

Introductory Workshop on Trade Facilitation Agreement and Measures
Hotel Le Meridien, Jakarta 24 and 25 April 2018
Program Agenda

Tuesday, 24 April 2018

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:45 Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks by Greg Elms, TPSA Field Director and Novi Anggraini, Senior Development Officer, Development Cooperation, Embassy of Canada
- Introduction to TPSA presenters and guest speakers
- Course objectives and expectations, and administrative and logistical matters
- Test-in

9:45-11:00 Session 1 – Trade Facilitation at the WTO and in Other Trade Agreements

Presenters: *Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC, and Wenguo Cai, Director of International Programs, CBoC*

- What is trade facilitation?
- Why facilitating trade, and how can the TFA help?
- Overview of TFA structure
- Indonesia's bilateral FTA and ASEAN trade facilitation commitments

11:00-11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15-12:15 Session 2 – Status of TFA Implementation and NTFC Establishment in Indonesia

Presenter: *Ibu Sukmaningrum, Assistant Deputy for Export Development and International Trade Facilitation, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs (TBC).*

- TFA measures categorization & notification to WTO
- Indonesia's current FTA negotiations on customs and trade facilitation
- NTFC establishment: Institutional framework, membership, and funding
- Objectives and priorities in the short-medium-long term
- Support and assistance previously received by international organizations
- Implementation problems and challenges faced so far

12:15-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 Session 3 – Best Practices in Establishing NTFCs

Presenter: *Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC*

- Background: Three questions on NTFCs
- Global practices: membership, objectives, institutional framework, communication, funding
- Takeaways: main obstacles and recommendations

15:00-15:15 Coffee/Tea Break

15:15-16:45 Session 4 – Training and Capacity-Building Needs Assessment on Trade Facilitation

Presenter: *Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC*
Wenguo Cai, Director, International Programs, CBoC

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9:00-10:30 Session 5 – Legal Aspects of Trade Facilitation

Presenter: *Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC*

- Special and differential treatment (S&DT)
- Legal jargon: from TFA adoption to implementation
- Four different levels of commitment under the TFA

10:30-10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-12:30 Session 6 – Key Trade Facilitation Principles and Measures

Presenter: *Wenguo Cai, Director, International Programs, CBoC*

- Transparency
- Simplification
- Harmonization and standardization
- Modernization

12:30-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-15:45 Session 7 – Supporting the TFA Implementation Through Research

Presenters: *Wenguo Cai, Director, International Programs, CBoC, and
Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC*

- Using the right tools: Best sources of information and international references for TF
- Conducting trade facilitation needs assessments: field data collection methodologies
- Identifying training needs within government agencies and the private sector
- Group exercise on building an action plan

15:45-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00-16:30 Roundtable Discussion: How Can Indonesia Benefit from TFA Implementation?

Facilitators: *Wenguo Cai, Director, International Programs, CBoC, and
Alexandre Larouche-Maltais, Senior Trade & Investment Expert, CBoC*

- What should be Indonesia' top TF priority reforms?
- How can research on TF help in reforms planning and implementation?
- How can private sector contribute to identifying cross-border inefficiencies?
- How can the government improve inter-agency coordination?
- How to overcome implementation challenges in Indonesia?

16:30-17:00 Closing session

- Course evaluation by the participants
- Concluding remarks
- Test-out