



## How Time Release Study (TRS) can measure the time for release in an AEO context?

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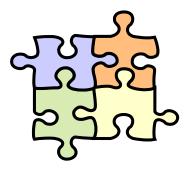
## Self Introduction



- Airport Clearance Section (2002~2006)
- Container Security Initiative Section (2006~2007)
- Enforcement Section (2007~2009)
- Intelligence Section (2009~2010)
- Ministry of Finance (2010~2012)
- Seaport Clearance Section (2012~2014)
- AEO Section (2014~)

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# Time Release Study



## What is TRS?

 Tool and method developed by WCO for measuring the average time taken for the clearance of consignments from entry to exit in Customs area.

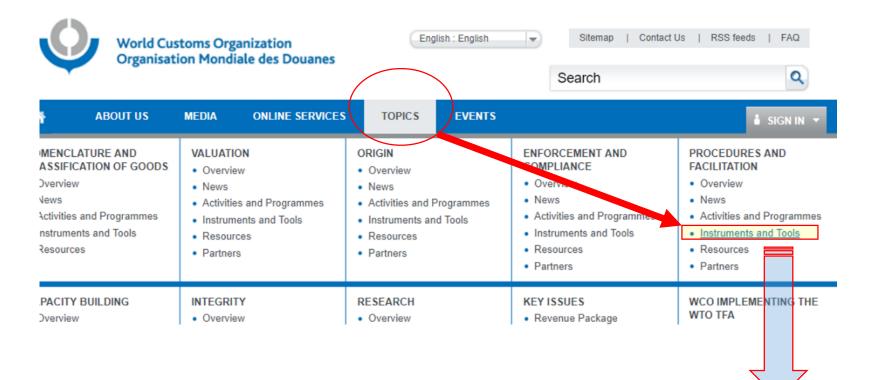
• The TRS guide version 2, published by WCO in 2011, was taken as a main guiding document for the survey and analysis.

## Requirements of the WTO TFA

ARTICLE 7: RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS

7.6 Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times

7.6.1 Members are encouraged to measure and publish their average release time of goods periodically and in a consistent manner, using tools such as, *inter alia*, **the Time Release Study of the World Customs Organization**.



#### Time Release Study

No time to read this? No time to do that? But for Customs, less time is better!! The Time Release Study provides guidance to Customs administrations on the best way to review, jointly with other agencies in a cross-border and coordinated border management environment, the time required for the release of goods, and take potential corrective measures for continuous improvement.

