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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 SENEGAL

The following communication, dated 26 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Senegal.

Senegal 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	Publication	C	22 February 2020	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
The establishment of a trade information portal has made it possible to collect and publish the information referred to in Article 1.1 of the TFA.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	22 February 2020	To be determined
Donors: USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
Senegal has created a website (trade information portal) which consolidates all the information related to international trade procedures. Structures were established for this purpose and representatives of the different administrations concerned were appointed. The information was then collected, processed and made available to the IT service provider for the launch of a pilot phase.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	22 February 2020	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
The development of the trade information portal project has made it possible to identify enquiry points which will subsequently be established and notified.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.4	Notification	C	22 February 2020	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
The trade information portal project aims, in the long term, to facilitate the notification of the official locations where the information referred to in paragraph 1.1(a)-(j) is published, and the Uniform Resource Locators of the website referred to in paragraph 2.1 and the contact information of the enquiry points.				

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Article 3	Advance Rulings	C	22 February 2023	To be determined
Donors : To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
To date, no development partners have proposed assistance for the implementation of this measure.				

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Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	22 February 2024	To be determined
Donors : To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
To date, no development partners have proposed assistance for the implementation of this measure.				

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	22 February 2024	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
Senegal has completed a mapping of fees and charges which will be published on the trade information portal.				

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	22 February 2024	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
Senegal has completed a mapping of fees and charges which will be published on the trade information portal.				

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Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	C	22 February 2028	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
Senegal has worked to develop a voluntary disclosure programme. In this regard, it has prepared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft Law amending Article 330 of the Customs Code; • a draft Order on voluntary disclosure; and • a decision by the Director-General of Customs (an operational implementation manual) with a scope of application, eligibility criteria, the procedure to follow for voluntary disclosure and the adoption of request and reply forms. 				

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Article 7.5	Post-clearance Audit	C	22 February 2023	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support:				
The application of this provision of the TFA requires the Customs Administration to train its officers on post-clearance audit methods. Senegal will proceed with the launch of the pilot phase and the official implementation of the project.				

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Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2022	To be determined
Donors : USAID				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
In 2011, Senegal established a privileged partners programme (PPP) inspired by Pillar 2 of the World Customs Organization Framework of Standards.				
During the needs assessment for Senegal, it was noted that there was a need to bring the PPP further into line with the standards on authorized economic operators (AEOs). To achieve this final objective, the project made it possible to develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft Order; • an AEO guide; • a procedural manual; • a methodological AEO audit guide; • an application for authorization (form); • a self-assessment form; and • a series of practical training sessions for front-line officers and the private sector for the operationalization of the AEO programme. 				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	C	22 February 2024	To be determined
Donors : To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
To date, no development partners have proposed assistance for the implementation of this measure.				

Provision	Heading/Description	Category	Indicative date for implementation	Definitive date for implementation
Article 10.5	Pre-shipment Inspection	C	22 February 2024	To be determined
Donors : To be determined				
Progress in the provision of technical assistance and capacity building support :				
To date, no development partners have proposed assistance for the implementation of this measure.				
