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

COMMUNICATION FROM NIGERIA

The following communication, dated 14 June 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Nigeria for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 10 November 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/NGA/1), in which the Federal Republic of Nigeria indicated its category A commitments, Nigeria 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	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and proper guidance on availability of documents required by regulatory agencies for international trade operations, as well as the relevant documentary procedures. • Support and proper guidance on availability of forms required by regulatory agencies for international trade operations. • Training on online processes and procedures. • Upgrading of specialized Trade Portal • Support to expand Customs Website and other trade agencies to publish all information related to trade. • Support to establish database to improve the low access of business and private sector to existing trade information and complaints. • Analytical basis for the streamlining and decrease the number of documents.
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
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	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 5.2	Detention	B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support on accreditation and maintenance of fully equipped

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					laboratories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of Laboratory Technicians/Scientists. • Procurement and installation of High Volume Instrument (HVI) for products classification and grading for premium price. • Support to ensure collaboration of different regulatory agencies. • Provision of a platform and support for creation of awareness and information sharing. • Provision of mobile certified laboratories. • Training and standards development.
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	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
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	To be determined	-
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	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of IT infrastructure. • Capacity building of Custom officers on the application of automated risk. • Training on management to profile traders and update records in the customs system for quick release of goods. • Provision of drug detecting scanners, itemizers, cameras, x-ray machines, drug testing kits, security gadgets, tropic adapted sniffer dogs,

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					<p>operational vehicles, marine patrol boats and other modern equipment for scanning and search.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and sensitization of law enforcement personnel on detecting contraband and offensive materials. • Support to all major regulatory agencies to have in place the risk management system (system of risk analysis, assessment, and profiling). • Support to ensure inter-Agency coordination and collaboration.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance on use of WCO Time Release Study. • Sensitization of other border security agencies officials for cooperation during and after the exercise of conducting the Time Release Study. • Provision of high speed Internet facilities. • Expert assistance in carrying out tasks by agencies concerns with average release times. • Provision of many Scanning facilities at the sea. • Airports to reduce clearing time on goods. • A release time study is recommended to measure effect of recent reforms on release time.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Cold Room and capacity building of officials to man the cold room. • Empowerment of NCS on best practices.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Cold Room. • Capacity building for staff of all regulatory agencies.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of appropriate storage space for Time/Temperature sensitive goods and dangerous/hazardous goods. Quick Test kits for product analysis. Training on procedure for visual review, inspection, analysis, fumigation (disinfection) and inspection (issuing and registration of a phytosanitary clearance certificate and a quarantine clearance certificate) of items subject to regulation in the field of plant quarantine. NCS personnel need training to handle perishable goods and dedicated team to work 24hrs in shifts where necessary. Contribution of warehouses and cold storage CHAPTER for perishable in international airports.
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
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	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance is needed for the analysis and simplification of document requirements and procedures. Analysis of business processes is important. Capacity building and training formalities and documentation in line with the international best practices.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of IT infrastructure. Training and enlightenment of Customs officers on the use of WCO instruments and tools for uniform implementation of the TFA amongst Customs Administration.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to attend Standard setting meetings. • Manpower development and training of officers on Freight negotiation, Cost reduction methodology, tariff benchmarking and setting of standards, Transport and logistics, and on confirmation of freight rates. • Specialised and advanced training on forensic examination and investigation at the interdiction ports to enhance operations quick clearance. • Training on existing international standards and related legal instruments (such as ECOWAS, WCO and ISO standards). • Support on implementation of regional standard would be useful if based on broader international/global standards. • Analysis useful for the implementation of international standards. • Assistance to develop a coherent and consistent national policy in adopting and implementing international standards.
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automation of Customs and other border agencies' operations. • Provision of IT infrastructure. • Continuous Training of all regulatory agencies' officers. • Assistance on the following: Analysis of business processes; analysis of the legal background; creation of an enabling legal environment; data harmonization and alignment with international standards. • Creation of a relevant IT system.

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Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of Scanners. Capacity development on Agro Commodity Quality Inspection and determination of maximum pesticide residue limits.
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of Industrial incinerators and heavy duty vehicles. Need for support to review the process of dealing with rejected goods in line with the international best practices.
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
Article 11.1-11.2		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 11.3-11.4		A	-	-	-
Article 11.5		C	22 February 2022	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of infrastructure to ease movement of traffic goods. Support for corridor monitoring exercises. Trainings on treatment of transit goods.
Article 11.6		A	-	-	-
Article 11.7		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 11.8		A	-	-	-
Article 11.9		A	-	-	-
Article 11.10		A	-	-	-
Article 11.11		A	-	-	-
Article 11.12		C	22 February 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for cooperation and coordination amongst regulatory agencies. Customs procedures on transit.
Article 11.13		C	22 February 2018	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for inter-agency coordination. Customs procedures on transit.

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Article 11.14-11.17		B	22 February 2018	To be determined	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
Article 12.1	Measures Promoting Compliance and Cooperation	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on cooperation with counterparts of other countries. • Capacity building to review compliance of Nigeria customs law and practice with the provisions of this Article.
Article 12.2	Exchange of Information	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.3	Verification	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.4	Request	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.5	Protection and Confidentiality	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.6	Provision of Information	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.7	Postponement or Refusal of a Request	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.8	Reciprocity	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.9	Administrative Burden	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.10	Limitations	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.11	Unauthorized Use or Disclosure	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	" "
Article 12.12	Bilateral and Regional Agreements	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-