PROGRAMME ADAPTABILITY

Sri Lanka Customs developed a new but fully integrated module in the ASYCUDAWorld system to address the challenge of synchronizing the processes of two government agencies and thus facilitate a strategically important export process.

SITUATION

The economy of Sri Lanka is partially driven by the export of high quality tea with blends that cannot be exported without prior vetting by the Tea Board. However, the export process was hampered by a disconnect between the Tea Board's approval and the customs clearance processes. This resulted in delays and some waste of tea which was brought to the port for loading but was not cleared by customs.

SOLUTION

In order to synchronize the two processes, reduce the number of steps and the involvement of intermediate organizations as well as provide real time status to both organizations, a new and specifically designed "Blendsheet" module was developed in ASYCUDAWorld system.

RESULT

The new module, which is fully integrated with ASYCUDAWorld, provides the means for Sri Lanka Customs to address the unique challenge of streamlining the interaction between the two institutions. The module includes functions to carry out several key tasks such as:

- An online tea blend sheet with associated business rules for the vetting of the tea blends' quality and updates of the approval status on the export declaration automatically;

- Automated issuance of a registration number, serial number and year that the exporter must include in the attached documents for the registered export declaration prior to assessment.

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percentage increase between 2015-2016 in the number of tea export declarations after the new specialized ASYCUDAWorld module was implemented in 2016.

" In the long-term, faster export clearance procedures and better control of the quality of the exported tea products will play a key role in boosting the economy of Sri Lanka. "
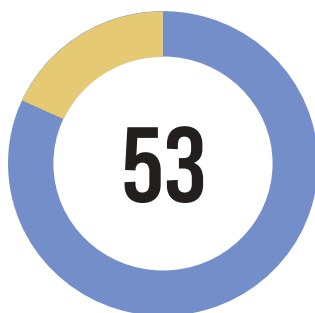
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PROGRAMME ADAPTABILITY

SIZE OF PROJECT

Paper-based customs office

10

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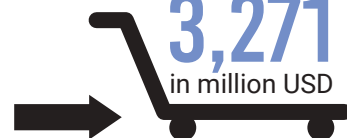Total number of customs offices

Computerized customs office

43

Amount of Imports

7,635 in million USD

Amount of Exports

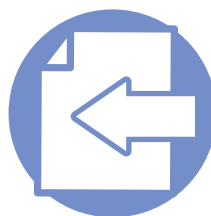**3,271** in million USD

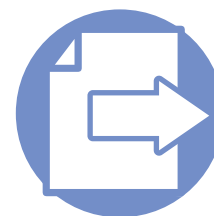## 2017 VOLUME OF ACTIVITY

4,620
Manifests processed

992,896
Waybills processed

812,511
Import Declarations processed

67,696
Export Declarations processed

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