

A [9-day workshop](#) has been held from 10 to 18 October 2019 in Banjul for the finalisation of the first Time Release Study (TRS) by Gambian Customs

TRS are a trade facilitation tool utilized to quantify the average time taken for goods to clear through Customs at the various sea ports, airports, and other customs import clearance locations.

Adopted for the first time by the USA and Japan at the beginning of 90's, their use is recommended by the World Customs Organization (WCO) since 1994, as these studies are considered particularly useful to identify constraints, delays and bottlenecks in the customs clearance process that can impede the swift flow of goods.

TRS data are also useful for logistics providers and traders to estimate delivery times, allowing them to operate with a higher degree of certainty in relation to product delivery across international borders.

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