Korea's experience on implementation of TFA

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Challenges – Changing operating environment

- The WTO TFA entered into force on 22 February 2017
- The Implementation of TFA is important issue
- How implement the WTO TFA
- The Technical assistance and Capacity building

II . Experience on TFA (NCTF & Legislation – Organization)

- 1. Establishment of NCTF (Article 23.2)
 - legal Framework
 - Revised Customs ACT to establish NCTF (Dec, 2014)
 - To establish legal basis and Master plan
 - Revision of Customs ordinance (Feb, 2015) and regulation (July, 2015)
- 2. The basic concept of NCTF
 - organization (19 members including private sectors)
 - Government agencies (8 members) and Private sectors (11 members)
 - Government : Ministry of Finance, KCS, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Ocean, Ministry of Land, Ministry of Food
 - Private sector : Academia (6), National institute (3), Customs relevant association (4), relevant expert (4)

II. Experience on TFA (NCTF & Legislation – Master Plan)

1. Master Plan for TFA - Main Contents

- Basic direction of the policy for Trade Facilitation
- The establishment of infrastructure for Trade Facilitation and operation
- The composition of environment on Trade Facilitation
- International cooperation for Trade Facilitation
- The collection, analysis and use of Trade Facilitation Statistics
- Securing resource for Trade Facilitation and distribution
- The others for trade facilitation



Article. 7.7 - Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators

1. Adopt by KCS

- Established in Customs Act (2010)
- Established detailed KCS Notification on AEO
- 2. Challenges and difficulties
- OGA : How to include safety-related agencies & Who will lead the initiative?
- KCS : AEO is Customs work? (Lack of understanding for AEO)
- Private sector : Concerns about the cost for adopting new system

3. Effort to overcome challenges

- OGA : Continued efforts to include OGA
- KCS : Persuasion through Training, education and Coordination
- Private sector : Publicity activities on AEO (Benefit, Advantages)



Article. 7.6 - Establishement and Publication of Average Release Times



1. Adopted by KCS

- There is no specific legal framework for TRS
- The concept was Introduced in 1997
- It can be automatically published by UNI-PASS sytem (1.7 day)

2. Challenges and difficulties

- OGA : Little cooperation by Other border agencies
- Private sector : Concerns about reduced charge, fee, etc

3. Effort to overcome challenges

- OGA : Continuously persuaded the importance of the TRS
- Private sector : Persuaded that as trading environment improves, trade volume increases and benefits everyone

II. Experience on TFA - (Advance Ruling)

Article. 3 – Advance Rulings

1. Adopted by KCS

- Advance Ruling of Classification (1981)
- Advance Ruling of Origin (2006)

2. Challenges and difficulties

- KCS : Concerned about new system and workload
- Private sector : There is no specific difficulities

3. Effort to overcome challgenes

- Customs : Continuous effort to persuade internal staffs, Political will
- Private sector : Publicity activities for new system
- Annual request of advance Ruling requests on Classification is 7,500 (2016)
- Annual request of advance Ruling requests on Origin is 9 (2016)
- * KCS runs Customs valuation and Classification institute



II. Experience on TFA - (Risk Management)

Article. 7.4 - Risk Management

1. Adopted by KCS

- Import Cargo Selectivity (1996)
- Integrated Risk Management system (2009)
- National Targeting Centre (April, 2017)

2. Challenges and difficulties

- KCS : Connecting systems, Coordination between relevant divisions
- OGA : Sharing information with other government agencies

3. Effort to overcome challgenes

- KCS : Investing for system, Coordination activities to integrate systems
- OGA : Strategic approach for sharing information



III. Cooperation activities for CAREC's TFA Implementation

1. Workshop on Capacity Building for Implementation of the WTO TFA

1. Background

- ADB-KCS agreed on hosting Joint Capacity building Workshop(Nov, 2016)
- ADB made Presentation on The Implementation of TFA In CAREC at the Asian-Pacific regional Workshop on Trade Facilitation hosted by KCS, WTO and ADB (Mar, 2017)

2. Workshop on Implementation of TFA for CAREC

- Participants : CAREC (18), ADB (10)
- Purpose : Establishment of Action Plan & NCTF to Implement WTO TFA

3. Programme

- Contents : ① TFA Implementation Status of CAREC countries

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Thank you!

