

Importance of Time Release Study in Revenue Agencies

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Overview



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Overview of the Republic of Namibia & NamRA



- ✓ Overview of the Republic of Namibia
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Importance of the Research



This research analyses the impact of TRS within NamRA and propose possible solutions

Research Problem



Time release study is an essential tool in trade facilitation, and was never conducted in Namibia; hence, the bottlenecks in trade flows are unknown

Importance of TRS



- ✓ Improves the efficiency of Customs administrations and other government agencies.
- ✓ Allows Customs and other stakeholders to explore synergies.
- ✓ Creates better conditions for accelerating the international movement of cargo subject to import, export, transit or any other Customs regime related to the release or clearance of cargo.
- ✓ leading to the improvement of the country's international competitiveness in the global market.
- ✓ strengthening efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border agencies.
- ✓ Creates favourable conditions for legitimate business to benefit from the implementation of trade facilitation measures.

Research Methodology



Mixed method of data gathering (observations, questionnaires, interviews and WCO tools and instruments).

Analysis of establishing TRS in Namibia



Policy and Legal framework

- ✓ The Namibian Customs and Excise Act 20 of 1988

Procedures & institutional framework

- ✓ NamRA and other border agencies.
- ✓ NamRA sent a request to WCO for assistance.

Human Resource and Training

- ✓ Inadequate expertise to conduct TRS
- ✓ Identify team to trained.
- ✓ NamRA is engaging WCO for assistance.

Communication and Information Technology

- ✓ ASYCUDAWORLD does not have functionality to support TRS.

Findings and Recommendations



Findings	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Budgetary constrain/inadequate funding for TRS .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan for alternatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unidentified bottlenecks in the supply chain and/or constraints affecting Customs release in Namibia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct a TRS in Namibia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inadequate training ,expertise and infrastructure to conduct TRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure Customs Official and border agencies staffs are properly trained on TRS. CLiKc platform and WCO e-learning academy can be useful
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Customs system does not have functionality to support TRS.Limited working relations hip with other border agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Invest in Information Technology that supports TRS functionality in Customs automated processing system , alternatively hire a consultant .Cultivating open channels of consultation, coordination, communication and partnerships borders agencies involved in TRS study through (regulator meetings and social media

Conclusion



TRS be conducted in Namibia to enable the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) and NamRA to strategically plan for the proper sequencing of TFA measures in order to benefit Namibia by eliminating bottlenecks in supply chain from time of arrival until goods are physically released.

Questions and Answers



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