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

COMMUNICATION FROM JAMAICA

*Addendum*

The following communication, dated 21 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Jamaica for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated 16 August 2018 (G/TFA/N/JAM/1/Add.1), Jamaica hereby makes the following notifications:

(1) Shifting of categories; (2) shifting of categories with extension of definitive implementation dates; (3) definitive implementation dates for categories B and C designations; and (4) designation of additional category A commitments.

1. Jamaica hereby notifies, pursuant to Article 19.1 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, that the following provisions have been shifted between categories.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category previously notified as	Category shifted to
Article 1.1	Publication	C	B
Article 1.3	Enquiry points	C	B
Article 6.2	Specific disciplines on fees and charges for customs processing imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation	C	B
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	B
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	B
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from final determination of customs duties, taxes, fees and charges	C	B
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	B
Article 9	Movement of Goods Intended for Import under customs control	C	B

2. Jamaica wishes to notify that, based on Articles 17 and 19 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, the following provisions are requested to be shifted from category B to category C with extended definitive implementation dates as, further to an internal assessment, it was recognized that as the provisions listed below cover areas that will require the development of new processes and procedures, external support will be required to build the requisite capacity in order to implement these provisions. (See table below)

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Heading/ Description</b>	<b>Previous category designation</b>	<b>New category designation</b>	<b>Previously notified definitive date for implementation</b>	<b>New definitive date for implementation requested</b>	<b>Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Assistance (TACB) that will be required</b>
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	B	C	31 March 2020	31 March 2022	Technical Assistance and capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: i. Develop methodology to determine average release times in Border Agencies; ii. Train officials in the application of the methodology.
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	B	C	30 April 2020	31 March 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to assist the Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) in building out its AEO Programme to include negotiating and implementing mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) with relevant partners. Some areas would include: i. The MRA process; ii. The MRA Negotiation Process; iii. MRA Implementation; iv. MRA Maintenance.
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	B	C	31 March 2020	31 March 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) is required for the following: i. IT system gap analysis and possible modifications/add-ons; ii. Consultancy to help develop appropriate procedures for the development, implementation and maintenance of inward and outward processing; iii. Study tour and/or expert assistance in operationalizing inward and outward processing.

3. Jamaica hereby makes the following notifications of the definitive dates for its additional category B commitments and its category C commitments pursuant to Article 16 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (WT/L/931).

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Heading/Description</b>	<b>Definitive Date for Implementation</b>
Article 1.1	Publication	22 February 2022
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	1 January 2022
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	31 December 2020
Article 3	Advance Rulings	31 March 2022
Article 4	Procedures for Appeal or Review	31 March 2022
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	1 January 2022
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	31 March 2025
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	1 January 2023
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	1 January 2023
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	31 March 2021
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	22 February 2020
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	31 March 2023
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	22 February 2020
Article 7.4	Risk Management	1 January 2024
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	22 February 2020
Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	31 March 2023
Article 9	Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control	22 February 2020
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	22 February 2023
Article 10.4	Single Window	31 March 2023
Article 12	Customs Cooperation	22 February 2022

