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**THE STATUS OF ELIMINATION OF NON TARIFF BARRIERS
IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AS PER DECEMBER, 2014**

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UPDATED EAC TIME BOUND PROGRAMME ON ELIMINATION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AS PER DECEMBER, 2014

The meeting of 16th EAC Regional on NTBs was held on 9th – 11th December, 2014 Kigali, Rwanda among other updated EAC Time Bound Programme on elimination of identified NTBs.

The updated EAC Time Bound Programme shows that:

- (i) Twenty NTBs were reported as unresolved;**
- (ii) Four new NTBs were reported as new; and**
- (iii) Seventy One NTBs were reported as resolved cumulatively.**

The table below shows NTBs imposed by each Partner State.

PARTNER STATE/ALL PARTNER STATES	NUMBER OF NTBS IMPOSED
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI	0
REPUBLIC OF KENYA	6
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA	5
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA	1
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	9
ALL PARTNER STATES	4

Footnote:

There Non-Tariff Barriers imposed by One, Two, Three, and Four Partner States which means you cannot total the number of NTBs reflected above to give you a total of unresolved NTBs in accordance with EAC Time Bound Programme on elimination of identified NTB below

UPDATED EAC TIME BOUND PROGRAMME ON ELIMINATION OF IDENTIFIED NON TARIFF BARRIERS

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1	<p>Lack of coordination among the numerous institutions involved in testing goods</p> <p>Reported in 2009</p>	All EAC Partner States	Statutory agencies.	Time wasted.	<p>Need to invest in One-Stop-Centres and electronic single window systems at border stations</p> <p>Develop and implement mutual recognition instruments</p>	<p>Insufficient financial resources for investment in buildings, facilities and IT system/equipment.</p> <p>Success Factor</p> <p>Collaboration of all institutions into fast-tracking the procedures under the same roof.</p>	<p>The Ministers decided that:</p> <p>(i) collaboration among the regulatory agencies be enhanced;</p> <p>(ii) agencies operate under one stop post as is currently being done between Kenya and Uganda;</p> <p>(iii) agencies collaborate at the national borders with a view to fast tracking clearance of goods at border entry points; and</p> <p>(iv Mutual recognition of certificates issued by</p>	June, 2015

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							<p>agencies is ongoing construction of one border posts in the Partner States will address the NTB.</p> <p>Obsp: Kenya</p> <p>Busia 82%</p> <p>Lungalunga 95%</p> <p>Taveta 88%</p> <p>Namanga 98%</p> <p>Burundi</p> <p>Rwanda</p> <p>Rusomo final stage</p> <p>99.8% official commissioning in Jan</p> <p>Karutumba 92%</p> <p>Katuna 100% work to start in Feb or March,</p>	

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							<p>2015</p> <p>URT</p> <p>Kabanga/Kobiro is complete</p> <p>Rusumo 98% and is expected to be operational by January 2015</p> <p>Partner States Regulatory Agencies are collaborating in clearance of goods</p> <p>There is mutual recognition of certificates issued by Partner States Testing bodies.</p>	
2.	Existence of several weighbridge stations in the central corridor	Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi	Tanzania	Time lost at the stations leading to loss of business as	Reduction of the stations to two one at the port of	Political goodwill from the Government.	The Ministers decided that the weighbridges be reduced to two one at the point of entry and other the port of	June, 2015

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				goods do not reach their destination in time	entry and the other at the port of exit.		exit. Tanzania introduced to reported that she has introduced three stop inspection centres (Vigwanza, Manyoni and Nyakanazi)	
3	Ugandan restriction of beef & beef products from Kenya Reported in 1996.	Kenya	Uganda Departments of Veterinary Services; Ministries of livestock development and Agriculture	Ban on market entry and loss of potential markets.	Political goodwill to mutually recognise inspection procedures, inspection reports and certificates	Pressure from businesses not to recognize products from within EAC due to fear of loss of markets Success Factor Political goodwill to recognize EAC as a single market area	The Ministers urged Republic of Kenya to review the legal notice No. 69 to address the issues of the BSE disease by December 30th, 2012. The NTB will be considered during the Bilateral meeting between Kenya and Uganda Scheduled for January, 2015	March, 2015

