Introduction to the Workshop

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Overview of the Workshop

- **Objective:**
  - To build capacity of stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific in implementing trade facilitation measures, in particular those included in the WTO TFA

- **History**
  - APTFF 2014 CB Workshop: Single Window and Perishable Goods
  - APTFF 2015 CB Workshop: AEO and NTFC

- **Key Features of This Year’s Workshop**
  - Countries cases: ROK, Thailand, Pakistan, Lao PDR, Kyrgyzstan
  - Stronger review of linkage to the provisions in the WTO TFA
  - Private sector perspectives

- **Partners**
UNNExT Facility for Capacity Building Support to Implementation of WTO TFA

Capacity Building Support for Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) contains provisions for expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. Negotiations on the WTO TFA concluded in December 2013 and the Agreement will enter into force once two-thirds of the WTO Member States have completed their domestic ratification processes. To support the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), ESCAP and ADB held a capacity building workshop in Tokyo on 10-12 September 2014 as a side-event of the Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum. The workshop focused on two specific measures included in the WTO TFA, namely Articles 7.8 on Perishable Goods and provision 10.4 on Single Window.

In order to avoid loss or deterioration of perishable goods, Article 7.8 of the WTO TFA calls for Member States to provide for the release of perishable goods in the shortest time possible provided that all the regulatory requirements are met. Furthermore, the provision seeks that perishable goods are given the appropriate priority when scheduling examinations and for the proper storage to be arranged pending their release. Article 10.4 calls for Member States to endeavor to establish or maintain a single window, which enables traders to submit documentation and/or data requirements for Importation, exportation, or transit of goods through a single entry point to the participating authorities or agencies.

The page provides capacity building videos featuring detailed country case studies on the implementation of:

- Article 7.8: Perishable Goods
- Article 10.4: Single Window

Learn more by reading the full text of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
Implementation Status on TF Measures for Authorized Operators

Source: ESCAP, UNRCs TF Survey 2015
Implementation Status on National Trade Facilitation Committee

Cooperation between agencies on the ground at the national level

Government agencies delegating controls to Customs authorities

Source: ESCAP, UNRCs TF Survey 2015
Thank you

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