Greening and Simplifying Trade Procedures

Customs are implementing a Single Window system that will help the environment while facilitating international trade by bringing stakeholders together online.

Situation

Customs and PGAs were not connected. Paperwork started once goods were in country, and complex procedures created bottlenecks. For tax exemptions, traders needed to submit a request to TradelInvest for each import, resulting in data duplication and several trips back and forth between customs and PGAs. A similar process applied for the issuance of licenses, permits and certificates.

Solution

The Government of Timor-Leste increased automation by building an environmental-friendly electronic Single Window system, using ASYCUNDA technology, to connect customs, PGAs and traders in an online customs clearance system.

Result

The Timor-Leste electronic Single Window (TileSW) went live in 2021 and has already integrated TradelInvest, the National Ozone Unit and the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Industry allowing for the:

• 85% reduction in printed paper at TradelInvest and customs
• 91% reduction in physical trips by investors between customs and TradelInvest
• Reduction of delays and subsequent demurrage costs with certificates and masterlist now granted by TradelInvest 6 months before arrival of goods
• Better control of and management of Ozone Depleting Substances importation

TileSW is saving Timor-Leste natural and financial resources by reducing paper usage and carbon emissions, offering better control of the importation of goods that are dangerous to the environment.

Mr. Taur Matan Ruak, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste
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#### Total number of customs offices
- **8**
  - **5** Computerized
  - **3** Paper-based

#### Volume of activity (2021)
- **1,167** Customs manifests
- **21,620** Customs waybills
- **19,112** Import declarations
- **672** Export declarations
- **19,778** TEUs at seaports

#### Persons trained
- **283** Men
- **358** Women
- **75** Women

#### Customs annual revenue evolution (Million $)

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#### Average release time (Commercial imports)
- **4 Days**