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4	Charges of plant import permit (PIP) at Malaba for tea destined for auction at Mombasa	Burundi	Kenya Plant Health Services (KEPHIS)	Adds to cost of doing business.	Abolish charges and reorganization of the SPS certificate .	Resistance from issuing authority	<p>The ministers decided that Partner States should recognize certificates issued by accredited institutions of other Partner States.</p> <p>EAC SPS Protocol was signed in July 2013 and once ratified by Partner States it will address the NTB.</p> <p>The NTB will be resolved once the SPS protocol is ratified.</p> <p>The meeting noted that Kenya recognizes Phyto-Sanitary certificates issued by Partner States for tea destined for Mombasa tea auction.</p>	June, 2015.
5	Border management institutions'	Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda ,	Revenue Authorities	Business community to identify	Harmonization of working	Security issues and awareness by	Implementation pending completion of	June, 2015

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	working hours are not harmonized.	Kenya, and Burundi		impact Delays and extra cost to doing business	hours	Business community	OSBP in June 2015.	
6	Non-harmonized road user charges / road tolls	All Partner States	Ministries of Transport and Infrastructure	Additional cost to doing business	Harmonize the road user charges / road toll .		Harmonize the road user charges /road toll 11th TCM Sectoral Council held in June 2014. The Council noted that the study on the harmonization of the road user charges and tolls will commence in the FY 2014/15. This follows from the adoption by the same Sectoral Council the adoption of the EAC Transport Facilitation Study Report which will inform the harmonization process.	June, 2015

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7.	Weighing of empty trucks in the Central Corridor-Tanzania	Rwanda and Burundi	TANROADS	Unnecessary delays for trucks going to load in ports.	Reverse the weighing of empty trucks.	Resistance of TANROADS to amend the Road on Safety regulations.	<p>The United Republic of Tanzania reported that she had introduced weighing in motion and does not regard this as and NTB.</p> <p>The Republic of Rwanda and the republic of Burundi consider it as an NTB. The meeting recommended that the NTB be referred to next meeting of SCIFI.</p>	Marc , 2015
8	Cigarettes manufactured in Kenya exported to Tanzania required to have a local 75% tobacco	Kenya	Tanzania	Loss of business	Abolition of the requirement	Resistance from the private sector.	During the 29th meeting of the Council Tanzania undertook to repeal the law governing the 75% local tobacco content by June, 2015.	June, 2015

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9.	Tanzania food and Drugs Authority requires companies exporting to URT to register which may entail retesting and re-labeling of the products before exporting	Kenya, Burundi	TFDA	Loss of market	Abolition of the requirement		<p>The 18th meeting of the East African Standards Committees held on 24th ... 2014 deliberated on the NTB:</p> <p>(i) urged TBS to adopt all the harmonized EAC Standards to ensure that there are not barriers arising from the Standards; and</p> <p>requested TFDA to carry out a review on food product safety control systems in other Partner States for the purpose of creating confidence and facilitating trade within the EAC region and report back to the Committee by June 2015.</p>	June, 2015

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10.	Rwanda and Uganda have not accorded preferential treatment on exports of rice from Tanzania through Rusumo and Mutukula borders respectively.	The United Republic of Tanzania	Rwanda and Uganda Revenue Authorities.	Adds to the cost of doing business.	Rwanda and Uganda should allow rice from URT to access their markets.		Adherence to EAC RoO The 30 th Meeting of the Council directed EAC Secretariat to undertake verification mission by 29 th January, 2015.	March, 2015
11.	Re-introduction of County transit Fee Reported in October, 2013.	Tanzania	Kajiado and Kwale counties in Kenya	Adds to cost of doing business	Abolition of County transit Fee		Abolition of County transit Fee Kenya reported that the issues are under consideration and requested for more time The meeting agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting of the SCTIFI	March, 2015
13.	Discrimination of Smirnoff ice brand-ofbrand of East African	Kenya	URT	Denial of market.	Removal of discrimination		Removal of discrimination. A verification mission	March, 2015

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	Breweries (Kenya) Ltd products.						was undertaken and awaiting decision of the SCTIFI.	
14	Numerous monetary charges required by various agencies in the United Republic of Tanzania on exports of dairy products	All Partner States	Various Partner State Agencies		Harmonization of the charges.		<p>The SCTIF urged Partner States to forward charges on dairy products to the EAC Secretariat in order to work modalities to harmonize them.</p> <p>The Secretariat informed the meeting that it was only the Republic of Kenya and Rwanda who had submitted their charges.</p> <p>The meeting recommended the other Partner States to submit their charges by 31st December, 2014.</p>	June, 2015

