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Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation

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

COMMUNICATION FROM MALAWI

The following communication, dated 9 May 2016, is being circulated on behalf of Malawi for Members' information.

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	A	-	-	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	-
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
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	To be determined	To be determined	There is need for support for training and sensitization, review of regulatory framework, set up of institutional framework etc. to objectively deal with the matter
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal or Review	C	To be determined	To be determined	The existing system is not sufficient enough to objectively address the issues. There is need to strengthen appeal and review procedures by: (a) support for review and update of legislation; and (b) training of specialised Judges, etc.
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	A	-	-	-
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	A	-	-	-

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Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	2 years	To be determined	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	3 years	To be determined	Strengthen Risk Management Unit based on Revised Kyoto Convention and its guidelines. Support for training and mainstreaming of risk management into daily operations
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	3 years	To be determined	Support for mainstreaming of Post Clearance Audit into daily operations and provide training.
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	3 years	To be determined	Capacity building in to enable officials conduct Time Release Studies
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	3 years	To be determined	Support for design and implementation of appropriate Authorised Operators system
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	2 years	To be determined	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
Article 8.1		B	2 years	To be determined	-
Article 8.2		C	3 years	To be determined	Support for establishing One Stop Border Post
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	2 years	To be determined	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	4 years	To be determined	Support for designs, acquisition of IT infrastructure, establishment and trainings
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	-	-	-

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 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation		A	-	-	-
Article 12.1	Measures Promoting Compliance and Cooperation	A	-	-	-
Article 12.2	Exchange of Information	A	-	-	-
Article 12.3	Verification	A	-	-	-
Article 12.4	Request	A	-	-	-
Article 12.5	Protection and Confidentiality	A	-	-	-
Article 12.6	Provision of information	A	-	-	-
Article 12.7	Postponement or Refusal of a Request	A	-	-	-
Article 12.8	Reciprocity	A	-	-	-
Article 12.9	Administrative Burden	A	-	-	-
Article 12.10	Limitations	A	-	-	-
Article 12.11	Unauthorized Use of Disclosure	A	-	-	-
Article 12.12	Bilateral and Regional Agreements	A	-	-	-