

National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2023 report

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About National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2023 report:

- It is a **performance measurement tool**.
- It aims to present a quantitative measure of **the cargo release time** at the Customs station.
- It also measures the **domestic clearance in case of imports** and the arrival of the cargo at the Customs station to the eventual departure of the carrier in case of **exports**.
- The study included **seaports, air cargo complexes (ACCs)**, inland container depot (ICDs) and **integrated check posts (ICPs)** which handles the maximum per cent of bills of entry in the country.

Highlights of the report

- It reaffirms **the 'Path to promptness'** i.e. comprising **advance filing of import documents** enabling pre-arrival processing, **risk-based facilitation of cargo** and **benefits of trusted client programme**.
- Cargoes wherein all the three features under the Path to Promptness are combined, achieve the **National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP)** release time target across all port categories.
- It has placed a much greater focus on the **measurement of export release time**.
- It recognises the distinction between regulatory clearance (also referred to as customs release), which gets completed with the grant of **Let Export Order (LEO)** and the wider aspect of physical clearance which occurs on completion of logistics processes with the departure of the carrier with the good.

Q1) What is Let Export Order?

A Let Export Order (LEO) is a term used in international trade and shipping to refer to a document issued by the customs authorities of a country, granting permission for the exportation of goods. The LEO is a crucial step in the export process as it authorizes the release of the goods from the country of export.

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