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15.	Numerous Weighbridges: Containerized cargo is being subjected to Imposition of 4 weighbridges instead of agreed 2 as agreed by Partner States	Uganda, Rwanda	Kenya	Adds to cost of doing business.	Adherence to the Council decision Partner States to have Two weigh bridges at the point of entry and point of exit.		The meeting agreed the NTB be handled during the bilateral meeting in January, 2015.	March, 2015
16.	Selective auctioning of Ugandan goods at Mombasa Port.	Uganda	Kenya	Loss of Business	Stopping of the auctioning of the goods	Political goodwill	Uganda provided a copy of Kenya Gazette containing goods which were auctioned in September, 2014. The NTB will be handled during the bilateral meeting between the two Partner States in January, 2015.	March, 2015

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17.	Scanning of Uganda goods by anti-counterfeit agency at Mombasa	Uganda	Kenya	Loss Business	Stopping of scanning	Political goodwill	The meeting considered the NTB and requested Uganda to provide documentary evidence to enable the NTB to considered during the Bilateral meeting between the Partner States in January, 2015.	March, 2015
18.	Charging of 25% duty rate on scrapping rolls manufactured in Kenya	Kenya	Uganda	Loss of business.	According of preferential treatment to Kenyan goods.	Political goodwill	Kenya provided evidence during the meeting. Uganda undertook to study the evidence and report back during the next meeting.	March, 2015
19.	Charging of 25% duty rate on products manufactured in Kenya using glucose	Kenya	Uganda	Loss of business	According EAC preferential treatment to the	Political goodwill	Kenya provided evidence during the meeting. Uganda undertook to study the evidence	March, 2015

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	imported under EAC duty remission				products.		and report back during the next meeting.	
NEW NON TARIFF BARRIERS								
1	URT is charging USD20 as transit permit for containers with chemical products	Burundi	URT Ministry of Health	Adds to the cost of doing business		Abolition of the charge	Burundi provided evidence. URT undertook to study the evidence and report back during the next meeting	March, 2015
2	TPA is charging USD90 as way leave fees for transit container of 20 feet and 140USD for container of 40	Burundi	TPA	Adds cost of doing business		Abolition of the charge	Burundi provided evidence. URT undertook to study the evidence and report back during the	March, 2015

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	feet for transit trucks.						next meeting	
3	Rwandan Transporters pays 300USD per truck as a national park fee.	Rwanda	URT	Adds to cost of doing business	Harmonization of transit charges		The meeting noted that the issue of harmonization of Transit charges is currently being deliberated upon by the Sectoral Council of TCM	June, 2015
4	Charge of "export tax" of 0.2 % of raw materials exported from Uganda by Rwanda Premier Tobacco Company Ltd	Rwanda	Uganda	Adds to the cost of doing business	Adherence to the EAC Preferential Tariff Treatment		Rwanda submitted evidence. Uganda undertook to study the evidence and report back in the next meeting	March, 2015
RESOLVED NON TARIFF BARRIERS								
1	Tanzania requires cash	Rwanda	TRA	Adds to cost of doing	Abolition of the	Resistance from TRA because of possible	Tanzania reported that she is now using bonds	Resolved.

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	bonds for transportation of sugar to Rwanda.			business	requirement	dumping of sugar.	rather than normal bonds.	
2	Burundi charges entry fee for vehicles from other Partner States	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania & Rwanda	Burundi Customs	Adds to cost of doing business	Abolition of the charge		Burundi reported she had abolished the charge.	Resolved.
3	Varying application of axle load specifications	All Partner States	Kenya Ministry of transport TANROADS Uganda Ministry of transport	Unnecessary time loss at the weighbridges Corruption	Introduce weigh-in motion systems and harmonization of axle load limits and gross vehicle mass (GVM) in the region	Insufficient financial resources Political disagreements on whether to adopt COMESA or SADC specifications	EAC Axle load bill was enacted into law in May, 2013 and is awaiting asset by Heads of State.	Resolved
4	Imposition Visa to Burundians entering	Burundi	Immigration Department of	Restriction of entering.	Removal of visa		Burundians are not charged visa fees.	Resolved.

