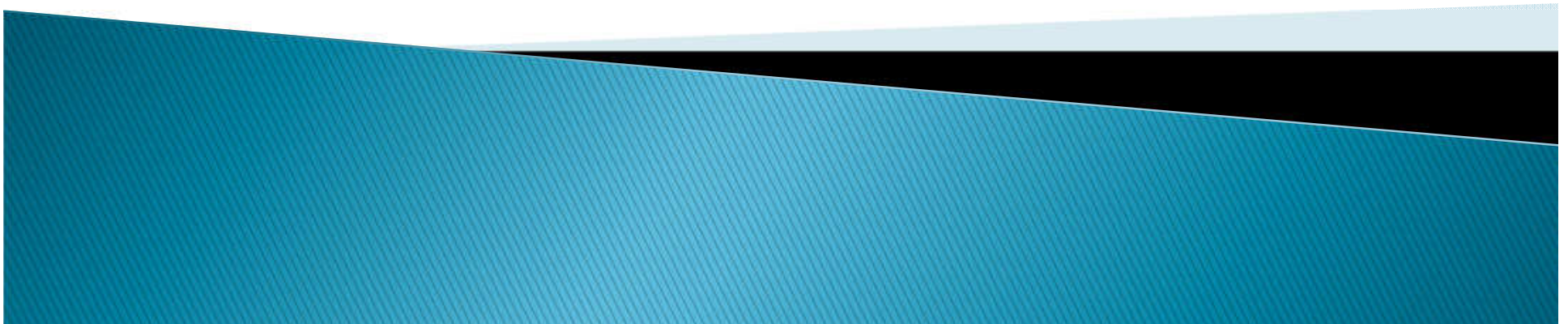


# Development of Action Plans

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# Inspiration

- ▶ Trade Facilitation Committee Model of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Pakistan
- ▶ Trade Facilitation Committee Model presented by FINSIPRO, JASPRO and Italy
- ▶ Presentation by ADB and UNCTAD
- ▶ Precise interpretation of Article 14 by representative of UNCTAD



# Article 14

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION

- ▶ Each Member shall establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of provision of this Agreement



# Compliance with Article 14

- ▶ Article 14 is mandatory – to be followed in letter and spirit, once adopted.
- ▶ Trade facilitation is of paramount importance– Mission Statement.
- ▶ Promotes regional socio–economic development.
- ▶ Strengthens bi–lateral and multilateral ties.



# The Present TF Scenario

- ▶ Several measures of TF draft are already in place: e.g. Publication of Rules and Procedures, Appeal mechanism, Advance Rulings etc.
- ▶ Scope not restricted to the minimum standards envisaged in the Text.



# Notable TF Measures

- ▶ Grievance redressal mechanism in place at each point of clearance.
- ▶ Central monitoring of alerts including timely deletion of alerts.
- ▶ Separate and simplified procedures for courier clearances.
- ▶ Robust administrative and judicial mechanism for dispute resolution.



# Promotion Areas

- ▶ Introduction of Single Windows.
- ▶ E-linkages with other agencies for Compulsory Compliance Requirements.
- ▶ Capacity Building
- ▶ Speedier Clearances
- ▶ AEO and Mutual Recognition Agreements
- ▶ Expansion of RMS facilities
- ▶ Help desk and e-help line.



# Trade Facilitation Committees or Mechanism

- ▶ Mechanisms in place.
  - Domestic Co-ordination and Implementation
    - Inter-governmental coordination
    - Government and Business entities
      - Policy Level
      - Implementation Level
    - Business to Business Coordination
      - Consolidation of industrial/Sectoral interests
        - CII, FICCI, FIEO, ASSOCHAM and other association
      - Representation mechanism to impress upon decision makers





# Action Plan

- ▶ Modernization and up gradation of facilities at remote area clearing points/ foreign post offices.
- ▶ Improvement in Transit/Transshipment facilities.
- ▶ Study of transit/transshipment procedures to reduce dwell time and transaction cost.
- ▶ Securing end-to-end Supply Chain.
- ▶ Enhance e-capabilities of all stake holders.



# Action Plan

- ▶ Alignment of TF committees and mechanism.
  - Encouraging Private Sector participation.
  - Encouraging voluntary bodies, NGOs, institutions and other experts.
  - Encouraging participation of consumer bodies.
- ▶ Greater inter-ministerial coordination.



# Suggestive TF body

- ▶ Chaired by Member (Customs)
- ▶ Secretariat by Government
- ▶ Members of the body
  - Representatives of relevant departments – commerce, industry, surface transport, shipping, health, agriculture, labor, external affairs, chemicals etc.
  - Representatives of Trade Bodies, Chambers, other Stake holders

## Monitoring Mechanism

Proceedings to be in public domain.

Review at Ministers Level



# Mandate

- ▶ Analyze issues
- ▶ Data collection including Survey
- ▶ Create Working Groups
- ▶ Invite relevant bodies/individuals/experts
- ▶ Make Recommendations
- ▶ Facilitate Implementation



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