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

COMMUNICATION FROM SWAZILAND

The following communication, dated 28 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Swaziland for Members' information.

The Kingdom of Swaziland 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)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Development of operational manuals and standard operations procedures (SOPs) for other border agencies; 2. Development of the Trade Information Portal (TIP).
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Development of the Trade Information Portal (TIP); 2. Establishment of a Trade Information Portal Secretariat for the operation of the Portal.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Formulation of a coordination framework for various agencies; 2. Capacity building through training for Enquiry Points; 3. Establishment or designation of a Trade Information Enquiry Point Unit.
Article 1.4	Notification	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	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	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 5.2	Detention	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity Building through training and exchange programmes for border agencies' personnel; 2. Development of rules and procedures for other border agencies.

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	10 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity building through training and exchange programmes; 2. Development of rules and procedures; 3. Provision of laboratory equipment for testing at various national laboratories; 4. Infrastructure development at various borders for laboratories.
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	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	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	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity building through training for customs officers and other relevant agencies; 2. Legislation review regarding electronic submission of cargo and goods declarations.
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	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity building through training for customs officers and other relevant agencies; 2. Development of a Risk Management Strategy; 3. Establishment of a risk management unit with representatives from all relevant border agencies.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity building through training for customs officers and other relevant agencies; 2. Establishment of a post-clearance audit unit with representatives from all relevant border agencies.

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Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Technical assistance in conducting regular time release studies.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	10 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Training on Authorized Operators for customs officers and relevant agencies; 2. Development and implementation of a programme for Authorized Operators; 3. Capacity building for the National Trade Facilitation Agreement Secretariat.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		C	10 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Provision of technical assistance in the formulation of the Business Process Review including the profiling of border agencies; 2. Development of an implementation programme for the Business Process Review.
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import Under Customs Control					
		B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Formulation of a legislative or administrative framework on business practices, review of formalities and documentation requirements and also the involvement of the private sector in decision-making; 2. Establishment or designation, within the Customs Administration and other relevant border agencies, or a central government authority responsible for assessing trade impact of proposed formalities and documentation.
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-

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Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	5 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Development of a framework aligning national legislation to the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention and other international standards relating to import, export and transit formalities and procedures.
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	15 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Development of the following: a. ICT or E-Government Strategy; b. Digital National Plan/E-Commerce; c. ICT infrastructure; d. Single Window Policy/Strategy; e. Feasibility study/master plan for the implementation of a national single window; f. Assessment of national legislation for readiness for a single window implementation; g. Analysis and harmonization of business processes and data requirements in the trade of goods; h. Governance framework with agreed procedures and clear roles.
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	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		B	2 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	-

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Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
	C	15 years as of entry into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Capacity building on customs-to customs exchange of information for purposes of verifying goods declarations, in the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Measures promoting compliance and cooperation; b. Exchange of information; c. Verification; d. Request; e. Protection and confidentiality; f. Provision of information; g. Postponement or refusal of a request; h. Reciprocity; i. Administrative burden; j. Limitations; k. Unauthorized use or disclosure; l. Bilateral and regional agreements. 	