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	Tanzania		Tanzania					
5	Delays at the Ports of Mombasa & Dar Es Salaam, which affect imports and exports through the ports.	All EAC countries through use of Northern & Central corridors	Kenya Ports Authority, Tanzania Ports Authority Kenya Revenue Authority, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Kenya Railway		Implement one-stop documentation centers to speed up clearance of containerized cargo.	. Success Factor Sufficient budgetary Allocation.	The ports of Mombasa and Dar Es salaam are implementing National single window system to redress delays at the ports	Resolved
6	Restriction of Konyagi exports into Kenya Market	Tanzania	Kenya Revenue Authority/Kenya Bureau of Standards	Loss of business	Removal of the restriction		Kenya informed the meeting that KRA has issued an import license and stamp duty and konyagi products are now imported into Kenya.	Resolved.
7	Lack of preferential	Kenya	Rwanda Revenue	Loss of Business	Application of EAC	Resistance from RRA	The issue is resolved	Resolved

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	treatment on galvanized sheets		Authority		Rules of Origin			
8	Requirement for certificates of analysis for goods destined for export to Rwanda and Burundi	Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya	Burundi and Rwanda	An extra cost of doing business	Mutual recognition of quality marks issued by Partner States National Standard Bureaux	Resistance from Rwanda Bureau of Standards	Burundi and Rwanda have abolished the requirement.	Resolved
9	Levying of extra charges on Kenya pharmaceutical firms exporting to Tanzania	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority	Tanzania charges on sales vans- US\$20 for each entry	Abolition of extra charges	Resistance from TRA	Tanzania has abolished the levies.	Resolved
10	Requirement of TISCAN inspection procedure that requires	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority	Loss of business	Abolition of the requirement	Resistance from TRA	Tanzania has abolished the procedure except for the traders who do not avail the bill of landing.	Resolved.

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	documents to be transmitted to SA and cleared there for each lot.							
11	Requirement of road consignment note from transporters even before the goods have been packed.	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority	An extra cost of doing business	Abolition of requirement of road consignment noted	Resistance from TRA	Kenya has abolished the requirement.	Resolved.
12	Requirement for executing a bond for import taxes before being issued with stamps for excise duty purposes in Tanzania.	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority	An extra cost to doing business	Abolition of the requirement	Resistance from the Revenue Authority	Tanzania has abolished the requirement.	Resolved.
13.	Holding,	Uganda	Kenya's Ministry	Denial of	Mutual	Pressure from	The issue has been	Resolved

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	retesting milk and milk products bearing quality marks and imposition of import quotas.	and Tanzania	of Fisheries and Livestock Development, Kenya Dairy Board and Kenya Bureau of Standards.	market entry and loss of potential markets.	recognition of quality marks.	businesses not to recognize products from within EAC due to fear of loss of markets	resolved	
14.	Kenyan ban on Ugandan day old chicks	Uganda	Ministries of Livestock Development and Agriculture	Ban on market entry and loss of potential markets.	Lifting of the ban.	Pressure from businesses not to recognize products from within EAC due to fear of loss of markets	Kenya has lifted the ban.	Resolved
15	Cumbersome testing procedures for food exports and imports into Tanzania.	Kenya	Tanzania Food and Drug Authority (TFDA).	Cost & time incurred in testing & certification procedures.	Simplification of the procedures.	Resistance from authorities currently in charge of exports/imports inspection (TFDA).	TBS has simplified the procedures.	Resolved.
16	Partner States are not using green, yellow, red channels	EAC Partner States	Partner States Revenue Authorities	consignment.	Joint verification of goods at border	Goodwill from Partner States Revenue Authorities.	Partner States Revenue Authorities are now implementing Risk	Resolved.

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	while clearing goods.				posts.		Management Systems.	
17.	EAC Standards Bureaus have varying procedures for issuance of certification marks, inspection and testing.	All EAC Partner States	National Bureaus of Standards	Time and cost of complying with testing and certification procedures. Country.	Political goodwill within EAC.	Lack of financial resources to set up facilities for certification	There is mutual recognition of quality marks.	Resolved.
18	Non-recognition of EAC Rules & Certificates of Origin.	Kenya Uganda Tanzania.	Partner States Revenue Authorities.	Cost of organizing verification missions.	Adherence to EAC Rules RoO.	Pressure from domestic businesses due to fear they will lose domestic markets.	Partner States are now recognizing EAC RoO.	Resolved.
19.	Charging 6% withholding tax	Kenya	Uganda dairy	Increased cost of	Harmonization of	Political goodwill.	Uganda informed the meeting this was a	Resolved

