Computerisation of Customs and Trade - Selectivity and Accounting Controls David Wright

ASYCUDA WORLD







Barbados



Belize



Dominica



Grenada



Haiti



Montserrat



St. Lucia





St. Vincent Trinidad&Tobago

The Caribbean

Central America



Anguilla



Turks&Caicos Puerto Rico



El Salvador



Honduras



Nicaragua

South America







Venezuela





Estonia









Lithuania

Romania

Slovakia

Europe

Albania







Moldova











Middle East

Iran

Jordan

Lebanon

Palestine UA Emirates

Syria





Cambodia

Ivory Coast



Phillipines





Nigeria



Tunisia



Zimbabwe

BACKGROUND



The ASYCUDA Program is directed at reforming the customs clearance process.

It aims at:

- improving efficiency & effectiveness of Customs operations;
- speeding up customs clearance;
- simplification of procedures; and,
- minimizing administrative costs











STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



- → Better management and control of Government finances
- Capacity building of Customs
- Better conditions for trade
- Reliable source of information on foreign trade
 - Platform for e-Government





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EXPECTED BENEFITS



- → Increased Revenue Collection
- **→ Reduced Clearance Times & Costs**
- Transparency / Accountability
- Harmonised & Streamlined procedures
- Paper-less Environment
- Reliable On-Line Trade Data
- Adaptable Flexible

Full ownership of the system





CURRENT STATUS

- 1. No Advance Cargo reporting increasing delays considerably;
- 2. Fully Paper-based and manual intensive systems;
- 3. Limited use of IT, mainly used to assist in tax calculation and statistics
- 4. Non-standardised procedures when clearing goods



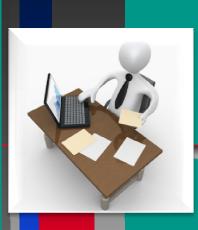
CURRENT STATUS

- 5. 100% documentary review
- 6. Discretionary selection of shipments for physical examination
- 7. Unknown intervention effectiveness
- 8. High costs multiple fees/charges/OT
- 9. Absence of indicators Measuring Performance



REFORMED PROCESS

- Single-Platform approach
- 2. Minimized requirements using EU S.A.D.
- 3. Harmonized border authority processes
- 4. Integrating all trade related GOV Agencies
- 5. 100% e-Customs Transactions
- 6. Institutionalized Risk Management
- 7. Performance Indicators



TARGETS

- 1. Clearance Times
 - Green Lane 1 hour
 - Yellow Lane 4 hours
 - Red Lane 8 hours
- 2. Intervention Levels (gradual decrease)
 - Green 55%
 - Yellow Lane 15%
 - Red Lane 30%
- 3. Post Clearance Auditing ~50%
- 4. Effective Targeting Ratio +20%



NEW CLEARANCE PROCESS

Maín Features

- Advance cargo manifest reporting by electronic means before arrival of goods
- Electronic submission of Customs Declarations and ancillary documentation
- Risk Management and Post Clearance Audit as pillars of border control and trade facilitation
- Electronic release of goods through direct interfaces with Port Authority and Terminal Operators



IMPORTS CLEARANCE PATH

Síx Símple Steps

- Comprehensive controls event/process driven with consistency checks before submission
- Integrated tariff facilitates accurate & consistent tax calculations and bond management
 - Other Government Agencies taking part of the automated clearance process
 - Accurate cargo inventory controls at sheds and warehouses



 Manifest Registered



2. Entry registered, assessed and paid.



3. Loa ent and Risk A sment



6. Goods
Delivered

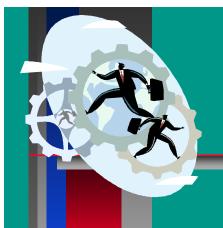




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5. Examination / Other GOV Ag.



Project Lifecycle

Phase 1: Mobilisation / Awareness

Phase 2: Building the Prototype

Phase 3: Pilot Site LIVE OPERATIONS

- Cargo Management

- Declaration Processing

Phase 4: Roll-Out / Full Deployment

Phase 5: Consolidate Sustainability

Where are we going?

