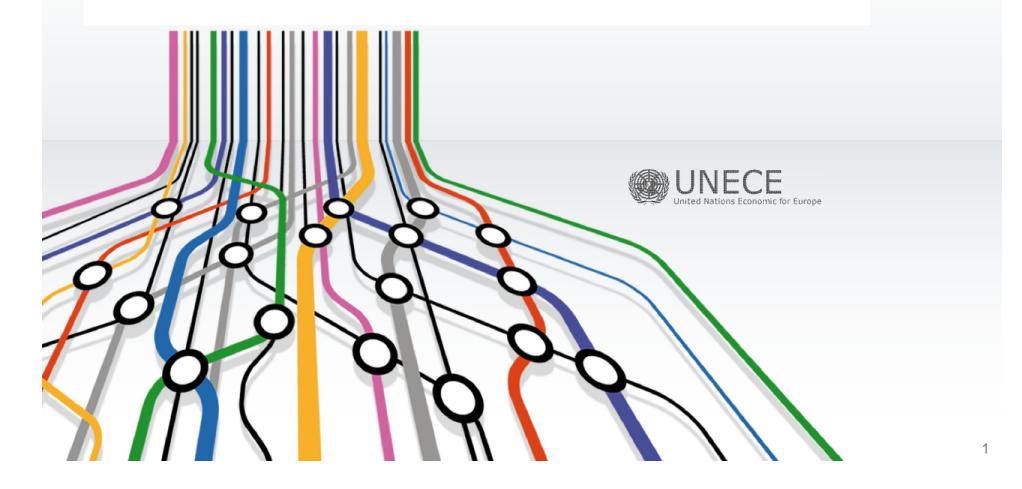




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• Article 7 review: release & clearance of goods

	Post- clearance audit	Ensure consignment documentation compliance after release of the goods
	Average Release Times	Measure and publish periodically the average release time of goods
Release and clearance of goods	Authorized	Provide additional facilitation to selected operators called 'authorized operators'
	Expedited Shipments	Set-up up facilitative procedures to expedite release of air cargo
	Perishable goods	Release within the shortest possible time (incl. outside standard business hours if required by circumstances)



Perishable Goods: Definition

Definition of Perishable Goods:

9 Perishable Goods¹⁰

9.1 With a view to preventing avoidable loss or deterioration of perishable goods, and provided all regulatory requirements have been met, each Member shall:

a. provide for the release of perishable goods under normal circumstances within the shortest possible time; and

For the purposes of this provision, perishable goods are goods that rapidly decay due to their natural characteristics, in particular in the absence of appropriate storage conditions.



Perishable Goods: Release

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a. provide for the release of perishable goods under normal circumstances within the shortest possible time; and

b. provide for the **release** of perishable goods, in **exceptional circumstances** where it would be appropriate to do so, **outside the business hours** of customs and other relevant authorities.

9.2 Each Member shall give appropriate priority to perishable goods when scheduling any examinations that may be required.

Perishable Goods: Storage facilities pending release of PG

9.3 Each Member shall either arrange, or allow an importer to arrange, for the proper storage of perishable goods pending their release. The Member may require that any storage facilities arranged by the importer have been approved or designated by its relevant authorities.

The movement of the goods to those storage facilities, including authorizations for the operator moving the goods, may be subject to the approval, where required, of the relevant authorities.

The Member shall, where practicable and consistent with domestic



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