

AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATORS



AEO offers an opportunity for customs to share its security responsibilities with the private sector.

SITUATION

From 2012 to 2014, the top twenty-five importers into Belize faced a 60% customs intervention rate. These top importers generated 41% of the total customs revenue collected in that period. The Belize Customs and Excise Department (BCED) solicited UNCTAD assistance to review and adapt the risk management policy and ASYCUDA to improve targeting efficiency and facilitate trade.

SOLUTION

Following the implementation of the ASYCUDAWorld, BCED, with UNCTAD assistance, implemented a Trusted Trader Programme (TTP) based on voluntary compliance by economic operators. The TTP allowed qualified traders to establish internal controls in trade operations while the BCED minimized the intervention rate of trusted traders' consignments through ASYCUDAWorld.

RESULT

UNCTAD conducted a revenue and a risk management analysis within the context of the ASYCUDAWorld project in 2014 using 2012-2014 data. Another review was conducted by UNCTAD, post TTP implementation, in June 2017, which examined the period January 2012 to May 2017. The following results were noted:

- 38.64% revenue increase between 2014 and 2015 and 16.35% from 2015 to 2016;
- Significant decrease in intervention rate from 91% in 2011 to 48.5% in 2015 and 45% in 2017;
- Companies taking part in the TPP pilot reported significant cost savings on port storage fees and other customs/port related charges.



BELIZE

38.64%

Increase in total customs revenue between 2014-2015 after the implementation of the ASYCUDA Trusted Trader Program

“We have built trust with selected importers and we feel confident to release their shipments based on their self-assessment and level of compliance with customs regulations. We have seen a marked improvement in the amount of revenue we have collected in the past 2 years as part of the pilot program. Something like a quarter of a million dollars was collected as a result of traders coming back to us and saying hey customs I did my checks and I owe you some money.”

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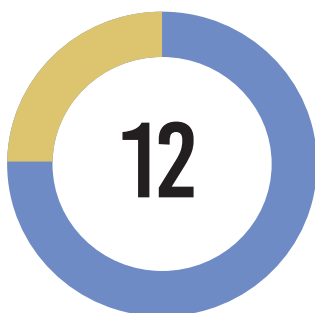


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SIZE OF PROJECT

Paper-based
customs office



Computerized
customs office

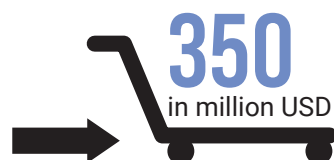


Total number of
customs offices

Amount of Imports



Amount of Exports



2017 VOLUME OF ACTIVITY



22,079

Manifests
processed



115,770

Waybills
processed



56,502

**Import
Declarations**
processed



5,468

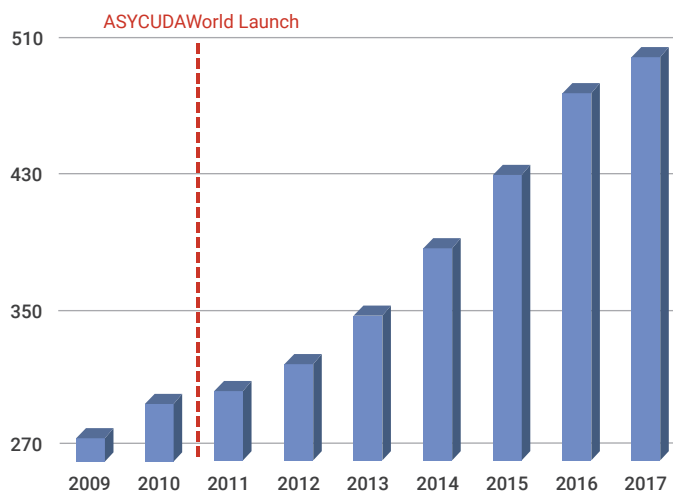
**Export
Declarations**
processed



4,463

**Transit
Procedures**
processed

Belize Customs Annual Revenue Evolution (in millions BZD)



The implementation of ASYCUDAWorld is among the many factors such as regional trade agreements, customs reform, procedures automation, etc. that can affect revenue

