 January 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	1. Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal provisions and procedures for the handling and expedited release of perishable goods;

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					<p>2. Technical assistance and support for defining and establishing formal inter-agency agreements, operational guidelines or standards in order to ensure the cooperation and coordination of border authorities regarding the inspection and release of perishable goods as priority goods;</p> <p>3. Assistance and support for recruitment of inspections staff, as well as trainings and capacity building for border customs, police and inspection staff for more effective and coordinated release of perishable goods;</p> <p>4. Technical, IT and financial assistance and support for the upgrade of CIS to support pre-arrival processing and expedited release of perishable goods.</p>
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>		A	-	-	-
<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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	1 January 2024	To be determined	<p>1. Assistance and support for raising awareness and understanding on SW concept, different SW models, development phases, financing possibilities, coordination models, best practice examples, etc.;</p> <p>2. Technical assistance and support for preparation of gap and needs analyses of the legal, operational and technical capacities of all authorities concerned;</p>

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					<p>3. Technical assistance and support for preparation of the strategic plan for the development of the chosen SW model as well as defining an operational and governance model for the monitoring and implementation of the SW project;</p> <p>4. Technical assistance and support for changing/adapting legal framework in order to introduce and define procedures to support specific features of SW;</p> <p>5. Technical assistance and support for conducting business process analysis and re-engineering business process model ("as is - to be" model);</p> <p>6. Assistance and support for preparation and implementation of capacity building plan, incl. trainings and recruitment of new staff;</p> <p>7. Technical and financial assistance and support for preparation and implementation of the SW development project (incl. fee model, risk management model, procurement plan);</p> <p>8. Technical, IT and financial assistance and support for creation of an e-platform and acquisition of IT equipment;</p> <p>9. Technical and financial assistance and support for setting up into function Single Window;</p> <p>10. Financial support for the implementation of the "Timestamp</p>

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					issuing system" project - the purchase of the system, its implementation, warranty period and support; 11. Other technical and financial assistance and support for implementation of Article 10.4.
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>					
Article 11.1-11.3	Transit charges, regulations and formalities	A	-	-	-
Article 11.4	Transit strengthened non-discrimination	A	-	-	-
Article 11.5-11.10	Transit procedures and controls	B	1 January 2022	To be determined	-
Article 11.11-11.15	Transit guarantees	A	-	-	-
Article 11.16-11.17	Transit cooperation and coordination	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		A	-	-	-