Today:

RO-CERTIFICATION

Post Clearance Control

- One declaration is examined at a time impossible to search through archive of declarations.
- Future:

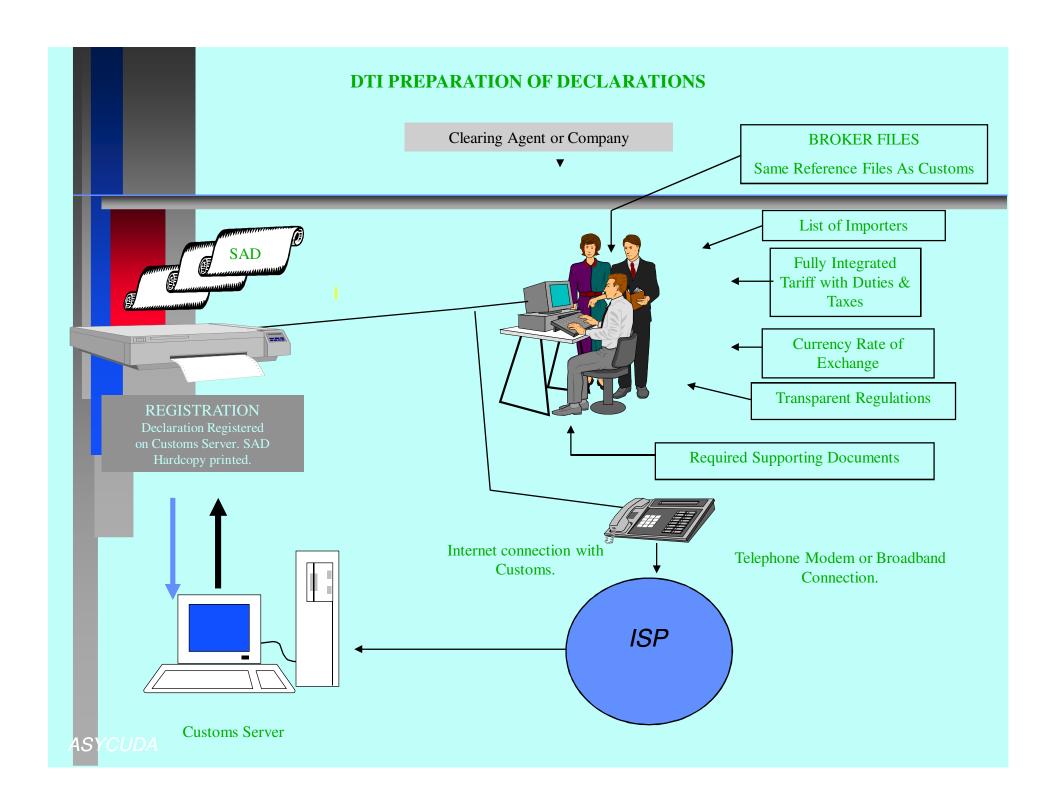
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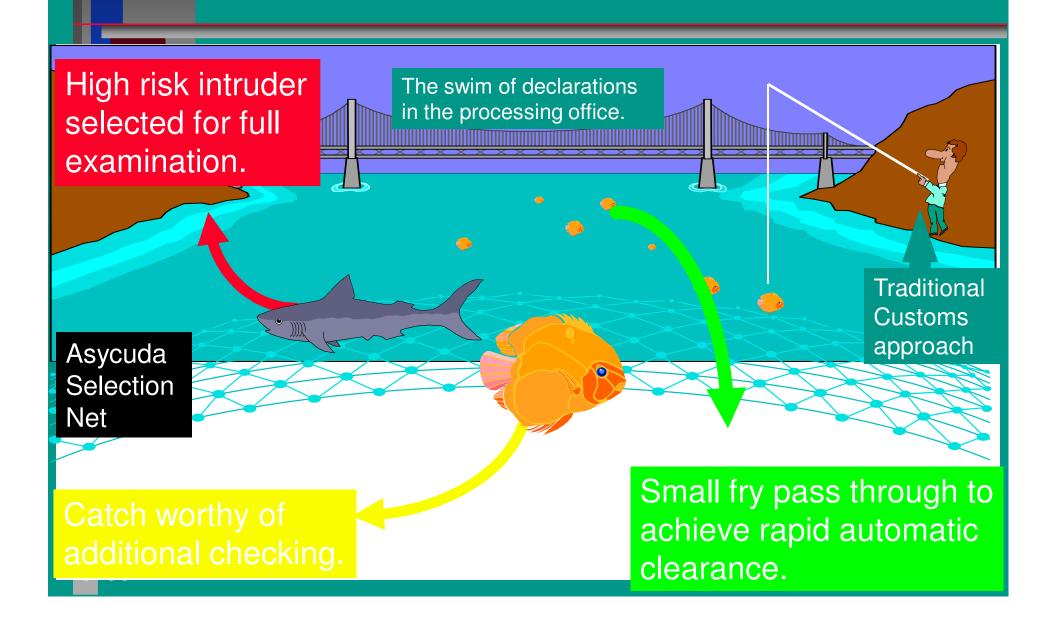
- Examining All of Trader's Declaration History using computer data
- Data mining intelligent search through data to find targets for investigation .
- Need: Professional Brokers; Regular Traders with Guarantees.

