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ARTICLE 2 – OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, INFORMATION BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE, AND CONSULTATIONS

Colfac – Local Trade Facilitation Commissions

Colfac are sub-collegiate members of the National Committee for Trade Facilitation - CONFAC, whose main goals are discussing proposals to improve procedures related to the export, import and transit of goods and the collaborative participation between foreign trade stakeholders and entities, focus in implementing trade facilitation measures and initiatives.

Present in each of the 29 Customs offices of the Special Secretariat of the Federal Revenue of Brazil, they aim to (i) solve local situations and problems that affect procedures related to export, import, transit of good which becomes a barrier for trade facilitation in ports, airports and land borders; (ii) propose to CONFAC measures to facilitate the management of foreign trade and improve exports, imports and the transit of goods.

The meetings are open to the general public and the agenda is built from suggestions submitted by interested parties, which is published, at least, 10 days before the meeting. At least once every quarter of the year, Colfac holds an ordinary meeting, and extraordinary meetings may be called, if necessary.

Whenever possible, wherever there are Areas of Integrated Control (ACI), under the terms of the Partial Scope Agreement for the Facilitation of Trade between Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, promulgated by Decree No. 1280, October, 14th, 1994, those foreign Customs representatives and stakeholders present at the border of the neighboring country are invited to join the meetings.