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# Priorities for Trade Facilitation Negotiations

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# Elimination of fees and charges

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- Eliminating border fees and charges
- Fees and charges:
  - Non-discriminatory;
  - levied as fixed fees;
  - publicly available;
  - Match administrative expenses.



# Legal appeal

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- Importers and exporters → rights:
  - non-discriminatory judicial / administrative review of customs decisions;
  - participation in stages of the appeal procedures.
- Administrative appeals : specific guidelines
- WTO : creation on an international mediation procedure
- Procedure based on flexibility and adoption of quick decisions



# Single window

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- WTO : single administrative window
  - coordination between administrations involved in customs issues
- The single window should bring:
  - certainty to enterprises;
  - enhanced efficiency;
  - reduction of resources needed;
  - Clear sets of data
  - efficient interaction between customs, administrations and companies.
- Objective : IT environment connecting administrative agencies



# Trade regulations

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- WTO Members
  - publish regulations related to customs procedures
  - publish regulations in their national language and in one of the official languages of the WTO
- Regulation not published = void and contestable



# Release and customs clearance of goods

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- Simplified customs release and clearance procedures
  - Expedite the release of goods;
  - Regular assessment ;
  - flow of information separated from the flow of goods.
  
- Pre-arrival clearance
  - better customs management;
  - savings on storage fees;
  - introduction of an authorised trader principle.



# FTAs and customs

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- India
  - Simplification
- Canada
  - ROO
- Mercosur
  - Fees
  - Transparency
- Mediterranean Region
  - ROO – transparency – Cumulation



# US

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- Cooperation on security
  - WCO
  - TEC
  
- Mutual recognition AEO / CTPAT





# Russia

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- Implementation of WTO
  - Customs procedures and transparency
  - Customs fees
  - Goods in transit
  
- Customs Union / Eurasian Union
  - Technical regulations



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**Thank you**