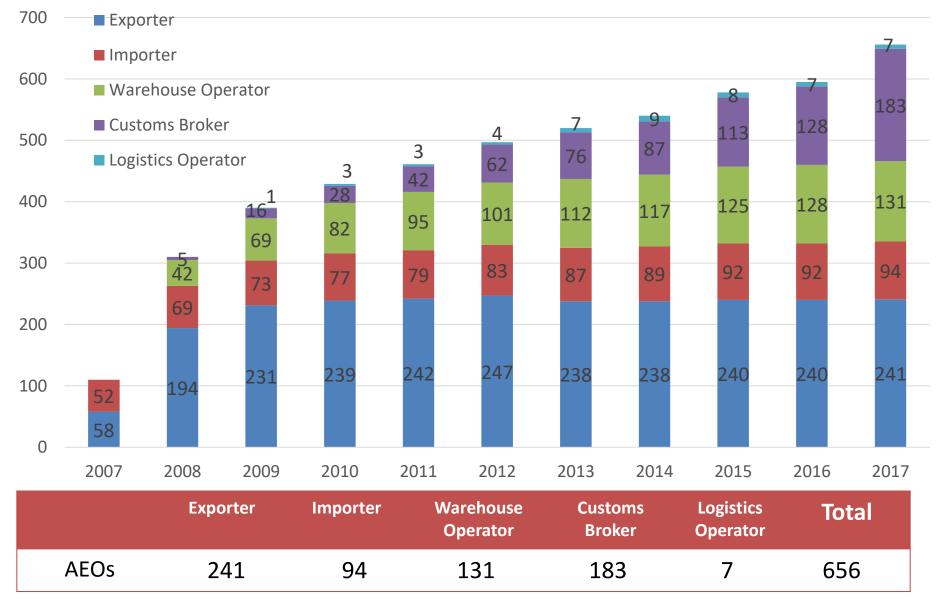


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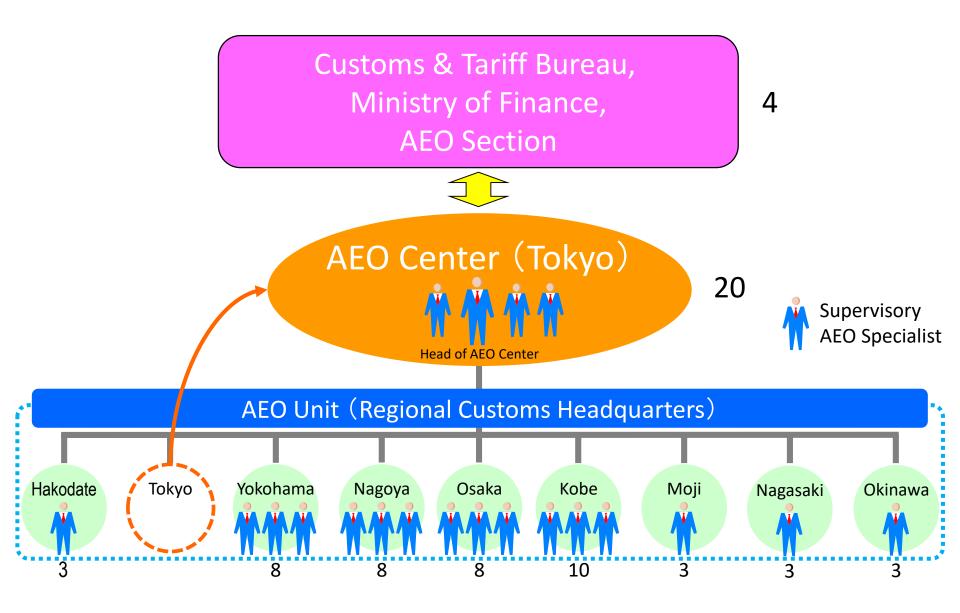
# AEO program in Japan



### Transition in the Number of AEOs



### **AEO Operational Structure in Japan Customs**



\* Officers in Hakodate, Nagasaki and Okinawa are not solely in charge of AEO

# Practice of TRS in Japan



### **TRS Experience of Japan Customs**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: February 1991
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: February 1992
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: March 1993
- 4<sup>th</sup>: March 1996
- 5<sup>th</sup>: March 1998
- 6<sup>th</sup>: March 2001
- 7<sup>th</sup>: March 2004
- 8<sup>th</sup>: March 2006
- 9<sup>th</sup>: March 2009
- 10<sup>th</sup>: March 2012
- 11<sup>th</sup>: March 2015

Japan Customs conducted TRS 11 times and 12<sup>th</sup> study is ongoing now!

## Example of TRS schedule in Japan

### January – February: Internal coordination

- To set dates of the survey
- To determine the number of sample to be taken
- To review elements of survey
- To prepare survey forms
- To coordinate with Customs brokers and relevant OGAs

