

# Operationalization of National Transit Coordinator

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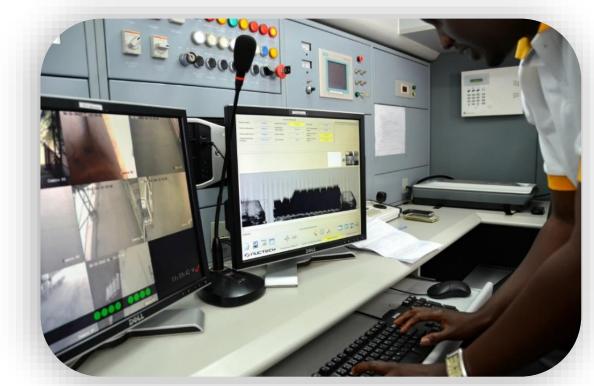
Freedom of Transit - Importance of appointing a transit coordinator

## Complexity of transit procedures

- Compliance with laws and regulations of different countries
- > Multiple operations and players
- > Exchange of information

### Calls for better coordination

- > to respond to the enquiries related to transit operations
- > to allow quick intervention and decision making



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Receive and respond to enquiries regarding transit operations



Coordinate and facilitate the exchange of information



Make proposals for a better functioning of transit

Communication strategy

Tools: call center, emails and Globally Networked Customs system.

key for risk management.

Tools: electronic information system, the Globally Networked Customs system and other relevant tools.

- Collect information related to transit challenges, best practices
- Make recommendations
- Work closely with the committee of Non-Tariff Barriers, border committees
- Be a permanent/ad hoc member of the NTFC



#### Regular review of transit formalities and regulations

To ensure that transit formalities, requirements, and Customs controls are:

- simplified and limited to what is necessary to identify the goods
- removed when the circumstances giving rise to their adoption no longer exist

To ensure that goods under transit procedure are not subject to

- > any Customs charges
- > any fees or charges

To ensure that transit cargo is not treated less favourably





To ensure that the transit guarantee system complies with the following principles:

- √Comprehensive guarantee
- ✓ Determination of transit guarantee
- √Transit guarantee is promptly discharged



To ensure that transit information is published and updated, including:

- ✓Information on transit fees and charges
- ✓Information on transit formalities and documentation
- √ Forms and documents required



## Maintain database of enquiries



# Champion the reforms aimed at improving and modernizing transit procedures

- To ensure institutional memory in case the appointee is changed
- To build in transit intelligence

- ➤ To enable the implementation of the provisions of article 11 of the TFA, and other reforms
- ➤ To establish a strong transit legal framework
- ➤ To establish procedures for advance filling and processing of transit documentation and data
- > To Develop a risk management strategy for transit goods
- ➤ To Promote the use of international standards such as TIR, WCO data model, ASYCUDA transit module, etc

#### **Transit**

Roles and Responsibilities of national transit coordinators



## Custodian and promoter of bilateral or regional agreement

Transit issues call for greater cooperation among countries.

Bilateral or regional agreement, acceding to the conventions related to facilitating transit.

The transit coordinator will take an active part in:

- the negotiations of the new agreement,
- The accession to the existing ones and
- Monitoring the implementation of provisions of relevant agreements.



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## National Trade Facilitation Committee

Transit coordinator expertise

 Work closely with other agencies and enquiry points



#### Coordinated Border Management

- Each key agency to designate a transit focal point who will work closely with the transit coordinator
- Transit coordinator to participate in CBM meetings

#### **Regional TF Committees**

- Address regional transit issues
- Find solutions to regional challenges
- Make strategic contacts



## Steps to appoint a Transit coordinator

Appoint the National Transit Coordinator Publish the contacts of the National Transit Coordinator on e-Trade Portal

Notify to the WTO the contacts of the National Transit Cooridinator



the terms of reference

Develop

## Four tips for your transit coordinator











# Thank you!

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