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Committee on Trade Facilitation

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

COMMUNICATION FROM NICARAGUA

The following communication, dated 27 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Nicaragua for Members' information.

Following up on the notification dated 1 July 2014 (WT/PCTF/N/NIC/1), in which Nicaragua indicated its category A commitments, the Government of Nicaragua hereby makes the following notifications in accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (WT/L/931).

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	B	22 February 2019	To be determined	-
Article 1.2	Information Available through Internet	A	-	-	-
Article 1.3	Enquiry Points	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of the IPSA website and support for updating the content of this website. Website administrator: US\$1,000/month × 2 years. • Creation of the IPSA outreach office. IPSA outreach office official: US\$1,000/month × 3 years. • Technical assistance from computer and programming specialists to develop and improve website automation for the National Commission for the Control and Regulation of Toxic Substances, so as to meet the Commission's new requirements; and financial assistance to acquire computer equipment, software and licences. Approximate cost: US\$55,000. • Technical and financial assistance for the creation and implementation of a TFA-consistent national information system for the Ministry of Health (MINSA). • Financial assistance for setting up an information system that provides immediate and relevant information on formality status and migration.
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	A	-	-	-
Article 2.2	Consultations	A	-	-	-
Article 3 Advance Rulings					
		A	-	-	-
Article 4 Procedures for Appeal or Review					
		A	-	-	-

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Article 5 Other Measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non-Discrimination and Transparency					
Article 5.1	Notification for Enhanced Controls or Inspections	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on completing notification procedures. • A section is needed on the IPSA website where the country's sanitary and phytosanitary status can be published, together with IPPC, OIE and WTO information.
Article 5.2	Detention	A	-	-	-
Article 5.3	Test Procedures	C	22 February 2022	To be determined	<p>Capacity building to improve phytosanitary diagnostic laboratories in the departments of Managua, Estelí, León, and Rivas, and the national chemical and biological residues laboratory, through the acquisition of equipment, materials and reagents, the enhanced implementation of diagnostic methods, staff training, and the strengthening of regional laboratory infrastructure, with a view to better serving exporters and importers of products and by-products of plant origin.</p> <p>Details of financial assistance: Reagents, consumables and equipment for central and regional laboratories: US\$700,000.</p> <p>Strengthening of the diagnostic and technical capacity of personnel (diploma-based training, workshops, specialized courses, post-graduate courses, internships, etc.): US\$100,000.</p> <p>Remodelling and refitting of three regional phytosanitary diagnostic laboratories in the departments of Estelí, León and Rivas: US\$300,000.</p> <p>TOTAL: US\$ 1,100,000</p>

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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	A	-	-	-
Article 6.2	Specific Disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	B	22 February 2019	-	-
Article 6.3	Penalty Disciplines	A	-	-	-
Article 7 Release and Clearance of Goods					
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	-	-	-
Article 7.4	Risk Management	A	-	-	-
Article 7.5	Post-Clearance Audit	A	-	-	-
Article 7.6	Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	B	22 February 2019	-	-
Article 7.7	Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators	C	22 February 2019	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US\$5,000 for awareness-raising and dissemination. US\$10,000 for follow-up and evaluation in relation to the OAS model.
Article 7.8	Expedited Shipments	A	-	-	-
Article 7.9	Perishable Goods	A	-	-	-
Article 8 Border Agency Cooperation					
		B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
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	A	-	-	-
Article 10.2	Acceptance of Copies	B	22 February 2020	To be determined	-
Article 10.3	Use of International Standards	A	-	-	-

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Article 10.4	Single Window	C	22 February 2020	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support for acquiring equipment and licences and contracting specialized computer design and development services, with a view to the continued improvement of the VUCEN system. Technical assistance to improve the system.
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					
		A	-	-	-
Article 12 Customs Cooperation					
		A	-	-	-