

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA AND NORWAY

Revision

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DRAFT TEXT ON BORDER AGENCY COORDINATION

1. A Member shall ensure that its authorities and agencies involved in border and other import and export controls cooperate and coordinate their procedures in order to facilitate trade.
2. (a) A Member shall, to the extent possible, cooperate with bordering Members and coordinate customs procedures at border crossings in order to facilitate trade.
- (b) Wherever possible and practical, such cooperation and coordination may include:
 - Alignment of procedures and formalities including working days and hours;
 - Development and sharing of common facilities;
 - Provision of expedited processes for goods in transit such as a single channel;
 - Development of procedures for exchange of non-confidential information*.

* Subject to further negotiations on how a Trade Facilitation Agreement will coexist in relationship to GATT Article X.