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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 February 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova for Members' information.

Following up on the notification received 22 February 2018 (G/TFA/N/MDA/1), the Republic of Moldova hereby makes the following notifications of definitive dates for implementation of their category B commitments in response to Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

Provision	Heading/Description	Definitive date for implementation
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	31 December 2019
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	31 December 2019
Article 2.2	Consultations	31 December 2019
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	31 December 2020
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	31 December 2020
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	31 December 2020
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	31 December 2020
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	31 December 2019
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	31 December 2020

For ease of reference, the Moldova's full list of category commitments are summarized in the table as 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)
Article 1 Publication and Availability of Information					
Article 1.1	Publication	A	-	-	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	C	31 December 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a comprehensive trade information e-portal (e-Trade Point), with advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) structures and dissemination functions on trade-related administrative procedures and regulatory requirements. In addition, establish detailed procedures for Trade point functioning, the review and periodic updating of published information; - Updating the content, style and design of the official Customs Service web site and further develop Customs information system, to ensure prompt and timely reflection of applicable regulatory and procedural requirements; - Updating the content, style and design of the official website of the National Agency for Food Safety (ANSA).
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2019	-
Article 1.4	Notification	A	-	-	-
Article 2 Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations					
Article 2.1	Opportunity to Comment and Information Before Entry into Force	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2019	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2019	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		A	-	-	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-
Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of best practice procedures, development, adoption and publication of border-notification procedures for the purpose of strengthening controls and inspections in line with the proposal, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the criteria according to which a notification may be made;

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) the termination or suspension of the alert; (iii) notifying the importer or the competent authority of the exporting country. - Staff training in the management of the formal notification system, including national and international best practices; - Training of relevant border agencies in the field of the operational requirements of the notification system; - Conduct actions to develop and implement a National Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (SNARAF) and a National Early Warning Mechanism (MNAT) compatible with those in the EU; - Strengthen mechanisms for achieving the right to appeal or review by regulating the establishment of Dispute Settlement Boards as a tool to ensure transparency in the administrative procedure for reviewing appeals against actions, inactions of the public agent and against administrative acts issued in control procedures; - Implement and ensure the functioning of the Dispute Resolution Boards.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 6 Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties					
Article 6.1	General Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
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	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-

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Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
Article 7.1	Pre-arrival Processing	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the ASYCUDA World System for the implementation of the pre-arrival declaration procedure and processing; - Developing the system of pre-arrival risk analysis.
Article 7.2	Electronic Payment	A	-	-	-
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	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyse the regulatory framework develop policies to simplify authorization or licensing procedures, in line with international standards and good practice; - Train civil servants and customs inspectors and representatives of economic agents in the field of simplified procedures on expedited shipments; - Develop simplified customs clearance procedures for expedited shipments and ensure the necessary conditions for rapid and qualitative customs controls.
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revise and amend, as appropriate, the existing rules on the importation of perishable goods in a way that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow release in the shortest possible time; - ensure, as appropriate, release outside the normal working hours of the customs; - give priority to these commodities when planning examinations; - allow such goods to be stored under conditions appropriate for their

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					<p>preservation where facilities approved by the relevant authorities are available;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if possible and on request, allow release to take place at these storage facilities, and - oblige authorities to provide the importer with a written explanation on request when there is a significant delay in the release of the goods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of official agency agreements, operational guidelines or standards, as appropriate, to ensure co-operation and coordination of border authorities in the process of controlling and releasing perishable goods; - Simplify procedures for customs declaration and control of perishable goods; - Elaboration of the Regulation for the transport of perishable and easily altered goods; - Acquisition of the laboratory to verify the technical parameters necessary for the transport of perishable and easily altered goods and the certification of perishable goods road vehicles; - Training ANTA collaborators on road freight rules for perishable and easily altered goods and sharing experience with countries that have already implemented these practices; - Develop training programs for staff involved in perishable freight transport (experts, managers and drivers); - Establishment of an Information System on the registration of approved transport units for the transport of perishable and easily altered products, as well as access to information on transport units agreed by other states.

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Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-
Article 9 Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control					
		A	-	-	-
Article 10 Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit					
Article 10.1	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	B	31 December 2019	31 December 2019	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	31 December 2020	To be determined	- Implementation of the TWINNING Program for the Single Window.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9	Temporary Admission of Goods and Inward and Outward Processing	A	-	-	-
Article 11 Freedom of Transit					
		C	31 December 2020	To be determined	- Implementation of the TWINNING Program for the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS); - Implementation of electronic and simplified procedures for transit operations; - Modernization of the Integrated Information System of the Border Police; - Improvement of border crossing infrastructure to provide separate lanes, signalling and equipment required for priority transit.
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-