




# **Promoting trade facilitation: Customs reform and partnership with private sector**

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# Outline

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  - Customs and border reform
    - creating good business environment for private sector
  - Introduction or amendment of rules and launching of pilot program
    - addressing the expectations and needs of private sector
  - Cooperative platform for communication and interaction
    - maintaining and continuing the partnership with private sector
  - The way forward and challenges

# Classification of category A commitments



- Making assessment of capacity: symposium, survey and field visit
- Coordinating competent departments and achieving consensus
- Forming plan for implementation and schedule for rules adjustment

# Customs and border reform



- Inclusion of trade facilitation measures into Customs comprehensive reform plan
- Promoting the exchange of information, mutual recognition of control and mutual assistance in law enforcement between port management authorities
- Customs measures in China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone: 23 innovative measures and 17 have been replicated nationwide

# Addressing the expectations and needs of private sector



- Private sector is engaged in the introduction or amendment of rules relating to TFA measures
  - Formulation and implementation of Interim Measures of China Customs for Enterprise Credit Management
  - Rules related to expedited goods and advance rulings
    - Pilot program, i.e., outward processing

# Cooperative platform



- Trainings on Customs rules and policies, workshops in response to private sector concerns
- Multiple communication channels: a full coverage, real-time and efficient service network
- Cooperation and interaction with chamber of commerce, think-tanks, and research centers; high-level meetings between Customs and private sector
- Customs and business dialogues: TFA seminar

# The way forward



- Continued efforts on Customs and border reform
- Ensuring the alignment of Customs rules with TFA
- Capacity building--training and promotion
- Partnership with private sector
- International coordination and cooperation



# Challenges

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- Significance of capacity building
  - fostering the awareness
- Enhancing the engagement of SMEs
  - providing opportunities
- Early entry into force of TFA
  - Joint efforts of WTO members



