Tonga implemented the manifest module of ASYCUDAWorld for better data analysis, goods tracking and improved risk management.

**Situation**

Hard copies of sea and air cargo manifests were submitted to customs and data were not integrated in the declaration process. This affected customs ability to process pre-arrival clearance and advanced risk profiling. Customs faced challenges in tracking changes to the manifest and in keeping proper records of containers arriving and leaving the port.

**Solution**

The electronic manifest submission in ASYCUDAWorld, launched in August 2021, helps customs to streamline its business process, with the advanced, electronic submission of cargo manifests. Amendments to manifests are recorded and historical versions are stored for audit purposes.

**Result**

- Manifest data are available at least 12 hours before arrival of shipments, in compliance with prevailing legislation that allows customs to analyze manifest information and use it for risk profiling.
- “The ASYCUDA manifest enables customs to have more and better control of goods coming in and going out of the country”. Lisala Fifita, Manifest Officer, Customs & Trade Division.
- “We can submit our manifests in a timely manner without the need to rush to the office to avoid late submission and penalty”. Sepesi Fakatou, General Manager, Ha’apai Freight Forwarder.

The implementation of ASYCUDA’s manifest module has helped customs to streamline its manual process. We are hoping the full implementation of ASYCUDA will reduce the cargo clearance time and increase level of trade compliance.

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Pre-arrival Customs Processing

**Total number of customs offices**
- 2 Total customs offices
  - 1 Computerized
  - 1 Paper-based

**Volume of activity (2021)**
- 319 Customs manifests
- 36,388 Customs waybills
- 33,427 Import declarations
- 3,633 Export declarations
- 70 Transit declarations
- 24,000 TEUs at seaports

**Customs annual revenue evolution**
(Million $ per Fiscal Year)
- 2016-17: 141
- 2017-18: 153
- 2018-19: 155
- 2019-20: 151
- 2020-21: 163

**Persons trained**
- 22 Men
- 77 Women
- 55 Women

**Average release time (Commercial imports)**
- 8 Days