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	by URA		Board	doing business	internal withholding tax in the regional		domestic tax.	
20.	Charge of 1.5% dairy levy	Kenya	Uganda dairy Board	Increased cost of doing business	Abolition of the levy	Resistance from Uganda dairy board.	Uganda informed the meeting this was a domestic tax. Resolved	Resolved
21.	Uganda's certification procedures on exports of milk from Kenya.		Uganda dairy board	Denial of market entry and loss of potential markets.	Political goodwill.	Pressure from businesses not to recognize products from within EAC due to fear of loss of markets.	The milk is allowed as long as it has certification.	Resolved
22.	Delays in Releasing of cargo manifest.	All Partner States	Shipping lines	Increased cost of doing business	To release the manifest 72 hours before the ships dock.	Resistance from the shipping lines	CMA 2004 has been amended to allow submission of cargo manifest electronically by shipping lines within	Resolved.

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							72 hours.	
23	Requirement that to export Herbal products to Tanzania you must declare formulae.	Uganda	Tanzania Herbalists organization	Ban of products	Abolition of the requirement		Tanzania has enacted a law which has abolished the requirement.	Resolved
24.	Reduction of grace period for transit cargo at Dar Es Salaam Port from 30 to 14 days	All Partner States	TRA	More cost	Adhering to EAC CMA Act.		The reduction is in conformity with the EAC Management Act 2004 section 34.	Resolved
25.	Delays at Malaba border for trucks driving to Uganda	Rwanda	KRA	Delays in clearance of goods	Decongest the border	Lack of facilities at the border	Kenya has eliminated the delays.	Resolved
26.	Kenya has introduced Cash Bond on used clothes	Uganda	KRA	Restricts business transaction	Abolish the cash bonds	Fear of loss of revenue	Kenya has abolished the bond requirement.	Resolved

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	and shoes / other items considered of high value						Kenya reported that it was removed in April, 2012	
27	Kenyan Trucks entering into Tanzania are charged a levy of US\$ 200	Kenya	Tanzania Border Authorities	Loss of business	Removal of the levy	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania abolished the levy in 2012.	Resolved.
28.	Lack of availability of simplified certificate of origin issued by Tanzania	Kenya	Tanzania Border Authorities	Loss of business	Avail simplified certificates of origin.	Implementation of EAC customs union.	Tanzania dispatched EAC certificates of origin to all border posts.	Resolved
29.	Non-implementation of EAC harmonized documents.	All Partner states.	Revenue Authorities	Delays in using the harmonized documents	Implement the EAC harmonized documents	Resistance from Revenue Authorities and Business Community in the Partner States.	All Partner States are using EAC harmonized documents.	Resolved.

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30.	Lack of harmonized procedures manual.	EAC Partner States.	EAC Secretariat Partner States Revenue Authorities.	Delays in clearance of goods. Duties.	Harmonize export/ import documentation.	Lack of harmonized procedures manual.	The EAC harmonized procedures manual was adopted by the Council in 2012.	Resolved
31.	Visa charges of US\$ 250 for businessmen.	Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and Burundi	TRA	Cost to business	Abolition of the Visa.	Lack of political goodwill	Tanzania has abolished the visa charges.	Resolved
32	Re-introduction by Kenya of a cash bond on vehicles above 2000 cc and sugar transiting	Kenya	Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda	Cost of doing business	Abolition of the requirement	Lack of political goodwill	Kenya has abolished the cash bond on vehicles above 2000 cc and sugar transiting from Mombasa to	Resolved

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	from Mombasa to Uganda.						Uganda.	
33	Delays in issuing bonds at Kenya border with Uganda for tea meant for auction in Mombasa	Rwanda	IRA	Increase in the cost of doing business	To allow more companies to issue the bonds	Fear of loss of revenue	Kenya is issuing the bonds.	Resolved
34	Non recognition of EAC certificate of origin by TRA for furniture products manufactured in Kenya	Kenya	TRA	Adds to cost of doing business.	Recognition of EAC RoO.	Lack of political goodwill.	Furniture had been imported from China.	Resolved

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35	Tanzania has re-imposed a visa charge of between U.S\$ 200-250 on Ugandan business persons travelling to Tanzania.	Uganda and Kenya	Tanzania	Increase in cost of doing business	Abolition of Visa requirement	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania has abolished the visa fee.	Resolved
36	Requirement for original documentation at the port of Mombasa and Dar Es Salaam for clearance of goods;	Burundi	Kenya and URT	Increase in cost of doing business	Abolish the requirement	Lack of political goodwill.	Kenya and Tanzania have abolished the requirement.	Resolved.
37	Kenya Import levy of Kshs 2 per Kg on Agricultural Products from Tanzania	Tanzania	Kenya	Loss of business.	Abolition of the import levy.	Lack of political goodwill.	Kenya has abolished the levy.	Resolved

