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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 MADAGASCAR

The following communication, dated 22 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

Madagascar 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 1.1 and 1.2	Publication and Availability of Information	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donor: African Development Bank (AfDB)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
Under the project to develop corridors and trade facilitation, which it finances, the African Development Bank (AfDB) included a trade facilitation component. In this connection, the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) of Madagascar was consulted in 2019 with regard to the component's strategic direction and identifying the activities of the NTFC road map to be included in it. The strategic priorities adopted include the establishment of a trade information portal. The AfDB is therefore providing technical assistance for the recruitment of two consultancy firms to carry out the following missions:				
<i>Mission Assistance à la Maîtrise d'Ouvrage, AMOA (Project Management Assistance Mission):</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compilation and specification of the comprehensive requirements for the creation and establishment of the <i>Portail d'Information Commerciale, PIC (Trade Information Portal)</i>; - Specification of the operational requirements and description of the overall operational process of the PIC; - Collection, collation and authentication of the relevant documents and resources; - Management and monitoring of deliverables/successful execution of the technical mission. 				
<i>Mission Maître d'œuvre, MOE, (Project Management Mission):</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition and guarantee of the technical design of the PIC in line with what has been identified by the AMOA. The MOE will provide the function architecture document and the technical architecture document. It is basically responsible for the development of the PIC; - Planning, design and construction/setting up of the website (PIC); - Digitization of documents and optimization of the document filing system; - Technical support for solution deployment and assistance/guarantee (<i>Tierce Maintenance Applicative, TMA (Third-Party Application Maintenance)</i>). 				

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Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors to implement the provisions of Article 1.3. The notified requirements therefore still apply.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.4	Notification	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information before Entry into Force	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 2 .2	Consultations	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 3	Advance Rulings	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donor: Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (GATF)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: In September 2020, the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation carried out a scoping mission of the NTFC priority projects in order to decide on the projects it would support. At the end of this mission, the project for the implementation of advance rulings was adopted. Advanced rulings will allow operators, prior to import, to be certain of the taxes and fees they will have to pay and the regulations to which they will be subject, depending on whether the decision is binding in terms of tariff classification or origin. The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation provides assistance in the following areas: Legislation and regulations Processes and procedures Internal organization Information systems Training and support for change Communications Project management				

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Article 5.1	Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2025	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	C	31 December 2025	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donor: African Development Bank (AfDB)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
<p>In September 2019, the African Development Bank (AfDB) carried out a mission to define the strategic direction and detailed activities of the trade facilitation component of the project to develop corridors and trade facilitation. This mission was an opportunity to consult with the NTFC as part of the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement at the national level. Following these consultations, introducing the strategic direction of the component and identifying the priority activities on the NTFC road map, the modernization of customs systems is one of the strategic priorities set for execution of the component. The customs administration will therefore need to build capacities risk management. The AfDB provides technical assistance in training and support for customs risk analysis and management and gap analysis.</p> <p>This technical assistance relates to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gap analysis of customs risk management -Training of customs officials in customs risk analysis -Designing a data warehouse for risk-based customs control -Econometric modelling and exploration of Big Data - Introduction of automatic and dynamic selectivity, based on econometric models of risk analysis, integrated into ASYCUDA -Identifying information technology equipment requirements <p>Assistance from development partners is thus required for the acquisition of computer equipment and materials from the gap analysis study.</p>				

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Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: European Union – Southern African Development Community (SADC) – Trade Related Facility (TRF)				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: Between August 2019 and April 2020, the National Trade Facilitation Committee obtained support from the TRF in the analysis of Madagascar's gaps in border management.				
This study resulted in the production of a report on the status of cooperation between border agencies in Madagascar and the formulation of recommendations to be implemented for alignment with TRF provisions.				
The assistance of development partners is therefore required to implement these recommendations, in particular on the following points:				
Support for updating regulatory and procedural instruments Alignment of national regulations with international standards and good practices New information and communications technologies (NICT) equipment and infrastructures				
Capacity building in monitoring, safety and security, trade facilitation				
Benchmarking to assess best practices in coordinated border management - Alignment of national regulations with international standards and good practices - Establishment of the necessary technical infrastructure - Awareness-raising for the strategic actors concerned.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

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Article 10.6	Use of Customs Brokers	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 10.7	Common Border Procedures and Uniform Documentation Requirements	C	31 December 2023	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 11	Freedom of Transit	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: Capacity building of custom officers on transit management and monitoring.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 12	Customs Cooperation	C	31 December 2021	To be determined
Donors: To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support: To date, Madagascar has not received any technical assistance or capacity building support from donors.				