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

COMMUNICATION FROM ZIMBABWE

The following communication, of which the first draft was received 19 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Zimbabwe for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 27 October 2016 (WT/PCTF/N/ZWE/1), Zimbabwe hereby makes the following notifications in response to 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	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2022	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of staff to prepare and keep up to date practical guides for imports; exports and transit procedures • Technical assistance in the modernization of the National Trade Portal and portals for the different agencies • Training of staff in continuously updating and maintaining websites for the different agencies • Financial assistance in the modernization of the National Trade Portal and portals for the different agencies
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance in drafting the standard operating procedures for the enquiry points and their coordination • Training for all focal persons on undertaking enquiry point functions • Investment in the necessary hardware and software infrastructure
Article 1.4	Notification	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
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	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 5.2	Detention	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance to review legislative framework & procedure for referral of second tests • Formulate implementation work plan

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and technical assistance in setting up a customs laboratory at defined & specified border posts Human resource capacity building for staff manning the customs laboratory Laboratory facilities
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	A	-	-	-
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	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2021	31 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building on Risk Management and establishment of the risk management framework and strategy in all the agencies. Technical assistance in enhancing the operation of the existing risk management system and extending it to other organisations in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation; Standard operating procedures; Gap analysis; Information/intelligent gathering; Data analysis; Risk profiling; Coordinated approach to Risk Management amongst all Government Agencies that govern import, export and transit of goods. Financial assistance to procure:

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Management System and equipment; - Analytical tools for data analysis; - Funds for benchmarking exercise; - Funds for the offences module.
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on audit skills and techniques • Training on case selection for post clearance audit • Training on accounting and other computer systems used in the importation and exportation of goods • Financial assistance to procure computers
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in the formulation of the TRS legislation • Capacity building to enable officers to conduct and evaluate the TRS • Comprehensive training on the TRS techniques and tools • Technical assistance in the publication of the results of the TRS • Funding and assistance to undertake the initial TRS
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	30 April 2020	30 April 2022	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2022	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2025	31 December 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate storage and physical examination facilities • Assistance in developing the Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) • Legislation, procedure and guideline formulation (involving all relevant stakeholders) • Having adequate storage & incineration facilities • Human resource capacity building on proposed legislative & procedural changes • Cold rooms at state-warehouses for proper storage of perishables • Destruction facilities e.g. incinerators

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Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
Article 8.1		A	-	-	-
Article 8.2		C	31 December 2023	31 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to develop Legal framework to coordinate border agencies Capacity building on coordinated border management principles and border agency cooperation Human resources capacity building on coordinated border management
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	B	30 April 2020	30 April 2021	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	31 August 2020	31 August 2022	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2023	31 December 2029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building on the Single Window Concept Setting up of the legal framework on Single Window Development of an implementation program & Gantt Chart Capacity Building for ICT personnel in the configuration and maintenance of the Single Window Capacity building for all agencies using Single Window Financial assistance in procuring infrastructure and equipment for implementing Single Window Review of clearance process to facilitate the implementation of the Single Window Server to host the Single Window platform
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	-	-	-

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Article 11	Freedom of Transit				
		B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 12	Customs Cooperation				
		A	-	-	-