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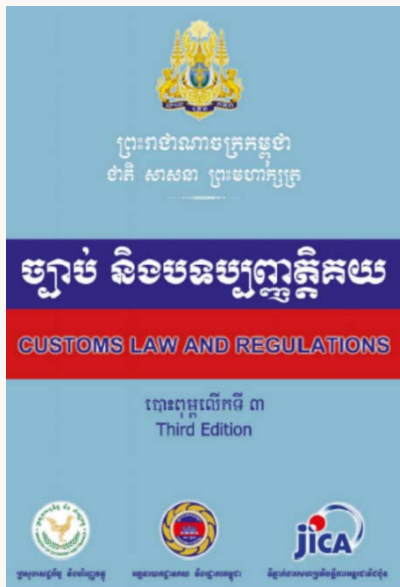
Provision of Art. 7.9 Perishable Goods

Members shall adopt or maintain procedures for the importation of perishable goods that:

- allow release within shortest possible time;
- provide for release, where appropriate, outside Customs normal business hours;
- give priority to such goods when scheduling examinations;
- shall either arrange or allow an importer to arrange for proper storage pending the release;
- where practicable, and upon request, allow release to occur at these storage facilities; and
- require Customs to give a written explanation to the importer, on request, when there is a significant delay in the release of the goods.

Shifting Category C to B: Art. 7.9 Perishable Goods

Existing Laws and Regulations



- **Law on customs:**
Allows outside Customs normal business hours and the service fee shall be determined by Ministerial Circular
- **Ministerial circular No 111 MEF dated 15 February 2008 on authorization to carry out customs formalities outside customs office:**
Upon requests of importers or exporters, Director General of Customs can approve to carry out customs formalities outside customs offices for perishable goods
- **Ministerial circular No. 1608 MEF dated 21 December 2018 on Service Fee of the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia, Ministry of Economy and Finance:** determines the Fee of Service outside normal business hours and customs offices

Shifting Category C to B: Art. 7.9 Perishable Goods

Customs Clearance:

- Cargoes or shipments of perishable goods are being facilitated expeditiously
- No reports of any major delay of the release of such goods



Storage facilities:

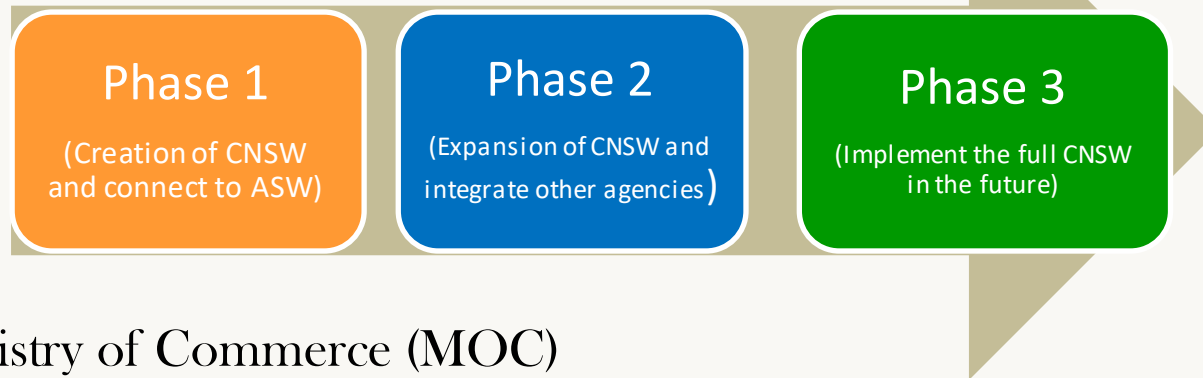
- Importers/operators are allowed to use their own facilities
- Storage facilities are available at some main border checkpoints: Phnom Penh International Airport, Sihanouk Ville Port, and Poi Pet.

