

## Country: Peru

### Background:

**Official name:** Multisectoral Commission for Facilitation of Foreign Trade

**Year of establishment:** 2017

**Motivation for its establishment:** Absence of a governance mechanism in which issues related to the facilitation of foreign trade are discussed in a cross-cutting manner, in which all the public actors competent in the regulation of foreign trade operations are present.

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** Customs Advisory Council  
Special Commission of the Single Window of Foreign Trade  
National Facilitation Committee - CONAFAL (air transport)

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** Running

### Institutional Framework:

**Degree of institutionalisation:** Supreme Decree 122-2017-PCM - Council of Ministers

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** Legal entity

**Coordinating agency:** The coordinating body is the MINCETUR

**Scope/mandate:** Two areas of application: compliance with the TFA measures, as well as resolution of foreign trade logistics problems.

**Working structure of the group:** It has two levels: a political one that is the commission itself, integrated at the level of ministers, being its alternate vice ministers. It is chaired by the MINCETUR. It has two working groups: 1) Working Group of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, and 2) Working Group on Logistics and Infrastructure. The members of the groups must have the same or equivalent position as General Director, and must have a Technical Secretariat. If necessary, the working groups can be divided into working subgroups, based on different criteria, transversal strategies or specific projects that they can establish.

**Permanent technical secretariat:** Yes, the National Superintendence of Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT)

### Funding:

**Budget:** No

### Objectives / Focus:

**Objectives:** In accordance with the rule of creation, the Commission wishes to strengthen coordination between public entities linked to external trade with a view to propose mechanisms, actions and tools for developing trade facilitation, aiming at reducing logistics costs to a minimum

through increased transparency and predictability of foreign trade operations and the implementation of a freight logistics policy; and the Commission wishes to contribute to the achievement of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement.

**Working plan:** The Commission has a roadmap that is pending approval

**Monitoring and evaluation:** The roadmap provides indicators of the projects it contemplates

**Reporting form and supervisory authority:** The periodicity of the meetings of the Multisectoral Commission is at least four times a year. The Commission must report quarterly to the Head of the Sector on which the Multisectoral Commission depends on its activities, as well as proposals to promote the development of foreign trade. In the latter case, the aforementioned report is sent by the Head of the Sector to the corresponding authorities, based on their competencies.

On the other hand, the periodicity of the meetings of the working groups is at least quarterly. The working groups and / or subgroups must submit a technical report, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Presidency of the Multisectoral Commission regarding their activities.

## **Membership / Composition:**

**Public or quasi-public agencies:** a) Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, who chairs it

b) Ministry of Economy and Finance

c) Ministry of Foreign Affairs

d) Ministry of Transportation and Communications

e) National Superintendence of Customs and Tax Administration

f) National Port Authority

g) Ministry of Health

h) Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

i) Ministry of Production

j) Private Investment Promotion Agency (PROINVERSION)

**Level of seniority of participants:** The members of the Committee are authorities at the highest level of the sectors that regulate foreign trade. Managerial members who constitute the working groups in majority have great technical experience in the sector.

## **Participation:**

**Level of participation:** The Commission has met only once, however the participation was total. The working groups meet frequently and the participation is 80%

## **Gender:**

**Percentage of female in the committee:** As a government policy, there is a gender quota for the appointment of ministers, but it does not have a fixed percentage.



**Chairman / President / Vice-president is female:** No

## **Promotion / Communication:**

**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** A preliminary tentative agenda is always sent, as well as the documents that will be discussed at the meetings of the working groups and multisectoral commission

**Undertake information sessions to stakeholders or general public:** When the opinion and participation of the private sector are required, the main unions involved in the subject to be addressed are called.

## **Benefits:**

**Impact:** The Commission has facilitated multisectoral coordination and facilitated the approval of an important project linked to compliance with the TFA measures.

**Benefits for the country's responsiveness to the WTO negotiation process:** The Commission is committed to respect the TFA and to improve the implementation of TFA measures.

**Concrete operational outcomes:** The Commission has facilitated the notification of the transparency and technical cooperation measures established in the TFA and worked on normative projects about to be launched by the relevant sectors.

## **Lessons learned:**

**Success factors:** Communication between representatives of the member sectors of the Commission

**Greatest obstacles:** There is no homogenous knowledge regarding the importance of trade facilitation for the development of the Commission's actions.

**Lessons learned from your experience:** Constant communication with the public sector and validation of actions with the private sector

## **Future plans:**

**Plans for further development:** A project with the support of swiss cooperation, the private sector, the World Bank and the ICCA for the realization and improvement of 5 TFA measures is underway: risk management, notification of controls and enhanced inspections , cooperation between border entities, second test and OEA

## **Contact information:**

**Contact Information:** The person who chairs the Multisectoral Commission is the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Mr. Edgar Vasquez Vela.



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