

APTFF Capacity Building Workshop on Implementing Trade Facilitation Measures: Perishable Goods & Single Window

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Opportunities for trade in perishable goods: The WTO TFA and beyond

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Release and 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

Authorized Operators

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

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
- 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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