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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES

*Addendum*

The following communication, dated 26 August 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 31 January 2018 (G/TFA/N/PHL/1), the Philippines hereby notifies the extension of its previously indicated definitive implementation date for the below-listed provision based on Article 17 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Provision	Heading/ Description	Previously notified definitive date for implementation	New definitive date for implementation requested	Reasons for extension
Article 10.4	Single Window	31 December 2020	30 June 2022	<p>Need for additional assistance and support for capacity building not earlier anticipated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Training and other forms of technical assistance to build the capacity of the human resources of each government agency and other relevant sectors that shall form part of the National Single Window (NSW) program.</li><li>2. Funding for the development of a program or software that will be used as the operating system for the NSW.</li><li>3. Funding for the upgrade of the current ICT equipment that will be used for the implementation of the NSW at all ports of entry and at the facilities of participating sectors and government agencies.</li></ol>

For ease of reference, the Philippines' 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	A	-	-	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	A	-	-	-
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
<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	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 3 Advance Rulings</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency</b>					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	A	-	-	-
<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	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	-	-	-
<b>Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods</b>					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-

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Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	A	-	-	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	A	-	-	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		B	31 December 2018	31 December 2020	-
<b>Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit</b>					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	A	-	-	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2018	30 June 2022	Assistance needed:  1. Training and other forms of technical assistance to build the capacity of the human resources of each government agency and other relevant sectors that shall form part of the National Single Window Program.  2. Funding for the development of a program or software that will be used as the operating system for the National Single Window.

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					3. Funding for the upgrade of the current IT equipment that will be used for the implementation of the National Single Window in all ports of entry and at the facilities of participating sectors and government agencies.
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	B	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 11 Freedom of Transit</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		A	-	-	-