#### February: Release of the administrative notice on TRS implementation

#### March: Conduct TRS

April: Data compilation and supplementary research when needed

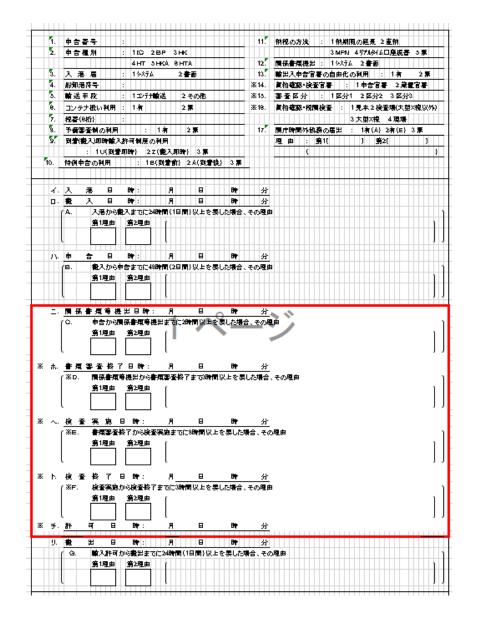
June: Review of the TRS results in the Ministry

**July: Press Release** 

## Conditions of the 12<sup>th</sup> TRS

Duration of study	7 consecutive days ( <u>12-18 March 2018</u> )
Geographic scope	23 major Customs offices located nationwide (15 seaports and 8 airport)
Scope of the study	Arrival $\rightarrow$ Warehousing $\rightarrow$ Declaration $\rightarrow$ Permission
Mode of transport, Types of cargo	Sea and Air, all cargos except balk
Numbers of sample	5,000 declarations randomly selected (3,000 declarations for sea cargoes and 2,000 declarations for air cargoes)

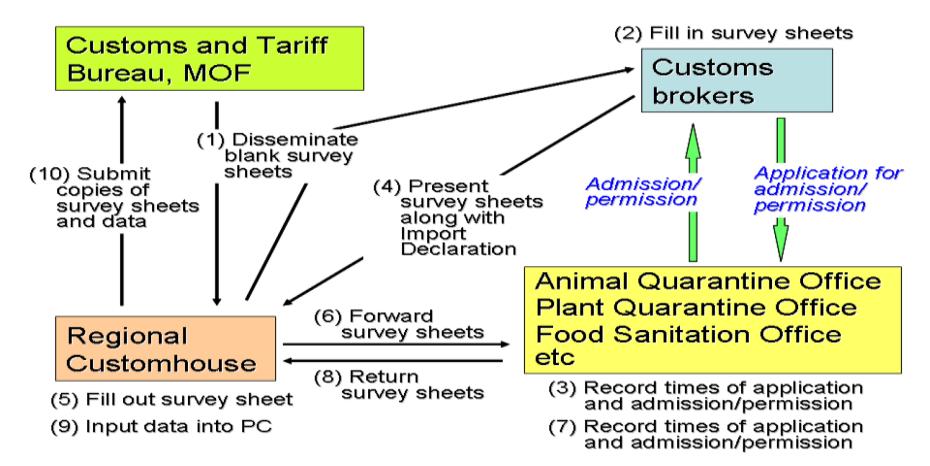
### Form of survey questionnaire



### Key elements

- General information on each declaration (ID number, types of cargo, HS code, pre-arrival information, intervention by other agencies, AEO goods, and so on)
- Date/time of Arrival
- Date/time of warehousing
- Date/time of declaration
- Date/time of Customs documentary check
- Date/time of Customs physical inspection
- Date/time of permission
- Date/time of carrying out

### Work flow for collecting data



## **Public Release**

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#### **Press Release by MOF**