First Steps:

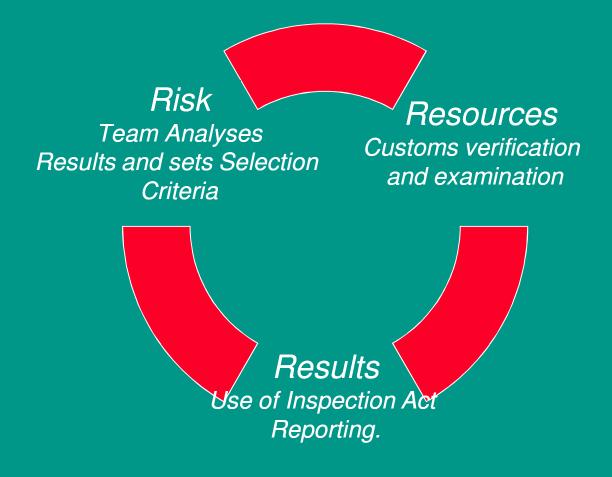
- Identify and Professionalize Regular Trade
 - -afford privileges which they will be reluctant to lose; obtain guarantees.
- Target the Irregular Trade Obtain better results and give incentive towards compliance.
- Professional Brokers Improve standards; Identify and correct regular errors.
- DTI Direct Trade Input of Declarations
- Trader Accounts pay declarations once a month
- Selectivity reduced control for compliant traders.
- Consultation regular meetings to resolve trade problems.



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Selection Cycle



ASYCUDA Selection

- Random Factor set percentage set for each colour ensures that the declarant cannot predict whether his goods will be examined or not. Keeps honest traders honest.
- Criteria Specific criteria input to select red, yellow or blue – percentage may be set for each criteria. This represents the combined experience of the department.
- Manual Approved officer may re-select declaration is he suspects fraud.

Defining Selection Parameters

Countries:

- Low Risk: Great Britain
- High Risk: France
- Medium Risk: USA

Brokers:

- Significant errors made.
- Evidence of conspiracy to evade revenue with importer.

Commodities:

- High Revenue Goods
- Goods commonly miss-described
- Cheap goods commonly used to hide contraband

Importers/Exporters

Profiling

Profiling of Importers and Exporters

- Profile Importers and Exporters:
 - Identify Regular importers from Trade Data.
 - Have they an identifiable address?
 - Have they any assets to grab in case of debt?
 - Have they been examined repeatedly with nil result?
- If yes to above, allocate to green lane unless there is a history of serious non-compliance.
- Monitor results and move to red lane if serious irregularities found.

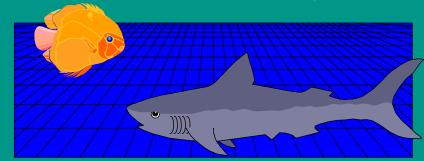
Selection Criteria

ANALYSIS OF HISTORICAL DATA

- Uneconomic Loads.
- Inappropriate Loads.
- High Risk:
 - Countries
 - Products
 - Brokers
 - Companies.
- Systematic inspections

