

TRADE FACILITATION PROCEDURES DOMAIN

RECOMMENDATION ON TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION

MONITORING MECHANISM (TTFMM)

CONFERENCE CALL 3
AUGUST 30TH 2016, 13:00 -15:00 CET

Attendance

Present:

Bismark SITORUS (UN)
Erwan GAMBERT (FR)
Estelle IGWE (NG)
Mario Apostolov (UN)
Mitsuru ISHIGAKI (JP)
Mohammad Farhad (BD)
Paloma BERNAL TURNES (US)
Prabir DE (IN)
Somnuk KERETHO (TH)
Tahseen A. KHAN (IN)
Tengfei WANG (UN)

Absents:

Christian Ksoll (GE)
Jari SALO (FI)
Lance THOMPSON (US)
Oleksandr Fedorov (UA)
Shanta De Silva (LK)
Tania GARCIA-MILLAN (UN)

Summary of the meeting

The draft text of the Recommendation on TTFMM (v. 04) was discussed by the participants. Discussions were focused on *Section A. Introduction* and *Section B. Institutional arrangement*. The text of Sections A and B were agreed by the participants, as shown in the draft version v.05¹.

It was agreed that

- 1) v. 05 would be circulated to the participants and experts by *2 September 2016* for any further comments;
- 2) the participants and experts need to send their feedback on v. 05, if any, to the project team by *6 September 2016*;
- 3) The project team, based on further feedback from the participants on v. 05, will prepare v. 06 and circulate v. 06 to participants by *9 September 2016*; and
- 4) v. 06 will serve as essential basis for discussion for the forthcoming 4th conference call which is scheduled on *13 September 2016* at Bangkok local time 7pm.

It was proposed that a model of scorecard or model of list of indicators under the TTFMM should be prepared, most likely, as an Annex in the Recommendation. This will provide the countries with useful reference on what indicators can be developed to monitor trade and transport facilitation. In the meantime, it was emphasized that countries could customize such scorecard and indicators according to specific situations and priorities of the countries.

The meeting participants were reminded that an Online survey on TTFMM² had been prepared and were encouraged to fill in the survey. They were requested to invite other experts to fill in the survey.

With reference to the meeting minutes of the 2nd conference call, the project team clarified that the words “case studies” in the meeting minutes actually meant the survey on TTFMM (as mentioned in

¹ It is available at the Confluence website

² <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2996569/A-project-to-develop-a-UN-CEFACT-Recommendation-on-TTFMM>

the previous paragraph). The project team reiterated that according to the project proposal approved by the UN/CEFACT Bureau, it was not mandatory for the project to include case studies.