



TRS Overview

Planning and Implementation

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TRS Overview

Basic Concept

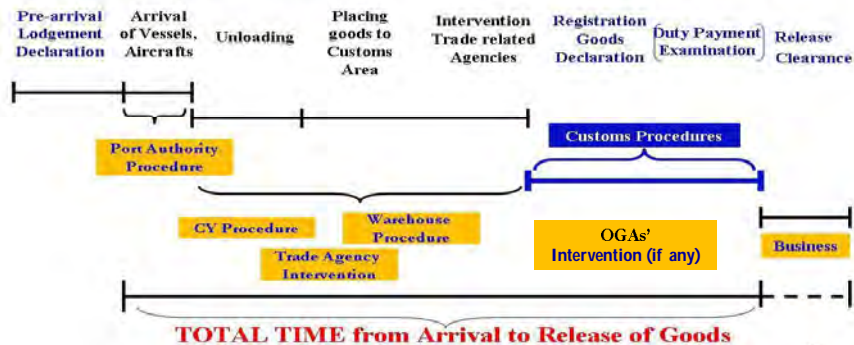
TRS and Trade Facilitation

- ✓ Huge increase in cross border trading as a result of globalization, customs role in trade facilitation (TF) becomes more prominent.
- ✓ TF : expediting the movement, clearance & release of goods
- ✓ TRS is a unique tool and method for measuring the actual time required from arrival of goods to its release.

Basic Concept

Cargo Flow from Arrival to Release of Goods

Sea cargo & Air cargo



Basic Concept

- ✓ TRS as performance measurement (for Customs, OGAs and trading community)
- ✓ Since Customs is the most visible agency in the border, any delay in the movement of goods may be attributed to Customs. It is therefore in the interest of Customs to measure and monitor the time for release of cargoes and initiate improvement.

WCO Tools on TRS

- 1) Guide To Measure The Time Required For the Release of Goods - Version 2 in 2011
- 2) Internet Software for the TRS
(<http://members.wcoomd.org/trs/index.asp>)
- 3) User Manual for TRS Software

WCO Tools on TRS

The screenshot shows the WCO website interface. The main navigation bar includes 'Public', 'Members', 'Events', 'Learning', 'Bookshop', 'SW', and 'CEN'. The 'Procedures and Facilitation' section is active, displaying 'Contacts', 'Publications', and 'Tools and Instruments'. Under 'Tools and Instruments', the 'Revised Kyoto Convention' and 'WCO Data Model - DMR' sections are visible. The 'Time Release Study' section contains two links: 'Guide to Measure the Time Required for the Release of Goods' and 'User Manual - Internet Software for the Time Release Study', with a yellow arrow pointing to the latter.

The Updated TRS Guide

The Contents of the updated TRS Guide 2011	
GUIDE TO MEASURE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE RELEASE OF GOODS Version 2 2011 WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION	Introduction & Context
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Objectives

- ✓ Identifying bottleneck processes affecting customs release
- ✓ Assessing new procedures, operations, etc.
- ✓ Establishing baseline TF performance measurement
- ✓ Identifying opportunities for TF improvement
- ✓ Estimating the country's approximate position as a benchmarking tool

Approaches

- ✓ Macro-Economic Approach
- ✓ Strategic Planning Approach
- ✓ Management Approach
- ✓ CBM Approach
- ✓ Modernization Approach
- ✓ Customs-to-Business Partnership Approach
- ✓ Customs-to-Customs Partnership Approach

Possible Use of Study Results

Procedures, Processes & Legislation

- ✓ Diagnose the efficiency of specific customs procedures
- ✓ Take measures to improve compliance or enforcement
- ✓ Simplify and harmonize customs procedures
- ✓ Automate Customs processes
- ✓ Draft / modify relevant Customs legislation

Possible Use of Study Results

Organization

- ✓ Reallocate staff and resources for optimal utilization
- ✓ Initiate organizational reform
- ✓ Support requests for human, financial and technical resources
- ✓ Address anti-corruption measures
- ✓ Train staff

Possible Use of Study Results

Performance Measurement & PR

- ✓ Use as a quality assurance mechanism
- ✓ Benchmark trade facilitation performance levels
- ✓ Improve customs transparency and promote PR
- ✓ Use with OGAs & trading community for further enhancement of TF measures