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

COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITIUS

The following communication, dated 24 May 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mauritius for Members' information.

Following up from the notification dated, 11 April 2016, (WT/PCTF/N/MUS/2), in which Mauritius indicated its category B and C commitments, Mauritius hereby notifies its definitive implementation dates for its category B commitments in accordance with Article 16.1(b) of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Heading/Description</b>	<b>Definitive date for implementation (for categories B and C)</b>
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	22 February 2022
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	22 February 2021
Article 8	Border Agency Cooperation	22 February 2021
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	22 February 2019
Article 12	Customs Cooperation	22 February 2019

At the same time, Mauritius is pleased to notify that Article 7.6 is being designated under category A.

For ease of reference, Mauritius'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)
<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	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of an electronic information management platform at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.</li> <li>2. Development and Implementation of a Food Import Management System (FIMIS) at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.</li> <li>3. Recruitment and capacity building of staff as Inspectors at Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB) in the following field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice &amp; Flour</li> <li>• Food and Agriculture (Expert)</li> <li>• Cement (Civil Engineer)</li> <li>• Petrol (Chemical Engineer)</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Changing of legal and/or regulatory framework.</li> <li>5. Acquisition of ICT and other equipment.</li> <li>6. Training &amp; Capacity Building.</li> </ol>
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	A	-	-	-
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More accredited labs at MSB.</li> <li>2. Upgrading of MSB ICT infrastructure.</li> <li>3. Training and Capacity Building of MSB inspectors in testing procedures.</li> <li>4. Setting up of an Inspection Scheme at the MSB.</li> </ol>

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					5. Food Tech Lab at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building in quality assurance</li> <li>• Training Enforcing GAP</li> <li>• Export Assurance System (Audit)</li> <li>• Legislation Aquaculture</li> </ul> 6. Upgrading Animal Health laboratory including infrastructure and equipment at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.           7. Specialised software services for diseases surveillance at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.           8. Upgrading front office infrastructure and minilab equipment at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.           9. Provision of Rapid Food Testing equipment and usables for on spot decision making in the release food consignment at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.           10. Tools and equipment for food sampling at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.           11. Reinforcement of pest and disease diagnosis facilities at the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.
<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	-	-	-
Article 7.3	Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	A	-	-	-

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Article 7.4	Risk Management	C	22 February 2022	To be determined	1. Technical Assistance required for GAP analysis at MRA, Customs.
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	22 February 2022	22 February 2022	-
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	B	22 February 2022	22 February 2021	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
<b>Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation</b>					
		B	22 February 2019	22 February 2021	-
<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	B	22 February 2019	22 February 2019	-
Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	1. Acquisition of ICT and other equipments. 2. Training and Capacity Building. 3. Changing legal and/ or regulatory framework. 4. Institutional and Administrative changes.
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 10.9.1	Temporary Admission of Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 10.9.2	Inward and Outward Processing	C	22 February 2021	To be determined	1. Services of consultant is required to assist in the design and establishment of an outward Processing Scheme at Customs.
<b>Article 11 Freedom of Transit</b>					
		A	-	-	-
<b>Article 12 Customs Cooperation</b>					
		B	22 February 2019	22 February 2019	-