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38.	Exports of plastic products from Kenya are subjected to 10% and 25% CET rate.	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority.	Increased cost of doing business in Tanzania,	The exports to be charged 0% as per the EAC schedule on the elimination of internal tariffs.	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania is according preferential treatment to plastics manufactured in Kenya.	Resolved
39	Tourist vans not allowed entry to URT	Kenya	Tanzania	Loss of business	Allow Kenyan tourist vehicles to enter Tanzania	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania is now allowing entry of tourist vans from Kenya.	Resolved
40	Lack of interface within the customs' systems in the Revenue Authorities in Partner States.	Partner States	Burundi Revenue Authority	Delays in clearance of goods.	Interfacing of the systems.	Interfacing of Burundi customs systems with other Partner States.	Burundi customs systems are now interfaced with h other Partner States systems.	Resolved
41	Requirement for OTS (Open Tender System) for bulk Fuel	Burundi	Bulk Fuel Procurement System.	Stock out of Fuel	Abolition of the requirement	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania has abolished the requirement.	Resolved

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	Procurement System							
42	Imposition of 75% CET duty or \$200 per metric ton on rice wholly produced in Kenya by Uganda	Kenya	URA	Loss of market to Kenyan Farmers and Traders	Recognition of EAC RoO.	Lack of political goodwill.	Uganda is according preferential treatment to rice produced in Kenya.	Resolved
43	Cut-flower from Tanzania for re-exports to Europe and Russia blocked by Kenya	Tanzania	KEPHIS	Loss of market to Europe and Russia	Lifting of the blockage.	Lack of political goodwill.	Kenya has Lifted the blockage.	Resolved
44	Kenya had issued new immigration regulations whereby work permits will not be issued to other	EAC Partner States.	Ministry of Immigration and Registration of Persons	Adds to cost of doing business.	Abolition of the requirement.	Lack of political goodwill.	The requirement has been abolished.	Resolved.

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	nationalities below the age of thirty five years and earning not less than K.shs168, 000 per month.							
45	Uganda Government has restricted the employment by NGOs to Ugandan's only.	Tanzania	Department of Immigration, Uganda	Restriction on employment	Removal of the restriction on employment.	Lack of political goodwill	Uganda informed that the restriction does not exist	Resolved
46	Charges by Container Freight Stations vary from port charges	Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.	Kenya Ports Authority	Increased cost of doing business	Kenya reported that the port charges by ICDs and CFS should be the one		Kenya Ports Authority has signed a service level agreement to guide charges by CFS.	Resolved

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					approved by port authorities			
47	Congestion at the Port of DAR	Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi	TPA	Delays in cargo clearance	Increase the capacity of port.	Lack of financial resources	Tanzania has increased the capacity of the port to reduce congestion.	Resolved
48	Payment of double handling charges at the ICDs and at the Dar Es Salaam port	Burundi	Dar Es Salaam	Adds to cost of doing business.	Abolition of the double handling charges	Lack of political goodwill	Tanzania has abolished the double handling charges.	Resolved.
49	Inadequate Police Escort mechanism.	Partner States	Police	Loss of business	Provide escorts for trucks	Lack of adequate infrastructure for Police escort	All Partner States are providing police escorts.	Resolved.
50.	Controlled movements of Cargo Trucks between	Rwanda, Burundi & Uganda	Ministry of Infrastructure, Tanzania	Time lost	Removal of the requirement	Lack of political goodwill	URT is now providing police escort for more than 10 trucks but request can be placed	Resolved

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	Isaka/Rusumo and Isaka/Kabang are not allowed to move beyond 6:00 pm within Tanzania						for special trucks with sensitive goods.	
51	Harassment of informal businessmen from URT by Kenyan Immigration Officials at Namanga Border.	URT	Department of Immigration, Kenya.	Loss of business.	Kenya immigration Officials to stop the harassment	Lack of political goodwill	Kenya Informed the meeting that the informal traders were not harassed	Resolved
52	Prohibitions of imports of food products from Burundi	Rwanda	OBR, Burundi.	Loss of business.	Lifting of the prohibitions.	Lack of political goodwill	The prohibitions have been abolished.	Resolved
53	Kenya Revenue	United Republic of	Kenya Revenue		Adherence to prevailing	Lack of political	Kenya it is now recognizing copies of	Resolved

