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**Committee on Trade Facilitation**

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The following communication, dated 24 May 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Papua New Guinea for Members' information.

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Following up on the notification dated 8 June 2016 (WT/PCTF/N/PNG/1), in which Papua New Guinea indicated its category A commitments, the Government of Papua New Guinea 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	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical assistance and capacity building needed to support information collation: 1. Creation of a National trade portal where information identified in TFA Art.1.1 is made available; 2. Procurement of Software, Hardware and IT Equipment for National trade portal; 3. Upload information.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	Technical assistance and capacity building is also required to explain the roles and responsibilities of enquiry points. Technical assistance also required to review institutional setups and support for legislative change to give effect for the establishment of Enquiry Points (of at least two officers) in each of the following Agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNG Customs Services</li> <li>• National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Authority)</li> <li>• National Institute for Standards and Industrial Technology (NISIT)</li> <li>• Department of Trade</li> </ul> NAQIA and NISIT Enquiry Points will also act as bodies preparing SPS and TBT notifications respectively. (However, notifications will be made through Trade Ministry.)
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
<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	B	22 February 2021	To be determined	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		B	1 February 2019	To be determined	-

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<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	Technical assistance needed to support National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and Department of Health with: 1. Current primary and secondary legislation, and the proposed Biosecurity Bill to be amended to include provisions for a TFA compatible rapid alert system for the notification of a direct or indirect risk to human, animal, or plant life or health deriving from food or feed; 2. Build a globally accessible, instantaneous, ICT based communication system for alert and information notifications linking food safety authority, National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority, and border posts (and third countries on the basis of agreements providing for reciprocity); 3. National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and food safety authority move to strong, scientific evidence-based risk assessment systems to justify enhanced actions as well as to justify removal of enhanced controls.
Article 5.2	Detention	B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
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	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	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods</b>					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	22 February 2021	To be determined	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-

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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 2021	To be determined	<p>Technical assistance and capacity building to assist with National Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Authority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing risk management systems to be revised and made fully applied at operational level eliminating current discriminations due to arbitrary selection of cargo for inspection initially cleared under the green lane;</li> <li>A sound compliance management regime needs to be implemented, including with respect to ASYCUDA inspection reporting module;</li> <li>For National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling based upon manifest screening to be consistent across PNG, risk-related information need to be centralized, systematically analysed, profile application centralized, etc.;</li> <li>National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling must be aligned and ultimately integrated with PNG Customs Services.</li> </ol> <p>PNG Customs Services requires technical assistance for training on targeting and risk profiling.</p>
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 2021	To be determined	<p>To be undertaken after ASYCUDA World has been fully appropriated and following Technical Assistance for Risk Management and PCA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through Technical Assistance Customs to develop its capacity to conduct Time Release Survey's for measuring the actual performance of its activities as they relate to trade facilitation at the border.</li> </ol>

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					2. Technical assistance to be extended to NAQIA subject to deployment of ASYCUDA.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	Technical assistance needed to support: PNG Customs Services: Adopt a policy for the implementation of an AO/AEO scheme based on WCO standards (Revised Kyoto Convention and SAFE Framework of Standards). PNG Customs Services to adopt a compliance assessment program to identify operators with a high level of compliance.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		C	22 February 2020	To be determined	Technical and capacity building support for: 1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) including formal procedures of activity coordination in relation to border control; 2. Implement agreed processes and procedures, incorporating legislative change if necessary; 3. Introduce automation to National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and an interface with the PNG Customs Services system.
<b>Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control</b>					
		B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
<b>Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit</b>					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	Technical assistance and capacity building support for: 1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to examine their separate procedures with a view to reducing them and then agree and align their practices and procedures;

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					2. Consider whether legislative amendments will be required and build in the time frame for this accordingly; 3. A periodic review process needs to be put in place.
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	Technical assistance required to support: 1. Amending legislations (incl. Biosecurity Bill) and/or regulations for both PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority allowing acceptance of copies; 2. Examining whether systems be developed to allow National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority acceptance of copies there would have to be subordinate legislation changes after Biosecurity Bill is enacted; 3. PNG Customs Services to implement ASYCUDA World to take electronic lodgement of supporting documents; 4. Reviewing and aligning processes and requirements around documentation and the acceptance of copies.
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2023	To be determined	Technical assistance and capacity building required to: 1. Implement the Single Window feasibility study recommendations; 2. Replace document manual processing systems with automated systems (all agencies except PNG Customs Services); 3. Expedite effective implementation of ASYCUDA World that integrates all border clearance agencies; 4. Facilitate all agencies involved in border clearance and regulation of trade to jointly establish a common strategy for the phased implementation of a single window; 5. Assist the National Trade Facilitation Committee to decide on which single window model is to be implemented;

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					6. Implement the single window; 7. Support the process for enactment of an e-commerce legislation.
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>					
		B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		C	22 February 2022	To be determined	PNG Customs Services to seek Technical Assistance in establishing required legislative amendment, in accordance with other domestic law, system connectivity among regional groupings, map processes and procedures required, including the establishment of an enquiry point.