Trade Facilitation Reforms Taken by Customs









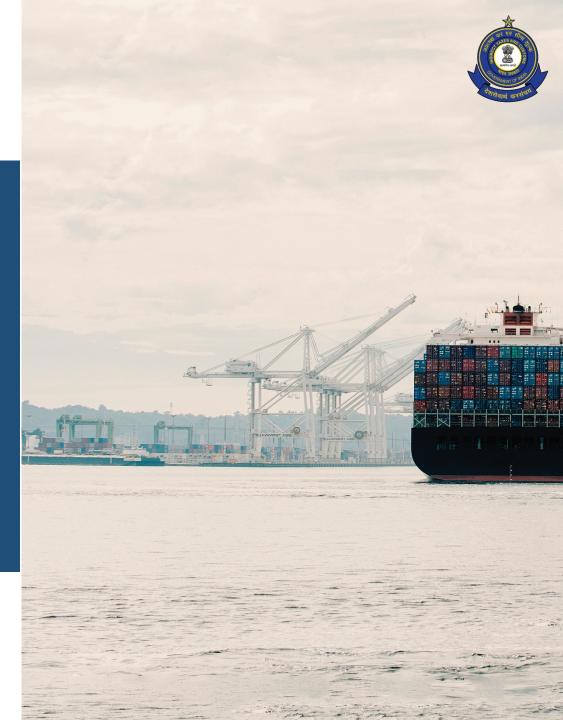
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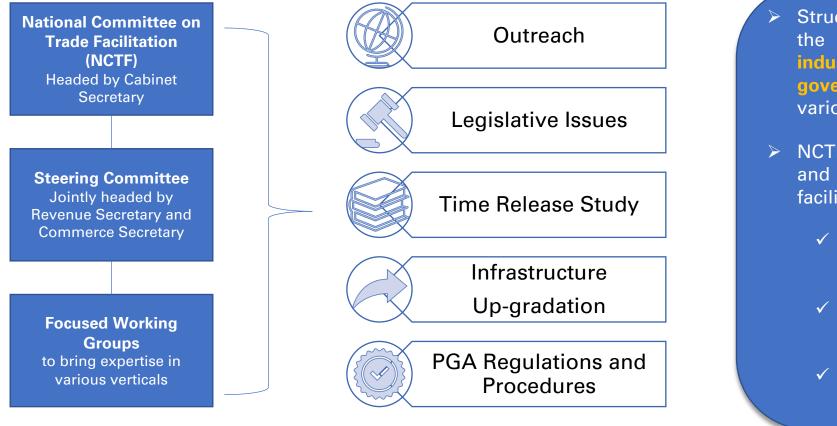
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Institutional mechanism for Trade Facilitation – NCTF



Article 23.2 of TFA: Each Member shall establish and/ or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement



- Structure of NCTF is all inclusive with the representation from private industry, trade bodies and government stakeholders from various line Ministries.
- NCTF follows a goal-based approach and acts as the custodian of trade facilitation in the country
 - Develop and implement
 National Trade Facilitation
 action plan
 - Conducts evaluative TRS studies to measure the impact on release time
 - ✓ Conducts Surveys to evaluate the perception of trade

Trade Facilitation Reforms

Trade Facilitation Reforms (1/2)



Paperless Customs

 Measures aimed at reducing interface between the Customs authorities and the trader or his/her authorised representative by digitizing inputs to the customs regulatory processes. It includes E-Sanchit, ICETRACK, Machine Based Release, etc.

AEM

 As a measure of Trade Facilitation and quick grievance redressal, CBIC has implemented Anonymized Escalation Mechanism for ICEGATE registered users where one can submit grievances pertaining to delay in Bill of Entry clearance under faceless assessment

RMS

- Precise targeting through use of AI/ML
- Enhanced facilitation of cargo
- Integration of PGAs with the
 Indian Customs RMS

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Other Key Initiatives

- Electronic Cargo Tracking System
- E-Cash Ledger

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 DGARM A dedicated directorate for data analytics and risk management through use of AI/ML based interventions

SWIFT

- Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) for lodging standardized information and documents at singleentry point.
- Single Window Phase II containing features such as Unified dashboard, Unified application and Unified payment is under process.

Trade Facilitation Reforms (2/2)







CBIC has been associated with the States Government to undertake the requisite Trade Facilitation reforms and reduce the time and cost involved in EXIM trade.

