

Country: Indonesia

Background:

Type of body: WTO Negotiations on Trade Facilitation Support Groups

Official name: The Task force on Trade Facilitation in the WTO context.

Motivation for its establishment:

To facilitate the negotiation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, to promote dialogue and discussion of issues between public and private sectors; to facilitate import and export processes aiming at reducing the number of required documents and at optimizing times.

Year of establishment: 2005

Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation: Yes

(Committees on Transport and Logistics, NTBs, Services, etc.)

Former multi-agency group/committee: Yes (the above mentioned)

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

Institutional Framework:

Degree of institutionalisation:

The Task Force on TF was part of the National Team

Presidential Decree Num. 28 of 2005 National Team of International Trade Negotiations (umbrella group)

Amendment of Presidential Decree Num. 28 of 2005, Num. 6 of 2013, National Team of International Trade Negotiations (umbrella group): About the financing of the Team from the Ministry of Trade to expand it and to make it a joint effort by the different Ministries involved.

Ministry of Trade Decree 1001 of 2011 that allocates the responsibilities for the different negotiating trade negotiating teams. MoT constituted the Technical Group and has also been the coordinating agency.

Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc): Ad hoc group: The Task Force is part of the National Group Trade Facilitation (NGTF) and meets on an ad hoc basis. There is a document that establishes the official recognition of the Task Force.

Scope/mandate: There is no defined scope of work.

Terms of reference: Not yet established

Coordinating agency: There is no lead agency; the ministry is responsible for taking action on a given matter depends on the area of interest. However there is a Ministry of Coordinating Economic Affairs (KEMENKO) that coordinates meetings. For WTO 2013 Ministerial Conference in Bali,

Ministry of Trade led meetings regarding Trade facilitation agreement.

Working structure of the group: Its structure has yet to be determined.

Permanent technical secretariat: Currently, there is no Permanent Secretariat. The Ministry of Coordinating Economic Affairs (KEMENKO) has however been the coordinating agency for Trade Facilitation issues and been seen as the future Permanent Secretariat.

Funding:

Budget: No

Sources of funding: Not available

Items covered by the budget: Meetings outside Jakarta

Objectives / Focus:

Objectives: Stakeholders are working on this

Working plan: Stakeholders are working on this

Monitoring and evaluation: None

Reporting form and supervisory authority: Official documents and reports are presented to Directors.

Membership / Composition:

Public or quasi-public agencies:

Ministry of Trade (Multilateral Directorate)

Ministry of Finance (Customs)

Ministry of Coordinating Economic Affairs (KEMENKO)

BAPPENAS (National Planning Agency)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Transportation

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Information and Communicataions

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

BPOM

BSN

National Police

Private associations or entities:

KADI

PELINDO

EXIMBANK

Insurance Company

Shipping Association

Freight Forwarders Association

Level of seniority of participants: Juniors / Mid level

Participation:

Frequency of meetings: There are no meetings on a regular schedule, but there are plans to have weekly or monthly meetings.

Level of participation: High

Meetings format: Ad Hoc Group but formal with specific agenda, normally outside Jakarta

Promotion / Communication:

Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings: Emails and letters

Interface with other working groups/committees on similar issues: Rare

Undertake information sessions to stakeholders or general public: Escarse

Benefits:

Impact: From these meetings for the Bali Ministerial Conference in 2013, stakeholders improved their coordination

Benefits for the country's responsiveness to the WTO negotiation process:

These meetings have improved coordination and therefore, positions in the WTO context

Better coordination between stakeholders and definition of roles. Update from what other agencies are doing.

Coordination between public agencies and allocating responsibilities.

Concrete operational outcomes: Coordinated positions for negotiating the WTO Trade facilitation agreement

Lessons learned:

Success factors: Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs with strong Leadership. Involvement of academia

Greatest obstacles: Funding, frequent replacements of members, requires structural hierarchy, lack of involvement by the private sector.

Lessons learned from your experience: Task force on Trade Facilitation in the WTO context has shown that through coordination achievements increase.

Future plans:

Plans for further development:

Constitute official the NTFB including logistic issues.

Indonesian Government has outlined a number of development priorities in its National Medium-Term Development Plan 2010–2014 and other important policy documents.

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