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**Virtual training workshop of members of the National Approvals Committee (NAC)
of Nigeria on the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS)
(23 – 27 November 2020, Virtual platform)**

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

- 09:30 - 10:00 - Connection of participants
 - Technical testing
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Opening ceremony**
 - Welcome address of the Chairman of the National Approvals Committee (NAC) of Nigeria
 - Address of the representative of German Cooperation Agency (GIZ)
 - Opening statement of the Director, Customs Union and Taxation of ECOWAS Commission
 - Screen snapshot
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Adoption of the Work Programme**
- 10:45 - 11:00 - **Objectives, expected results and way forward of the training of the members of the National Approvals Committee (NAC) of Nigeria on the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS)**
 - Questions / Answers
- 11:00 - 11:45 **Written initial assessment of knowledge on ETLS (Multiple-choice questions)**
 Participants
- 11:45 - 12:00 **BREAK**
- 12:00 - 12:30 - **General presentation of ECOWAS legal texts on ETLS (1/2)**
 (i) Revised ECOWAS Treaty
 (ii) Protocol A/P1/1/03 of 31st January 2003 relating to the definition of the concept of “products originating” from Member States of the Economic Community of West African States
 (iii) Regulation C/REG.3/4/02 of 23rd April 2002 establishing procedure for the approval of originating products to benefit under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme
 (iv) Regulation C/REG.4/4/02 of 23rd April 2002 adopting a certificate of origin of originating products of the Community
 (v) Regulation C/REG.5/4/02 of 23rd April 2002 relating to the assessment of the components making up the ex-factory price of a finished product before tax, and the value-added
 (vi) Regulation C/REG.1/07/04 of 17th July 2004 defining the list of exceptions to the criterion for change in tariff classification.

(vii) Supplementary Act A/SA.7/12/18 of 22nd December 2018 fixing the community rules of origin and procedures applicable to goods originating in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (which supersedes and replaces Protocol A/P1/1/03 of January 31, 2003)

- Questions / Answers

12:30 - 13:00

- **Overview on the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS) and its operational mechanism**

- Questions / Answers

13:00 - 13:30

- **Presentation of the “*Application form for admission to the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS)*”**

- **Practical guide for the filling in of the application form for admission to the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS)**

- Questions / Answers

13:30 - 14:00

- **Presentation of the “*Check-list for the review of applications to the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS) for onwards transmission to ECOWAS Commission*”**

- Questions / Answers

14:00

END OF DAY 1

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 10:30

Reminder on concepts learnt on the first day of the training

10:30 - 11:00

- **Elements of the documentation to be submitted to the ECOWAS Commission by a Member State for the approval of industrial enterprises and products under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS)**

- Questions / Answers

11:00 - 11:30

- **Certificate of Origin of Community products of ECOWAS – Procedures for its establishment and control**

- Questions / Answers

11:30 - 12:00

- **Role of the Customs Administration within the National Approvals Committee (NAC)**

- Questions / Answers

12:00 - 12:15

BREAK

12:15 - 13:00

- **Community Rules of Origin of ECOWAS**

- Questions / Answers

13:00 - 14:00

Practical exercise on determining the community rules of origin of ECOWAS
Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria

14:00

END OF DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 10:30

Reminder on concepts learnt on the first day of the training

10:30 - 12:00

Practical exercise on the screening of applications for approval under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS), using the Check-List

Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria

12:00 - 12:15	BREAK
12:15 - 14:30	Practical exercise on the screening of applications for approval under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS), using the Check-List <i>Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria</i>
14:30	END OF DAY 3

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 12:00	Practical exercise on the screening of applications for approval under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS), using the Check-List <i>Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria</i>
12:00 - 12:15	BREAK
12:15 - 14:30	Practical exercise on the screening of applications for approval under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS), using the Check-List <i>Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria</i>
14:30	END OF DAY 4

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2020

10:00 - 10:30	Practical exercise on the drafting of the Decision on the approval to the ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS) <i>Moderator: Chairman of NAC Nigeria</i>
10:30 - 11:00	General review of knowledge acquired
11:00 - 11:45	Written final assessment of knowledge on ETLS (Multiple-choice questions) <i>Participants</i>
11:45 - 12:15	Correction of the Written final assessment of knowledge on ETLS
12:15 - 12:30	Closing ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address of the participants' representative - Address of the representative of the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ) - Closing statement of the Director, Customs Union and Taxation of ECOWAS Commission
12:30	END OF THE TRAINING