Coordination at borders through an operational arm of the national committee on trade facilitation: opening more space for inter-agency cooperation

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National Committees on Trade Facilitation
All over the world helping to enforce TFA
Trade Facilitation on Customs agenda

• From Kyoto Convention to Trade Facilitation Agreement

• Brazil has followed a different order: TFA in 2017 and TFA this year (July 2019)

• There is no one size fits all
NCTF fosters cooperation among all stakeholders

“Should we decide everything by ourselves?”
Why NCTF was not enough to Brazil?

- Continental dimensions of the country: there is no one single reality
- People from National Committee have lot of power (decision makers), but sometimes lack technical expertise or field experience on matters
- Different standpoints
- Works on a different perspective of time
- Through COLFACs cooperation among customs, border agencies and stakeholders reach an entire new level: short term results, more integrated approach
National X Local Committees

- Members of Ministerial level;
- Power to solve complex problems;
- Show the importance of TFA to economy.

- Problems that affect actual operations
- Possibility of gather all players
- Short term results
Local Committees on Trade Facilitation - Colfacs

- Committees at the largest border points (15 in total)
- Meetings every month or fortnight
- Day by day (real) problems
- Thousands of participants all over the country
- Effective integration among Customs, cross border agencies authorities and private sector
- Sharing of best practices identified
Increased Cooperation
Increased engagement
Important Outcomes
Increased participation
Colfacs - Outcomes

• New procedures to transit at local level; in expansion to regional and national level
• New procedures to temporary admission and temporary exportation
• Reengeneering of cargo control at airports
• Solution to the implementation of a court decision
• *** New procedures to physical inspection, sharing technology and resources ***
• Expedited procedures to live and perishable cargo
An elephant released immediately
Thank you for your kind attention.

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