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**Committee on Trade Facilitation**

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PARAGUAY

The following communication, dated 24 January 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Paraguay for Members' information.

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Following up on the notification dated 20 June 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/PRY/1), in which it indicated its category A commitments, the Republic of Paraguay 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)
<b>Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information</b>					
Article 1.1	Publication	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development and implementation of a protocol for the publication and updating of information with the assistance of an independent consultancy firm.</li> <li>2. Training on the protocol and on database updating for communication and IT staff of international trade-related bodies.</li> <li>3. Development, through an independent consultancy firm, of practical guides for exporters and importers.</li> <li>4. Engagement of an independent consultancy firm to develop procedures for improving the internal information flow in relevant institutions.</li> </ol>
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	1 March 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide institutions with the same technological capabilities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. obtain control of institutions belonging to the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare;</li> <li>b. acquire IT resources to harmonize the technological capabilities of each institution.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Engagement of an independent consultancy firm to create a link on the webpage of the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Vice-Ministry of MSMEs, for the purpose of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. providing a centralized trade-related information channel focusing on SMEs;</li> <li>b. organizing all of the links to the various pages and information sources of the relevant entities.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Strengthening and dissemination of the National Information and Notification System in strategic cities.</li> </ol>
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With consultancy assistance, creation of new, and expansion of existing, trader enquiry points in relevant entities.</li> </ol>

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Article 1.4	Notification	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	1. Assistance and support for training and capacity building in the preparation of notifications in accordance with 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	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	1. Engagement of an independent consultancy firm for the development of a unified approval protocol for the introduction of new measures, timely publication and entry into force, with private-sector participation.
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	1. Establishment of participatory consultation mechanisms through public/private negotiations.
<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	1 September 2019	1 September 2019	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	1 September 2020	To be determined	1. Strengthen and expand the capacity of the laboratory services of the relevant institutions: a. international accreditation of laboratories; b. acquisition of suitable equipment for laboratory modernization in each sector; c. training of human resources to specialize on the regulatory and technical side. 2. Conformity assessment by international certification and accreditation bodies. 3. Expert technical advice.
<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	1 March 2019	1 March 2019	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	1 March 2019	1 March 2019	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	1 September 2020	1 September 2020	-

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<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance Goods</b>					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	1 September 2019	1 September 2019	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	1 March 2019	1 March 2019	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	1 March 2019	1 March 2019	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	1 September 2019	To be determined	1. Consultancy assistance for surveying the goods release process. 2. Technical assistance in the management and periodic publication of average goods release times.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	1 September 2020	To be determined	1. Follow up on the project for implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator Programme, which is currently in the pilot phase within the National Customs Directorate. The Directorate is requesting WCO assistance for implementation of the project.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	1 September 2018	To be determined	1. Develop, with independent consultancy assistance, a simplified facilitation procedure for expedited export shipments.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	1 March 2019	1 March 2019	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		C	1 March 2021	To be determined	1. Conduct an assessment of the number of private ports in existence, as well as of their operating conditions and certification, to enable the Naval Prefecture to carry out its task of monitoring the operating conditions of private ports. 2. Effective and transparent implementation of risk management. 3. Technical cooperation to review the regulatory framework governing public and private ports and establishing responsibilities in regard to river navigability (Law 1066/65). 4. Expediting of red-channel inspections at public and private access points.

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<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	B	1 September 2019	1 September 2019	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	A	-	-	-
Article 10.5	Preshipment Inspection	A	-	-	-
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	A	-	-	-
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	B	1 September 2019	1 September 2019	-
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>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		A	-	-	-