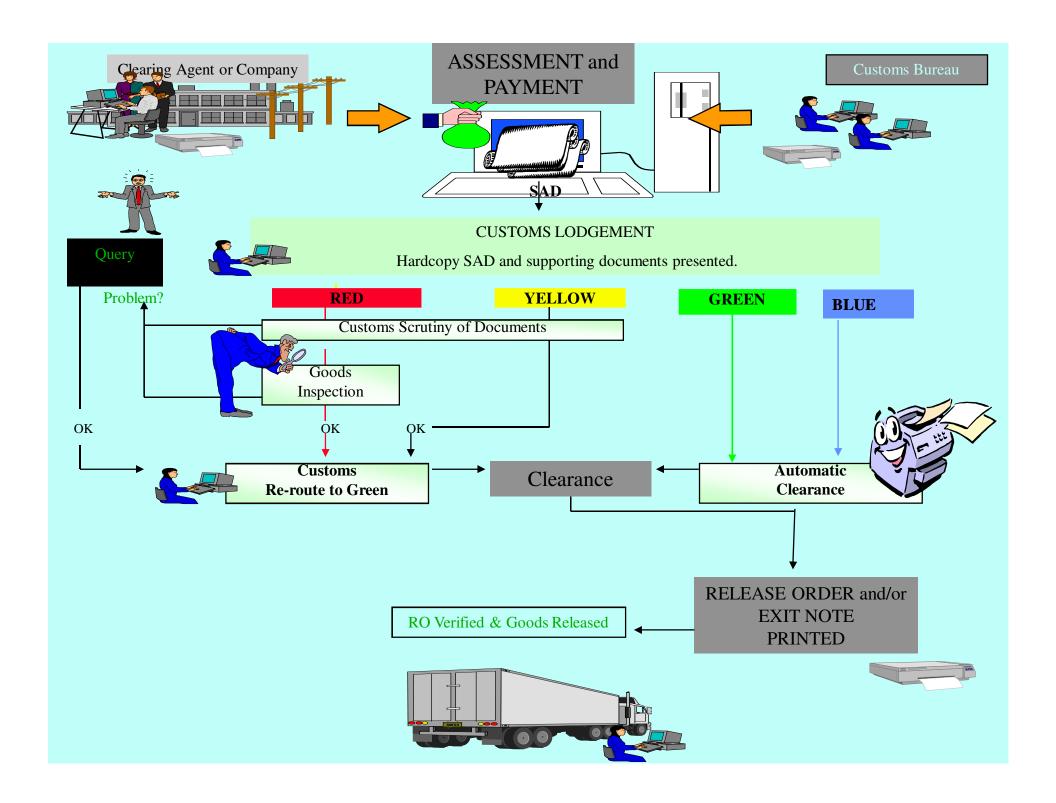
CRITERIA APPLIED IN THE FUTURE

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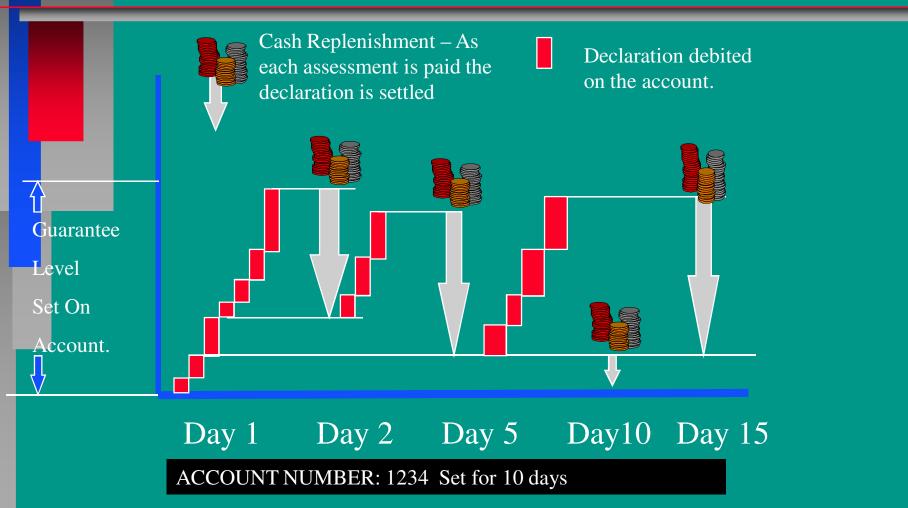


Control of Declarations:

- Automatic selection of declarations that are documentary checked;
- Automatic selection of goods that are sampled and examined;
- Monitoring of officers activities;
- Systematic records identify non- compliant traders;
- Compliant traders rewarded;
- Non-compliant traders targeted;



Declarant's ASYCUDA Deferment (Credit) Account





Customs Office: 1003 Geneva. Declaration Type: IM4 - Direct Import
Customs Reference: C 2004 02/09/2000 Assessment: A 2005 02/09/2000

Declarant: 19262844 A.N. Other Broker

Someplace in Switzerland

Reference: 2000/ATC/59 Switzerland.

Company:

94567899 A Trading Company.

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Account No: Mode of Payment: CASH 10001 Statement No and Date: Receipts No and Date: R 1356 02/09/2000 2,017.00 Customs Duty Total Excise Duty Total 459.00 VAT Value Added Tax Total 1,015.00 Total Item Taxes: 3,491.00 CPF Customs Processing Fee 100.00 100.00 Total Global Taxes: Total Amount Assessed and Paid for this Declaration: 3,591.00 Item No; No and Type of Packages; Package Markings Commodity Code Procedure Code COO & Goods Description. Value Suppl Quantity. Gross Weight 60 Cartons 01 Kheun and Nagel; 1-60 4203019000 4000 000 Cotton shirts containing more than 50% cotton. 560,000 GB 85 02 45 Cartons Kheun and Nagel; 61-105 4203020000 4000 000 Nylon shirts containing more than 10% cotton but less than 50%. GB 240,000 30