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**NOTIFICATION OF ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT OF CATEGORY C DESIGNATIONS**

COMMUNICATION FROM CAMBODIA

The following communication, dated 19 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Cambodia.

Cambodia hereby notifies information on the arrangements concluded and progress made in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support of the following category C designations, in response to Article 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 December 2018	To be determined
<b>Donors:</b> To be determined				
<b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b>				
Currently, the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia (GDCE) has published information on importation, exportation, and transit procedure on Customs website. However, we do not have the website of NCTF yet as NCTF has been recently established by Sub-Decree No.18 dated 26 February 2020. At the meantime, Cambodia has a National Trade Repository website, which is not regularly updated and need to be improved.				
<b>TACB support needs include:</b>				
TACB and Financial assistance are needed on how to prepare this kind of notification.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	31 December 2019	To be determined
<b>Donors:</b> ARISE Plus Cambodia on preparing the procedures. Financial and Technical assistance on development pre-arrival processing system is needed to be determined.				
<b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b>				
ARISE Plus Cambodia has only provided technical assistance in preparing Pre-arrival Processing procedures. The instruction has been established on 05 Aug 2019. However, the system is not yet developed and required financial and technical assistance from Development partners.				
GDCE has identified the need to enhance the ICT infrastructure within ASYCUDA World to facilitate pre-arrival processing activity.				
<b>TACB support needs include:</b>				
TACB and Financial assistance is needed on development of pre-arrival processing system.				

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Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2020	To be determined
<p><b>Donors:</b> Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and ARISE Plus Cambodia have expressed an interest in assisting the preparation of the procedure to implement the AEO Program.</p> <p><b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b></p> <p>GDCE has implemented the Best Trader Mechanism successfully which is a basic platform. GDCE need to develop Authorized Operators Program including procedures and legislative supports as well as the facilities.</p> <p><b>TACB support needs include:</b></p> <p>Financial assistance is needed to develop the ITC infrastructure.</p>				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 8.2	Border Agency Cooperation	C	31 December 2022	To be determined
<p><b>Donors:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b></p> <p>To be determined</p> <p><b>TACB support needs include:</b></p> <p>TACB is needed to strengthen customs agency's capacity under the new mandate as a single border agency at the border.</p> <p>TACB is needed for pilot project on establishment of single stop inspection.</p> <p>TACB is needed for capacity building to all border agencies on TFA.</p>				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2022	To be determined
<p><b>Donors:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b></p> <p>The National Single Window (NSW) has been implementing to allow traders to submit electronic license/permit/certificate/others (e-LPCO) for import/export since July 2019. NSW is connected to customs clearance system ASYCUDA, which has operated since 2008. Implementing NSW is a step-by-step approach. During Phase I, Customs clearance system (ASYCUDA) was connected with e-CO System of the Ministry of Commerce in order to link to ASEAN Single Window through ASEAN Gateway; Phase II is the initial implementation, which covered among five inter-ministerial agencies including General Department of Customs and Excise (GDCE), Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Council Development of Cambodia (CDC), Ministry of Health (MOH), and Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts (MIH).</p> <p>Moreover, Cambodia has implemented ASEAN Single Window (ASW) for exchanging electronic documents with ASEAN Member states including Certificate of Origin e-Form D since July 2019 and ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) since December 2020.</p> <p><b>TACB support needs include:</b></p> <p>However, NSW is looking forward to improve the existing system and expanding to Other Regulatory Government Agencies. Financial and Technical Assistance is needed to fully implement NSW.</p>				

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Article 11.5	Freedom of Transit	C	31 December 2022	To be determined
<b>Donors:</b> To be determined				
<b>Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:</b>				
To be determined				
<b>TACB support needs include:</b>				
The physically separate infrastructure such as lanes, berths and similar for traffic in transit is limited and need financial and technical assistance to fully implement this provision.				