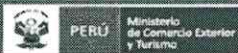


CTI 3 Meeting (August 23-24)

## Initiative on Single Window Systems' International Interoperability (SWS II)

Proposed by Peru

Co-sponsors: Australia, Chinese Taipei, Korea, Philippines



## MRT Statement

In May 2016, Ministers Responsible for Trade “welcome(d) the Initiative on Single Window Systems’ International Interoperability which aims to foster the flow of goods, enhance supply chain security, reduce costs and provide quality and timely information on trade across borders and encourage(d) economies to begin discussions next year on establishing pilot projects on voluntary basis.”

## Study

- As part of the approved initiative, a study should be carried out by the end of 2017 to begin discussions and develop concrete actions towards international interoperability within the APEC region.

## Terms of Reference

### SCOPE

- The PSU will be requested to conduct the research and to develop the study
- The study's content will provide the following information and analysis:
  - To identify best practices and main obstacles in implementing SWS' international interoperability through economies' experiences.
  - To identify organizational, legal and technical conditions, benefits and difficulties for its implementation.
  - To review existing work of different international organizations.
  - To show the benefits and challenges using SWS international interoperability.
  - To establish general recommendations to overcome main obstacles for its implementation.

# Terms of Reference

## SUGGESTED OUTLINE

### Overview

Chapter 1: General Framework of Single Window Systems' International Interoperability: concepts and principles

Chapter 2: Treatment of Single Window Systems' International Interoperability in Trade Agreements (i.e. ASEAN Single Window and Pacific Alliance)

Chapter 3: Best practices and main obstacles to achieve Single Window Systems' International Interoperability (case studies)

Chapter 4: Basic requirements to implement Single Window Systems' International Interoperability

Conclusions and Recommendations

# Terms of Reference

	Tasks	Development Period / Delivery date
1	Start of project	Mid October 2016
2	Submission of Inception Report	November 2016
2	Submission of Progress Report	CTI1 2017
3	Submission of Draft Final Report	CTI2 2017
4	Final Report	CTI3 2017
5	Presentation of the study to Senior Officials and Ministers	SOM/AMM 2017