Suvidha Pass Facilitation System by West Bengal Govt. with LPAI, CBIC, and BSF

 Portal for smooth clearance of vehicles at various ICPs in a time-bound manner

Centralized Parking Plaza by JNPT, Maharashtra

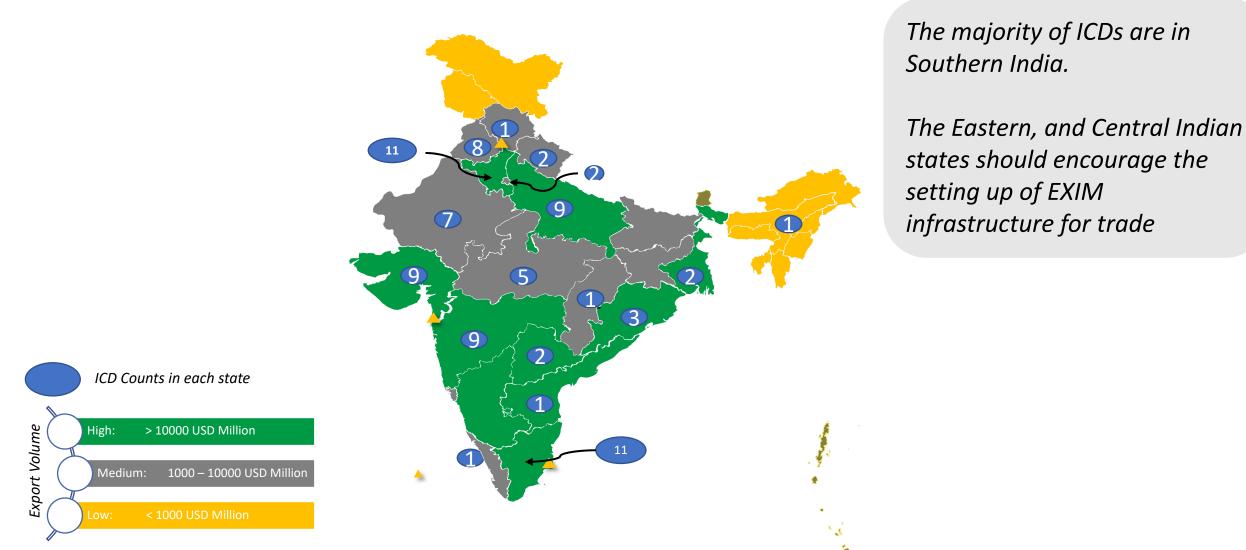
• Centralized parking plazas (CPP) for faster clearance of factory-stuffed containers

Easing out Congestion by Maharashtra

 Y junction has cut down the travel duration among Thane– Kalyan–Dombivali–Panvel by approx half an hour, thus easing traffic congestion at JNPT

State-Wise Export Volume vis-à-vis ICD Count

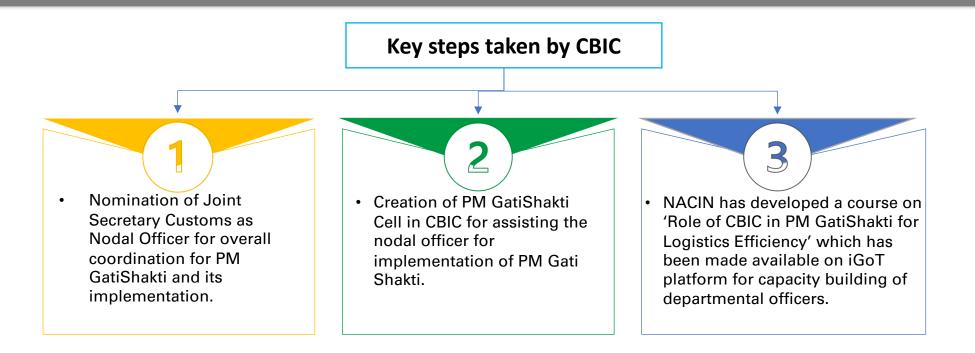




Average of FY 21, 22, and 23 have been considered Source: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce



CBIC has synchronized its operations with the fundamental goals of PM GatiShakti for Logistics Efficiency (development of Logistics Parks such as ICD, CFS)



