National Committee on Trade Facilitation - CONFAC

Department of Foreign Trade Competitiveness (DECOE)
Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX)
Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services (MDIC)
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► A collegiate member of the Brazilian Foreign Trade Council (CAMEX), created by the Presidential Decree Nº 8.807/2016, with rules of procedure incorporated by CAMEX Resolution Nº 122/2016

► OBJECTIVE: To coordinate government entities engaged in foreign trade in the promotion and implementation of measures aimed at:
  • Simplifying and reducing regulatory burden
  • Coordinating dialogue between the government and the private sector
  • Sharing experiences, identifying bottlenecks and developing measures to reduce compliance costs
  • Implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
CONFAC - Structure

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CAMEX
Council of Ministers

Executive Secretariat

Sub-Committee for Cooperation

Technical Groups

TG on Trade Facilitation Indicators
TG on Import and Export Licensing
TG on Control and Inspection of Wood Packaging Materials
CONFAC - composition

Composition:

- Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services (MDIC)
- Ministry of Finance (MF)
- Chief of Staff of The Presidency of the Republic (Casa Civil)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE)
- Ministry of Agriculture (MAPA)
- Executive Secretariat of CAMEX

Presidency: MDIC/MF

Executive Secretariat:
Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX) / Federal Revenue Agency (RFB)
Sub-Committee for Cooperation

- Advisory body that promotes dialogue between the government and the private sector
- Composed by CONFAC members and business organizations
  - Permanent guests are the main business organizations, such as the National Confederation of Industry (CNI); the National Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock (CNA); the Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE); among others
  - In accordance with the issues to be discussed, other government entities and business associations can be invited
Technical Groups

- To undertake technical activities and elaborate proposals of effective measures to be implemented by government entities
- Composed by CONFAC members and guests
  - TG on Trade Facilitation Indicators
  - TG on Import and Export Licensing
  - TG on Control and Inspection of Wood Packaging Materials
CONFAC Work Plan 2017-2018

Approved by the Council of Ministers of CAMEX, the work plan details activities to be conducted by the Committee:

i. **Compliance with the category B commitments**: to monitor the implementation of the category B commitments undertaken by Brazil

ii. **Trade Facilitation Indicators**: to develop and analyze indicators in order to implement trade facilitation initiatives (TG)

iii. **Import and Export Licensing**: to revise import and export licensing procedures (TG)
iv. Government performance in customs offices: to identify inefficiencies and elaborate proposals to solve them (TG)

v. MSMEs: to ensure that the implementation of trade facilitation policies encourages the insertion of MSMEs in foreign trade

vi. External demands and Technical Groups proposals: to analyze, prioritize and propose ways of addressing the private sector demands and TGs proposals
Thank you!

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