National Committees on Trade Facilitation

Preliminary results
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Objectives of the e-Survey

1. To increase Members’ understanding of the status of national committees on trade facilitation, including what is being done in practice and future plans.

2. To allow Members that could not attend the dedicated session of 8 June to share their experiences.

3. To identify technical assistance needs in the area.
Methodology

1. Members asked via e-mail to provide information, on a **voluntary basis**, to a maximum of 12 questions in a web-based survey (June 2016).

2. **75 responses** by 7 June 2016, including participants of WTO specialized technical assistance activities on TF

3. **Anonymous**: no Member-specific information will be revealed

4. **Validation**: Data will be confirmed though the relevant Geneva Mission, if provided through a different channel

5. **Consolidation**: Only one entry per WTO Member

6. Responses kept arriving this week, including yesterday! **Link will remain active until 30 June 2016**
75 responses

- **63 consolidated** responses accounting for **83 WTO Members** (i.e. approximately 50% of WTO Membership)
- Information from **5 Observers** not analyzed for the moment

*Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results*
1. Has a National Committee been established?

55% already established -> basis for most of the analysis in next slides
23% with a finalized plan, pending final approval/implementation
22% considering how best to organize

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
2. When was the National Committee established?

Note: Chart only takes account of the latest established version of the National Committee.

* As of May 2016
3. Establishment of NCTFs: **Main challenges reported**

- Getting right Membership/Participation: 22%
- Effective coordination: 20%
- Lack of Political Support; Commitment: 13%
- Lack of resources: 13%
- Delays (dom. proced.): 7%
- None: 13%
- Lack of awareness (TFA / NCTF): 11%

**Source:** WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
4. How were the National Committees established?

4.1 Based on a pre-existing body?

- Yes = 51%
- New = 49%

4.2 Received assistance to establish?

- Yes = 34%
- No = 66%

4.3 Formally established through:

- Ministerial Decree: 31%
- High level Decision/Order/Decree: 17%
- Law: 3%
- Other: 50%

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
5. Functions of the National Committee and its funding

5.1 NCTF is the sole national body on TF?
- Yes = 83%
- No = 17%

5.2 Function limited to implementing TFA?
- Yes = 57%
- No = 43%

5.3 Are there funding provisions?
- 46% No provisions
- 37% Yes, Gov. funded
- 6% Yes, Donors
- 11% Other

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
6. How many Chairpersons for the National Committee?

At least one Member has a “rotation” system

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
7. Which institution Chairs/Leads the Committee?

**One Chairperson**
- Foreign Trade: 36%
- Com. & Ind.: 27%
- Other: 23%
- Customs: 14%

**Two Co-Chairs**
- Customs: 82%
- Foreign Trade: 45%
- Com. & Ind.: 27%
- Foreign Affairs: 27%
- Other: 10%

Foreign Trade typically Chairs

Most frequent combination: Trade/Commerce plus Customs

**Source:** WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
8. Agencies more frequently included

- Customs: 100%
- Foreign Trade: 97%
- Finance: 91%
- Agriculture: 89%
- Transp./ Infras.: 77%
- Standards setting authority: 74%
- Animal and plant health: 74%
- Commerce and/or Industry: 69%
- Foreign Affairs: 60%
- Port / Airport / Railroad authorities: 57%
- Human Health: 54%

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
9. Private Sector

9.1 Is the private sector involved in the work of the National Committee?

Yes = 97%

No = 3%

9.2 How is the private sector involved?

89% Member of NCTF

11% Consult priv. sect.

9.3 Private sector organization represented in the NCTF:

100% Chamber of Commerce

67% Traders’ (Import/Export) Association

67% Freight Forwarders Association

65% Shippers/Carriers Association

50% Major industries

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
10. Technical Secretariat

10.1 Is there a Technical Secretariat supporting the National Committee?

Yes = 60%
No = 40%

10.2 Which institution houses the Technical Secretariat?

- Commerce and industry: 38%
- Foreign trade: 19%
- Customs: 19%
- Other: 24%

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
11. Technical Secretariat: Main functions reported

- Convene and service meetings
- Prepare reports/minutes of the meetings
- Facilitate cooperation and cooperation among stakeholders
- Review/comment policies and strategies
- Collect and analyze data

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
12. Is assistance required?

12.1 Committee already established:

Yes = 34%  
No = 66%

12.2 In the process of establishing:

Yes = 72%  
No = 28%

Type of assistance required:

Financial support  
Definition of Terms of Reference  
How to measure progress?

Contacting donors  
Establishing a roadmap / priorities  
Capacity building / training

Institutional design  
Prepare notifications

Source: WTO e-Survey, May-June 2016, preliminary results
From yesterday:
There are no recipes; each Member needs to find its own balance
Before concluding:

Links to the E-survey will remain active until 30 June 2016

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Thank you!

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