

## Country: Bolivia

### Background:

**Official name:** Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs.

**Year of establishment:** 2016

**Motivation for its establishment:** Have a multidisciplinary working group that allows seeking both regulatory and institutional changes for the application of the TFA.

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** Work is being carried out in the regulatory framework to implement the National Committee for Trade Facilitation with other Institutions in the country.

**Former multi-agency group/committee:** No.

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** In a pilot project the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs and the National Committee of Trade Facilitation is under study.

### Institutional Framework:

**Degree of institutionalisation:** The members of the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs, were appointed through memorandums of the Executive Presidency of the National Customs and work is being carried out on a Board Resolution that approves its Internal Regulations; In the case of the National Committee for Trade Facilitation, a Multiministerial Resolution is being worked on, for its approval, creation and implementation.

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** Ad hoc Group.

**Coordinating agency:** For internal and technical issues, it is the National Customs Office and for International purposes it is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Scope/mandate:** The scope of application of the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs, is exclusively customs.

**Terms of reference:** No.

**Working structure of the group:** It has a Presidency that is the same Executive Presidency of the National Customs, Technical Secretariat that is the area of International Affairs and the full Committee.

**Permanent technical secretariat:** Yes.

### Funding:

**Budget:** No.

### Objectives / Focus:

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**Objectives:** Primarily it is the implementation of the TFA in the current legal structure and its implementation in operational practices.

**Working plan:** At the moment there is an emphasis on meeting the deadlines of the articles established in categories B and C, in addition to managing the ratification of the CKR, through regular channels.

**Monitoring and evaluation:** Through the Technical Secretariat and the Institutional Planning area.

**Reporting form and supervisory authority:** The meetings are permanent depending on the priority of each issue that should be discussed and attended, being reported by the Technical Secretariat to the Executive Presidency of the National Customs.

## Membership / Composition:

**Public or quasi-public agencies:** In the case of the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs, only the National Customs; In the case of the National Committee for Trade Facilitation to be implemented, the regulations are being worked on for its creation together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Productive Development.

**Private associations or entities:** The private organizations have not yet been called, however, regarding the implementation of procedures, they work with the Chambers of Commerce, as well as those of Transportation, among others.

**Level of seniority of participants:** The members of the Committee were appointed for their knowledge in the different work areas and work experience in the National Customs.

## Participation:

**Frequency of meetings:** Yes

**Level of participation:** Active

**Meetings format:** Brainstorming

## Gender:

**Percentage of female in the committee:** More than 50%

**Chairman / President / Vice-president is female:** Yes

**Committee did decide on gender mainstreaming TF in the past:** Since the appointment of members.

**If yes, explain briefly (example: recommendations on gender, special trade procedures for women, etc):** Implicitly in the designation of the members of the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs, this aspect is available.

## Promotion / Communication:



**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** Through a work agenda prepared by the Technical Secretariat.

**Interface with other working groups/committees on similar issues:** Through emails and at the same meeting.

**Undertake information sessions to stakeholders or general public:** Meetings.

## **Benefits:**

**Impact:** Quite positive.

**Benefits for the country's responsiveness to the WTO negotiation process:** Dynamism in the answers.

**Concrete operational outcomes:** The possibility of having technical assistance support.

## **Lessons learned:**

**Success factors:** The multidisciplinary coordination in the analysis of the various facilitation issues, allowed to have a more adequate institutional position, for the implementation of the TFA

**Greatest obstacles:** In the case of the National Trade Facilitation Committee to be implemented, it has to be coordinated even with other instances that should focus more on facilitation.

**Lessons learned from your experience:** Coordination is essential to achieve results, as well as expanding the way of thinking to enable the desired results.

## **Future plans:**

**Plans for further development:** Formally establish both the Committee on Trade Facilitation in Customs Matters of the National Customs, and the National Committee on Trade Facilitation, to set short-term goals, to implement 100% of the TFA and enable the ratification efforts of the CKR , among others.

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