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	Authority at Taveta Border requires certificates of Origin from Tanzania to have serial numbers	Tanzania	Authority.		EAC practice that all certificates of origin bear only reference numbers.	goodwill	EAC Certificates of origin.	
54	Uganda is restricting export of mosquito nets produced by A to Z Mills Company in Arusha to access Uganda market.	United Republic of Tanzania	Uganda Bureau of Standards	Loss of business.	Adhering to EAC Rules of Origin	Lack of political goodwill	URA is honoring EAC RoO.	Resolved.
55	Rice, Small Fish and Palm Oil from Burundi denied entry to Rwanda;	Burundi	RRA	Adds to cost of doing business.	Allow entry.	Lack of political goodwill	It is a requirement by law in Rwanda for products not to be packed with polythene bags.	Resolved.

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	Reported in October, 2013.						The NTB was resolved	
56	Tanzania is not accepting copies of bill of landing while clearing cargo at Sirare border.	Kenya	Tanzania Revenue Authority.	Loss of business.	Recognition of copies of bill of lading.	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania is now accepting copies of bill of landing.	Resolved
57	Kenya has notified clearing agents that there will be no further extension of customs warehousing	Uganda	Kenya Revenue Authority	Adds to cost of doing business.	Allow for extension of time at warehousing.	Lack of political goodwill.	KRA uses provision of EAC CMA on warehousing period application.	Resolved
58	Kenya delays inspection of export goods at factory level	United Republic of Tanzania	Kenya Revenue Authority	Adds to cost of doing business	Abolishment of the requirement	Lack of political goodwill.	KRA has minimized the delays.	Resolved

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59	United Republic of Tanzania had restricted export of beer from Burundi through the border of Kobero/Kabanga border.	Burundi	United Republic of Tanzania	Loss of Business.	Adherence to EAC RoO.	Lack of political goodwill.	Tanzania has abolished the restriction.	Resolved
60	Requirement by the Kenya Revenue Authority that tea from Uganda destined for Mombasa auction market should be stored at 3 selected Customs Transit Go-down in Mombasa.	Uganda	Kenya	Increase in cost of doing business	Abolition of the requirement	Lack of political goodwill.	Kenya to abolish the requirement Kenya reported that tea destined for auction at Mombasa for export must be warehoused in a bonded Customs warehouse (Transit Go down) of their choice.	Resolved
61.	Kenya requires oil to be transported	Uganda	Kenya Ports Authority	Adds to cost of doing	Removal of the	Lack of political goodwill.	Kenya has abolished the requirement with	resolved

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	through rail and by road to have bond guaranteed by bank			business.	requirement .		the coming into force Single customs territory.	
62	A requirement that Cigarettes exported to Uganda must have a local material content of 75%.	Uganda	Kenya	Adds to cost of doing business	Adherence to EAC RoO	Lack of political goodwill.	Uganda has repealed the regulation guiding the 75% local material content for cigarettes.	Resolved.
63	Lack of Verification sheds and parking yards at border posts;	All EAC Partner States	All EAC Partner States	Adds to cost of doing business.	Construction OBSP	Availability of adequate financial resources.	The 15 th EAC Forum on NTBs noted that the ongoing construction of OBSP is addressing this NTB.	Resolved.
64	Charging of full duty on aluminum products on EAC duty	Kenya	Uganda	Adds cost to doing business	Adherence to EAC RoO	Political goodwill	Uganda is according preferential treatment to products of Aluminum produced in	Resolved

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	remission scheme produced in Kenya and exported to Uganda;						Kenya	
65	Introduction of a levy of 1.5% for railway development in Kenya for imports destined to Kenya	Kenya	EAC partner States	Adds to cost of doing business	Adherence to EAC RoO	Political goodwill	Kenya is now exempting imports from EAC Partner States from the levy of 1.5%	Resolved.
66	Metal products from Kenya are charged a CET of 25% when exported to Burundi;	Kenya	Burundi	Adds to the cost of doing business.	Adherence to EAC RoO.	Political goodwill.	Burundi is now according metal products produced from Kenya preferential treatment.	Resolved.

