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

COMMUNICATION FROM SEYCHELLES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 February 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Seychelles for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 25 July 2017 (G/TFA/N/SYC/1) and in accordance with Article 16.1(b) of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, the Seychelles hereby makes the following notification of its definitive date for implementation of its category B provisions.

Provision	Heading/Description	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.1	Publication	1 October 2019
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	1 October 2019
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	1 October 2019
Article 1.4	Notification	1 October 2019
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 August 2019
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 August 2019
Article 6.3.5	Penalty Disciplines	31 August 2019

For ease of reference, the Seychelles' full list of category commitments are summarized in the table as attached herewith.

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	B	1 January 2017	1 October 2019	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	B	30 September 2017	1 October 2019	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	B	1 January 2017	1 October 2019	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	1 January 2017	1 October 2019	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	1 January 2018	To be determined	1. Seeking support for technical assistance and capacity building to develop advance valuation ruling.
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	1 January 2021	To be determined	1. Funding for infrastructure development, accreditation formalities, procurement of testing & metrology and other laboratory related equipment and consumables; 2. Support to build up capacity for testing, inspection and metrology, equipment and training in metrology. Reviewing the legal framework and procedures (SOPs) for analysis of various parameters; 3. Technical support to help develop and build capacity of Customs officers and staff of other relevant agencies; 4. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to facilitate notification for enhanced controls or inspections.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	1 January 2020	To be determined	1. Seeking technical support for the development of relevant legislation and standard operating procedures (SOPs); 2. Seeking funding for: i. infrastructure development and procurement of laboratory

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					<p>equipment and consumables;</p> <p>ii. the evaluation of all Quality Management System (QMS) documents and support to develop any missing documents as per the standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for testing laboratories;</p> <p>iii. accreditation process, testing, inspection, metrology and standardization; and</p> <p>iv. legal expert to draft contract with SADCAS for the continuous assessment for 5 years;</p> <p>3. Technical assistance and capacity building to facilitate staff development to improve testing capabilities and development of laboratory protocols;</p> <p>4. Development of protocols to facilitate the servicing of new market access and new products.</p>
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	31 March 2018	31 August 2019	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	1 January 2019	31 August 2019	-
Article 6.3.1-6.3.4	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 6.3.5		B	1 January 2018	31 August 2019	-
Article 6.3.6-6.3.7		A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	1 January 2018	To be determined	1. Seeking the support from UNCTAD for technical assistance and capacity building to incorporate Electronic Payment into the ASYCUDA World and to link it to Seychelles Electronic Funds

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					Transfer (SEFT) which is the new payment platform being developed by the Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS).
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	1 January 2018	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding for the procurement of WCO Cargo Targeting System (CTS) which can be integrated with ASYCUDA World; 2. Technical support from UNCTAD and WCO to work together on the integration of the system once funding is secured; 3. Capacity building to develop a pool of staff to maintain the system once it has been developed.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding to improve the ASYCUDA World reporting functionality to support Post Clearance Audit (PCA).
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to develop the required techniques to enable officers to conduct time release study.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical assistance to draft legislations to provide Customs with the appropriate mandate to afford qualifying traders with additional facilitation in connection with trade; 2. Develop a monitoring framework through which Customs can establish and monitor operators' compliance; 3. Support for design and implementation of an appropriate system for Authorised Economic Operator; 4. Training of Customs Officers and relevant stakeholders to facilitate the establishment and smooth implementation of Authorised Economic Operator.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeking funding and technical support

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					to conduct a feasibility study to assess the possibility of the implementation of the Expedited Shipments.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation		A	-	-	-
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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafting of legislation, policy framework, strategy and TOR; 2. Conduct Feasibility study for AW based Single Window; 3. Design, implementation and operation of single window; 4. Training of all stakeholders; 5. Funding to acquire the relevant equipment and software; 6. Implementation of the integrated IT infrastructure which will connect to the existing system/ or activate the ASYCUDA SINGLE WINDOW MODULE.
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	C	1 January 2019	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sourcing funding for the procurement of equipment (such as incinerator) and consumables for testing purposes; 2. Support for accreditation formalities to help improve capacity and standard of laboratory to conduct test on goods prior to rejection; 3. Technical assistance and capacity building to facilitate staff development; 4. Support for the development of national policy guidelines and standard

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					operation procedures (SOPs) for re-export and/or destruction of rejected goods; 5. Development of appropriate protocols governing and the proper handling and transportation of rejected/confiscated goods.
Article 10.9.1	Temporary Admission of Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9.2	Inward and Outward Processing	C	1 January 2018	To be determined	1. Seeking support to develop Regulations and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to facilitate the implementation of the provisions; 2. Technical assistance and capacity building to configure the ASYCUDA World system. 3. Training of Customs officers to facilitate the establishment and implementation of inward and outward processing
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-