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Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation

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**NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY B AND C COMMITMENTS
UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITIUS

The following communication, dated 11 April 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mauritius for Members' information.

The Government of Mauritius hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with Article 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)(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	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	<p>1. Creation of an electronic information management platform at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.</p> <p>2. Development and Implementation of a Food Import Management System (FIMIS) at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life</p> <p>3. Recruitment and capacity building of staff as Inspectors at Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB) in the following field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rice & Flour • Food and Agriculture (Expert) • Cement (Civil Engineer) • Petrol (Chemical Engineer). <p>4. Changing of legal and/ or regulatory framework.</p> <p>5. Acquisition of ICT and other equipment.</p> <p>6. Training & Capacity Building.</p>
Article 1.4	Notification	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			

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Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 2.2	Consultations		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 3 Advance Rulings			Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review			Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 5.2	Detention		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More accredited labs at MSB. 2. Upgrading of MSB ICT infrastructure. 3. Training and Capacity Building of MSB inspectors in testing procedures. 4. Setting up of an Inspection Scheme at the MSB. 5. Food Tech Lab at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building in quality assurance • Training Enforcing GAP • Export Assurance System (Audit) • Legislation Aquaculture.

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					<p>6. Upgrading Animal Health laboratory including infrastructure and equipment at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.</p> <p>7. Specialised software services for diseases surveillance at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.</p> <p>8. Upgrading front office infrastructure and minilab equipment at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.</p> <p>9. Provision of Rapid Food Testing equipment and usables for on spot decision making in the release food consignment at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.</p> <p>10. Tools and equipment for food sampling at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.</p> <p>11. Reinforcement of pest and disease diagnosis facilities at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security</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	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			

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	Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation				
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	Five years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	Technical Assistance required for GAP analysis at MRA, Customs
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	Training and Capacity Building in conducting Time Release Study at MRA, Customs
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	Five years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation		B	Two years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control			Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1		

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Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	B	Two years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	1. Acquisition of ICT and other equipments. 2. Training and Capacity Building. 3. Changing legal and/ or regulatory framework. 4. Institutional and Administrative changes.
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.9.1	Temporary Admission of Goods	Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 10.9.2	Inward and Outward Processing	C	Four years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	Services of consultant is required to assist in the design and establishment of an outward Processing Scheme at Customs.
Article 11 Freedom of Transit		Designated as belonging to Category A in WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1			
Article 12 Customs Cooperation		B	Two years from coming into force of the TFA	To be determined	-