Caribbean Trade Facilitation Reforms in the New COVID-19 Environment

REGIONAL PRIVATE SECTOR DIALOGUE ON TRADE FACILITATION AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS: NATIONAL LEVEL

1. **Use of ICT to support trade**
2. **Protection of front-line workers and customers**
3. **Relaxation of certain import taxes (suspension of CET) and formalities (increase green and blue lane treatment)**
4. **Enhanced border agency cooperation to facilitate quicker import clearance of essential medical and safety supplies**
5. **Extending border agency working hours**
6. **Increased the availability of trade-related information on websites and through enquiry points**

TRADE FACILITATION REFORMS: REGIONAL LEVEL

THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

WTO OMC

WTO Trade Facilitation Committee

- Forum to raise issues on implementation of TFA
- Resolution of issues between Members to avoid disputes
- Source of information
  - sharing of experience/best practices
  - other members TFA situation
  - finding donor support

Thank You