Shifting Category C to B: Art. 7.9 Perishable Goods

- In 2017, Cambodia notified Art. 7.9 as a category C
 - Customs was not the only authority controlling the movement of goods crossing border
 - Other border agencies did not have regulations on such goods
- **Government Reform:** Sub-decree 27 dated 28 Jan 2019 authorizes Customs Authority being the only one competent authority in charge of controlling the goods crossing border.
- According to the existing customs regulations and practices, Cambodia decided to notify the Committee on Trade Facilitation on shifting Category of Art. 7.9 from C to B and requested 5 years to fully implement the provision.
- **Customs being a Secretariat of NCTF:**
 - endeavour to provide the storage facilities
 - make best effort to encourage the investment from private sectors on the facilities

Mitigating COVID-19: Art. 10.4 Single Window

Cambodia National Single Window (CNSW)



Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC)

Ministry of Health (MOH)

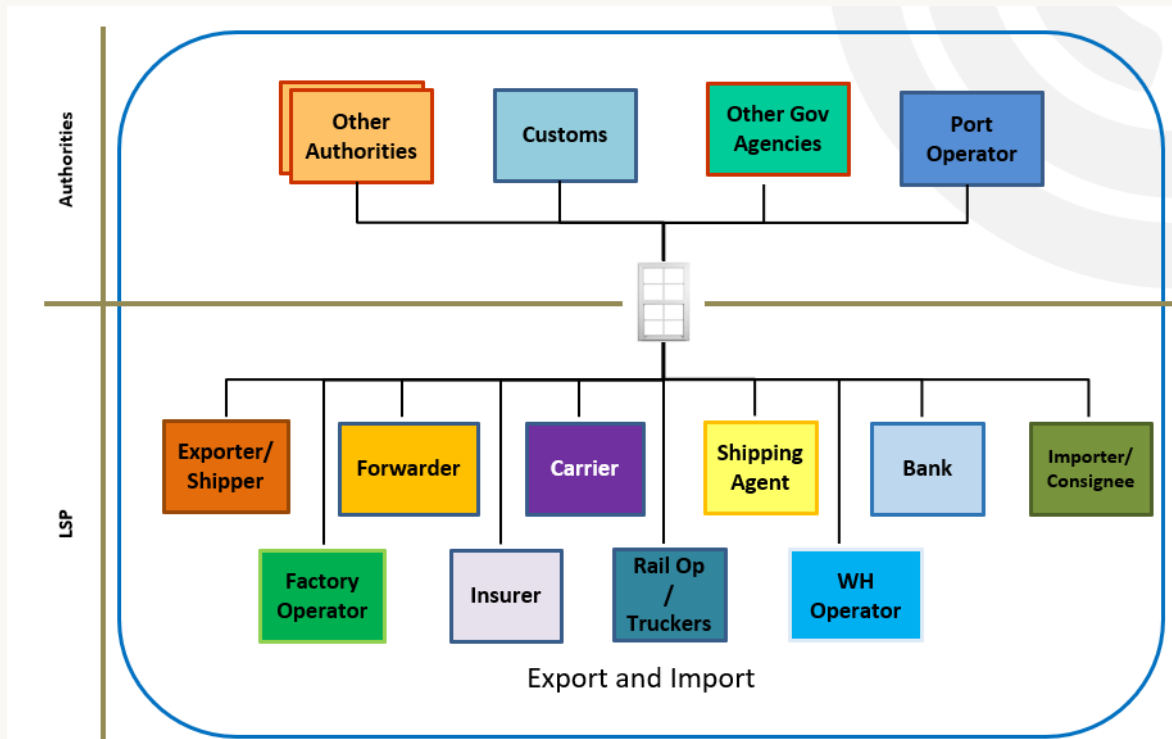
Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MIH)

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF)

General Department of Customs and Excise (GDCE)



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key benefits of CNSW

- **Faster:** Time needed to apply License, Permits, and Certificates is reduced when submitted electronically.
 - **Cheaper:** No need to travel between the office of various departments and agencies during submission.
 - **Easier:** Familiarity due to the standardization of forms across departments and agencies, as well as reduction of complexity of the application processes.
 - **Transparency:** Increase transparency of the issuance processes.
 - **Conformance:** Immediate validation during submission process ensures regulatory as well as data conformance.
- **Less interaction between people less spread of COVID-19**

Thanks!



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