4. Jamaica wishes to notify that Articles 11.1-11.3 (Freedom of Transit) are now being designated under Category A.

For ease of reference, Jamaica's full list of category commitments can be found in the table 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)
<b>Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information</b>					
Article 1.1	Publication	B	22 February 2022	22 February 2022	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	22 February 2020	1 January 2022	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: i. Upgrade websites and information portals ii. Build capacity in data gathering and content management; iii. Train personnel (including technical training in ICT); iv. Acquire resources for infrastructure upgrade.
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	B	22 February 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 1.4	Notification	B	22 February 2018	31 March 2020	-
<b>Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations</b>					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	B	22 February 2020	31 March 2020	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		C	22 February 2022	31 March 2022	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: i. Train personnel and implement a "Train the trainer" programme; ii. Curriculum development; iii. ICT development; iv. Develop public education campaigns for stakeholder engagement.
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		C	22 February 2022	31 March 2022	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required for: i. Legislative review (legislation and regulations) and implementation.
<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	22 February 2020	1 January 2022	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: i. Support the establishment of a national Food Safety Council (FSC) Secretariat; ii. Facilitate the development of notification protocols; iii. Develop a mechanism for the dissemination of notifications
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2020	31 March 2025	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Training and support for exchange programme;</li> <li>ii. Equipping laboratories;</li> <li>iii. Renovation of physical structures;</li> <li>iv. Upgrading of legislation/regulations governing laboratories;</li> <li>v. Mentorship programmes.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties</b>					
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	22 February 2022	1 January 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Develop competence in using methodologies to quantify costs in order to justify fees and charges;</li> <li>ii. Develop policy on fees and charges;</li> <li>iii. Streamline structures of payments;</li> <li>iv. Develop comprehensive training programme to periodically assess existing and new fees and charges.</li> </ul>
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	22 February 2022	1 January 2023	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	B	22 February 2019	31 March 2021	-
<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods</b>					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	B	22 February 2020	22 February 2020	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	22 February 2020	31 March 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Support the implementation of the Electronic Single Window for Trade as defined in Article 10.4 of the TFA, such as provide ICT infrastructure (hardware and software), including website development and agency linkages; and train personnel.</li> </ul>
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	B	22 February 2020	22 February 2020	-

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2020	1 January 2024	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Obtain a comprehensive automated risk management system;</li> <li>ii. Develop training and implement programme.</li> </ul>
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	B	22 February 2020	22 February 2020	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	C	31 March 2020	31 March 2022 (new requested date)	Technical Assistance and capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Develop methodology to determine average release times in Border Agencies;</li> <li>ii. Train officials in the application of the methodology.</li> </ul>
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	30 April 2020	31 March 2023 (new requested date)	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to assist the Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) in building out its AEO Programme to include negotiating and implementing mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) with relevant partners. Some areas would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The MRA process;</li> <li>ii. The MRA Negotiation Process;</li> <li>iii. MRA Implementation;</li> <li>iv. MRA Maintenance.</li> </ul>
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	22 February 2020	31 March 2020	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		C	22 February 2020	31 March 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fund feasibility study for coordination of border agencies;</li> <li>ii. Create risk management framework aligned with WTO/WCO best practices through consultants and training;</li> <li>iii. Fund inter-agency training;</li> <li>iv. Provide technical and financial assistance to develop entry tracking system.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control</b>					
		B	22 February 2020	22 February 2020	-

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<b>Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit</b>					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	22 February 2019	30 June 2020	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	22 February 2020	31 December 2024	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	22 February 2020	22 February 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) supported is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fund participation in overseas training;</li> <li>ii. Organize training in change management tools for senior managers;</li> <li>iii. Assess the testing, certification, inspection and accreditation capabilities of food safety regulatory agencies and provide assistance for upgrading facilities and achieving compliance with relevant standards;</li> <li>iv. Develop and implement a training and certification program to assist exporters to meet relevant standards.</li> <li>v. Support to adopt international standards into domestic law.</li> </ul>
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	28 February 2020	31 March 2023	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Procure consultant to coordinate the development of the policy and legal framework for the single window;</li> <li>ii. Procure consultant to coordinate the development of the policy and legal framework for streamlined procedures;</li> <li>iii. Fund consultant to review procedures;</li> <li>iv. Develop a monitoring framework; Develop curriculum for training programme on Harmonized System (HS) of Tariff Nomenclature and single window operation;</li> <li>v. Establish kiosks to support the functioning of the single window;</li> <li>vi. Procure and install storage area network for single window;</li> <li>vii. Infrastructure to support operationalization of the single window;</li> </ul>

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					viii. Support capacity building for user groups.
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	B	22 February 2019	31 March 2022	-
Article 10.8	Rejected Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	C	31 March 2020	31 March 2023 (new requested date)	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) is required for the following: i. IT system gap analysis and possible modifications/add-ons; ii. Consultancy to help develop appropriate procedures for the development, implementation and maintenance of inward and outward processing; iii. Study tour and/or expert assistance in operationalizing inward and outward processing.
<b>Article 11 Freedom of Transit</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		C	22 February 2020	22 February 2022	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) support is required to: i. Implement measures promoting compliance and cooperation (This is specific to 12.1); ii. Build capacity in internal and external stakeholders; iii. Undertake public education activities; iv. Develop a compliance mechanism, inclusive of related Policy and Plan; v. Develop protocols to facilitate cooperation.