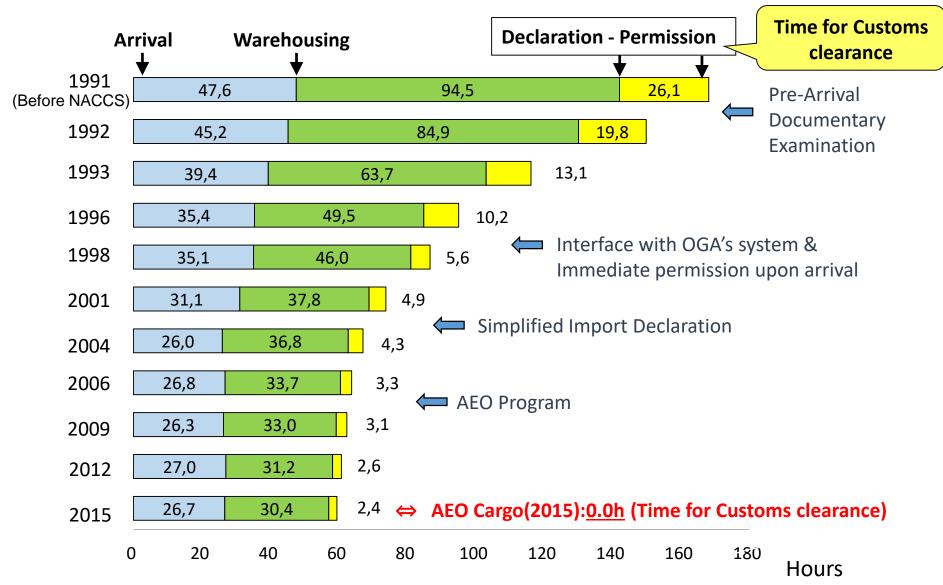
#### (注1)一般實物は、Ⅱ.1.の注にある「AEO實物」以外の實物である。

(注2) 端数処理(単位未満四括五入)の関係で「入港~搬入」「搬入~申告」、「申告~許可」の合計時間と総所要時間は必ずしも一致しない。(※以下、同様)

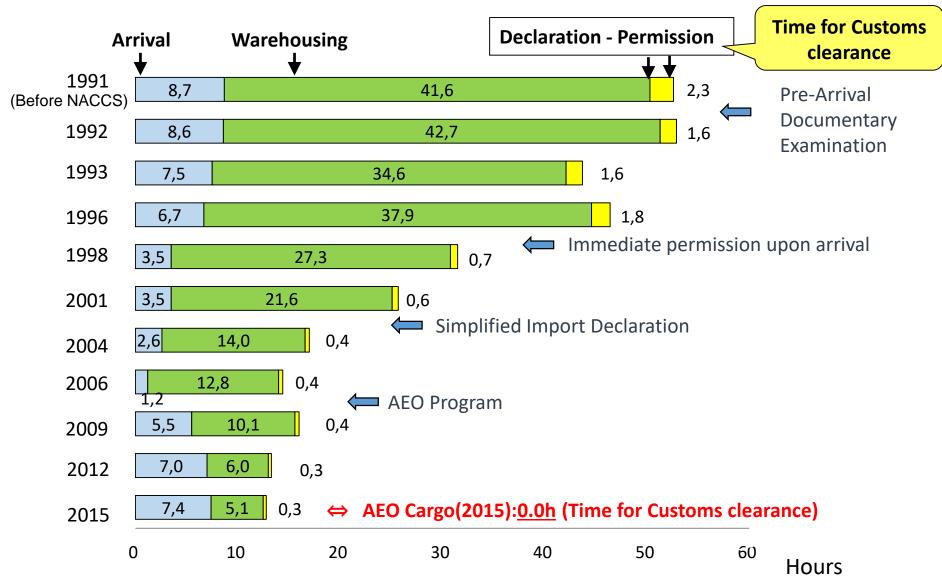
#### **Major News Papers picked up TRS !**

The Daily Cargo	The Japan Maritime Daily
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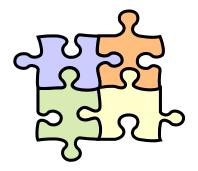
### Time Release Study on Imported Sea Cargo



### Time Release Study on Imported Air Cargo



## Main Conclusions



TRS is an effective tool for

- Identifying bottlenecks and measure trade facilitation in the country.
- Diagnosing the efficiency of specific Customs and border procedures such as AEO Program, AEO Mutual Recognition, Risk Management Technique or Single Window.



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