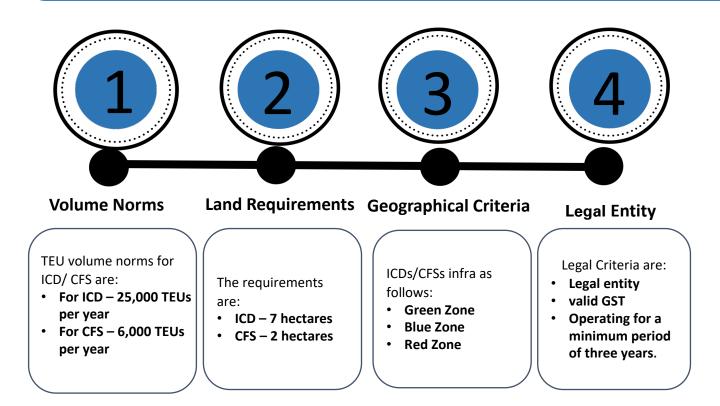
• Data regarding rail and road infrastructure at State Level mapped on the PM GatiShakti portal

ICD/CFS Approval Structure



— Under the logistics infrastructure aspects of National Logistics Policy 2022, the thrust is on the development of Logistics Parks such as ICD, CFS, etc.

— Multi-department Committee headed by CBIC



State Governments may disseminate the information and coordinate with project proponents intending to set up ICD/CFS/ AFS, in respective state and assist in fulfilling land requirement.

India's Performance on Key Trade Indices

Trade Facilitation Benchmarking

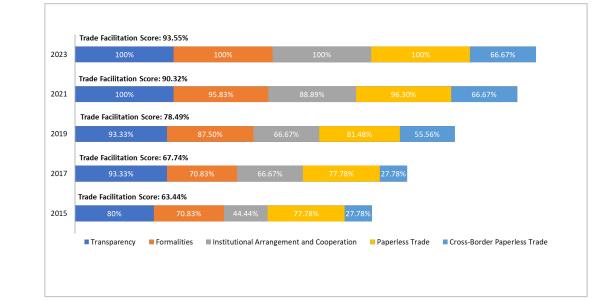


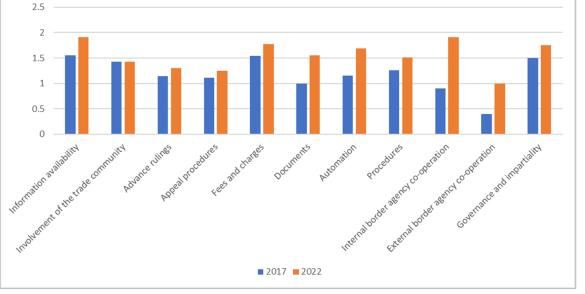
OECD Trade Facilitation Indicator (TFI)

- India witnessed improvement in overall average score to 1.552/2.0 in 2022 from 1.18/2.0 in 2017
- Improvement is observed in almost all indicators

UNTF Survey

- India has scored 93.55% in United Nation's Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific's (UNESCAP) latest Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.
- India is the best performing country amongst all the countries of South Asia region. The overall score of India has been greater than many developed countries including Canada, France, UK, Germany etc.





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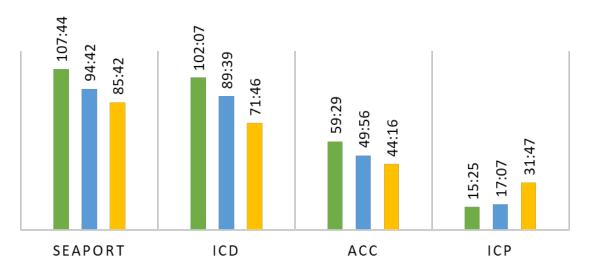


Average Import Release Time

- Import release times have seen an improvement of 20 percent for Inland Container Depot (ICD), 11 percent for Air Cargo Complex (ACC), and 9 percent for Seaport
- Improvement can be attributed to four pillars of "Path to Promptness"

Import Release Time

2021 2022 2023



Average Export Release Time

- NTRS covers the stages of arrival of the cargo at Customs station till grant of Let Export Order (LEO); and post LEO stage until the final departure
- The time taken from physical arrival of the goods (as reported in the custodian's system) to registration of goods on the Customs automated system is high. Similarly time taken after LEO to final departure is also significant.

EXPORT RELEASE TIME