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67	URT is charging plastics from Kenya a CET rate of 25%	Kenya	Tanzania	Adds to the cost of doing business.	Adherence to EAC RoO.	Political goodwill.	Tanzania is now according preferential treatment to plastic products produced in Kenya	Resolved.
69	Several Police road blocks along Central Corridor, estimated at 30 between Dar es Salaam to Rusumo border. Reported in 2005	Rwanda Uganda Burundi	Tanzania.	Adds to the cost of doing business.	Issue clear guidelines on reasons for stopping commercial vehicles, a daily record of vehicles stopped, reasons and measures taken.	Resistance to remove roadblocks on argument they are mounted for security reasons. Success Factor Follow-up on political decision to remove roadblocks	The Ministers decided that: EAC Partner States undertake to explore measures to exempt transit traffic from inspection at the police road blocks; and No road blocks along the Central Corridor but conveniently located at the weighbridges. Rwanda and Burundi reported that Tanzania has reduced the road blocks to 7 along the Central Corridor and URT intends to reduce to 3.	Resolved

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70	Lack of harmonized port procedures manual.	Partner States	TPA and KPA	Varying grace periods makes the importers to pay demurrage charges which increases cost of doing business in the region	TPA and KPA to harmonize port procedures manual grace periods.	Investments by port authorities	<p>During the 15th EAC Regional Meeting on NTBs, Kenya and Tanzania circulated their port procedures manual to study and report back whether the procedures are harmonized.</p> <p>The 16th EAC Regional Forum on NTBs deliberated on the NTB and agreed that the procedures manual could not be harmonized because of different costs incurred in their development and noted that ports operations were internationally benchmarked.</p> <p>had invested heavily on the infrastructure</p>	Resolved

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71.	Non-recognition of rules of Origin for motor vehicles	Kenya	Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda	Loss of business	Recognition of CTH Criteria in the EAC Rules of Origin	Political Goodwill	The 30th Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 28th November, 2014 adopted the EAC revised Rules of Origin which are expected to address the NTBs	Resolved
72.	Uganda National Bureau of Standards was rubbing off batch numbers and shelf life marks by hand on tropical heats products exported by Kenya and thereafter rejecting the products as	Kenya	Uganda Bureau of Standards, Uganda	Denial of markets for Kenyan products.	The issue to be handled by EAC Standards Committee.		The 16 th EAC Regional Forum on NTBs noted that Uganda was now accepting the products.	Resolved

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	substandard							
73.	Mandatory requirement for all sugar importers to obtain prior permission and costly registration fees by Kenya Sugar Board for any sugar import	Uganda	Kenya	Adds to the cost of doing business	Removal of the requirement .		The NTB was resolved during the 30 th Meeting of the Council held on 28 th November, 2014.	Resolved
74.	Uganda registered insurance companies are not recognized in Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Adds to cost of doing business	Recognition of the insurance companies	Political goodwill	Uganda informed the meeting that Kenya is now recognizing insurance companies registered in Uganda.	Resolved
75.	Requirement of a single bond in the single customs territory.	Uganda	Kenya	Adds to cost of doing business	Abolition of the bond	Political goodwill	The meeting was informed that Kenya was accepting the COMESA regional Body Guarantee	Resolved

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76.	Lengthy, restrictive and unclear administrative procedures of licensing Ugandan owned container freight stations/warehouses in Kenya.	Uganda	Kenya	Loss of business	Abolition of the restrictive procedure	Political goodwill	The meeting was informed that the cumbersome administrative procedures have been abolished.	Resolved
77.	Delays by KRA in posting online clearance of goods.	Tanzania	Kenya	Loss of business	Expediting posting of online information of cleared goods.	Political goodwill	The meeting was informed that there are no delays in posting online clearance of goods by KRA	Resolved
78.	Re-introduction of yellow fever requirement at Namanga border and Kilimanjaro Int. Airport	Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda	URT, and Kenya	Delays at the border points.	Removal of the requirement		The Sectoral Council of Health meeting noted that EAC Partner States were required to follow existing arrangements as per World Health Organization International Health	Resolved

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							<p>Regulation of 2005 which came into force in July, 2007.</p> <p>The 5th Meeting of the Sectoral Council held on 21st January, 2011 noted that Tanzania was strictly and enforcing the Regulation.</p>	
79.	<p>Auto-Axillary Ltd products (U bolt and Center bolts) are charged CET of 25%.</p> <p>Reported October, 2013.</p>	Kenya	TRA,URT	Adds to cost of doing business.	Recognition of EAC RoO		A verification mission was undertaken and the report will be considered by the next meeting of SCTIFI.	Resolved