

Waiting time reduction measures at the ports of Mombasa and Dar es salaam

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Abstract:

In the recent years many less developed countries have embarked on major economic reforms. They have in most cases encouraged private participation and have sold out most of the initially public owned or government enterprises to private entrepreneurs. This has been done mostly increase efficiency in the state-owned companies hence privatization was thought to be the solution to the problem. In the late 1999 the Dar es Salaam's port container terminal was leased out to a private operator, while in Kenya the same is yet to be done. Should the Mombasa port emulate the Dar es Salaam move or should it not? Has the privatization brought any improvements in the waiting time for cargo clearance? The research was done in order to find out the answers to such questions. The research used the secondary data to explain the different cases both theoretical and empirical that highlighted different issues concerning port privatization in the literature review. The major part of this research finding came from the survey conducted to clearing and forwarding agents on the waiting time and related factors at the ports of Mombasa and Dar es Salaam. Contrary to most people beliefs, this research found out that privatization did not reduce the delay time of cargo clearance.