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Obligations of Exporter Members

Non-discrimination

1. Exporter Members shall ensure that their laws and regulations relating to preshipment inspection activities are applied in a non-discriminatory manner.

Transparency

2. Exporter Members shall publish promptly all applicable laws and regulations relating to preshipment inspection activities in such a manner as to enable other governments and traders to become acquainted with them.

Technical Assistance

3. Exporter Members shall offer to provide to user Members, if requested, technical assistance directed towards the achievement of the objectives of this Agreement on mutually agreed terms.⁵

(footnote original) ⁵ It is understood that such technical assistance may be given on a bilateral, plurilateral or multilateral basis.

1.2 General

1. In its first report in 1997, the Working Party on Preshipment Inspection (PSI Working Party) considered that "[i]n accordance with Article 3.3, exporter members should ensure that their technical assistance activities are designed to address the specific needs of user Members in implementing the terms and objectives of the Agreement". It further considered that technical assistance activities, "which should be administered on a request basis, could include areas such as tariff and customs administration reforms; simplification and modernization of systems and procedures; and the development of an adequate legal, administrative, and physical infrastructure." ¹

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¹ [G/L/214](#), section B, paras. 2 and 9.