Steps towards Single Window Implementation

Key Areas of the Single Window System

- Revenue Administration
- Transportation and Logistics Facilitation
- Trade Policy Implementation
- Health and Public Safety
- Security, Economic and Supply Chain

Effective implementation of this project mostly depends on the cooperation of stakeholders which includes Traders, Government Institutions and Private Sectors.

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Introduction

The implementation of the EAC Customs Union was envisaged to be progressive and so far a number of milestones have been achieved towards attainment of a fully-fledged Customs Union including establishment of One Stop Border Post (OSBP) and Single Customs Territory (SCT). Simplified/Easy cross border trade is among the key factors for countries trade competitiveness. Tanzania is viewed to be less competitive when compared to other countries in the region in terms of cross borders transactions.

Tanzania has decided to improve its competitiveness in the region by improving the trading environment through its borders. Particularly, focus is to gradually facilitate trade by simplifying import, export and transit procedures and documentation while ensuring the safety and security interests of involved states, economies and citizens. This leaflet intends to briefly describe the concept of eSWS, benefits and requirement involved for smooth implementation.

What is Electronic Single Window System (eSWS)?

Electronic Single Window concept refers to a facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements. Since the information is electronic, then individual data elements should be submitted only once.

Rationale for Electronic Single Window System

To reduce logistics cost and fast track clearance process through Modernization and Interconnection with Government Agencies related to Trade and logistics.

Benefits

The Single Window concept examines regulatory controls through the eyes of the trader and views all interactions between trade and regulatory agencies without regard for the internal division within the government (Paperless One-gate One Stop). This approach benefits both the government and traders as it clearly brings out all the procedural redundancies, duplication in the filing of information and wastefulness involved in the overall effort in fulfilling cross-border transactions.

Benefits to the Government

- Trade facilitation
- Effective and efficient deployment of resources
- Improved trader compliance
- Enhanced security
- Increased integrity and transparency
- Decrease of illegal trade

Benefits to the Stakeholders

- Reduction in logistics costs through reducing delays
- Shorten clearance and release time
- Predictable application and explanation of rules
- Tracking cargo on real time
- Promoting transparency
- Effective and efficient deployment of resources

Implementation strategy of eSWS

Electronic Single Window System (eSWS) is a Paperless and One-Stop / One-Gate Service System. It is a trade and logistical web based infrastructure that will be implemented through TANCIS.