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

COMMUNICATION FROM SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

The following communication, dated 29 May 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 8 June 2015 (WT/PCTF/N/VCT/1), in which Saint Vincent and the Grenadines notified its category A commitments, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance in production of information and updating the legal framework to ensure legal validity and setting up of an organisational framework to oversee the maintenance and institutional responsibilities.
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance in creating an information management system and implementing web publication policy and guidelines. Procuring ICT equipment.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support in designing institutional structure, development and use of communication templates.
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance in developing a comprehensive ITC sector
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to update the legal and regulatory framework to include legal provisions for the stakeholders to comment on new or amended laws and regulation.
Article 2.2	Consultations	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to establish a legal framework for the exchange of information, sharing of control functions amongst agencies.
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		C	31 December 2022	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to establish a legal and Regulatory framework. Training in Classification, rules of origin and Valuation.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to establish accredited labs, training of laboratory personnel in adequate test procedures.

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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	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance to analyse fees and ascertain cost for each service rendered. • Drafting guidelines form levying charge.
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	B	30 September 2018	31 December 2018	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to develop ICT and legal framework for collection and processing of electronic payment.
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	30 September 2018	31 December 2018	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for customs personnel in identifying risks and assessment analysis.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to develop an audit strategy, capacity building for extensive training in auditing for customs and other border agencies.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to establish legal and regulatory framework to allow for seamless flow of information and coordination among border agencies.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to secure the necessary ICT equipment. Update the legal framework to implement enhanced protocols incorporating the WCO SAFE standards within trade practices, operations and procedures.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	B	30 September 2018	31 December 2018	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-

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Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to identify the necessary administrative and legal arrangements to minimize, reduce and simplify existing formalities and documentation.
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2023	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to develop a conceptual design for a system to facilitate a single window. Technical and financial assistance in procuring ICT equipment.
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	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-