

Regional Workshop on Promoting Connectivity through Trade Facilitation and Aid for Trade



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Mercator Programme

A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

Implementing the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)
Using the WCO TFA Implementation Guide

Doha Development Agenda

- 1996 Singapore MC1 instructs WTO Goods Council to look at simplifying trade procedures
- 1999 WCO Council adopts Revised Kyoto Convention - blueprint for modern and efficient Customs procedures in the 21st century
- 2004 WTO Members agree to proceed with negotiations on trade facilitation



WTO TFA and GATT 1994

Clarify and improve relevant aspects of GATT 1994 articles:

- V (Freedom of Transit)
- VIII (Fees & Formalities Connected with Importation & Exportation)
- X (Publication and Administration of Trade Regulations)

with a view to further expediting movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit



WTO TFA – 3 sections

Section I – 12 articles regarding Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation,
Section II – 10 articles on special and differential treatment for developing, countries and least-developed countries in
Section III – 2 articles on institutional arrangements and final provisions.



Section I

- Art.1 Publication and availability of information
- Art.2 Consultation
- Art.3 Advance ruling
- Art.4 Appeal/Review procedures
- Art.5 Other measures for transparency etc.
- Art.6 Fee and Charges
- Art.7 Release and Clearance of goods
- Art.8 Border Agency Cooperation
- Art.9 Movement of goods intended for import
- Art.10 Formalities
- Art.11 Transit
- Art.12 Customs cooperation



Section II

Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

- Rules about Categories A, B and C
- Assistance for Capacity Building
- Information to be submitted to the TF Committee
- Final provision



Section III

Institutional arrangements and final provisions

- Committee on Trade Facilitation
- National Committee on Trade Facilitation
- Final provisions

WCO tools to support TFA Implementation Guidance

Implementation Guidance

The World Customs Organization (WCO), an intergovernmental organization specially mentioned in the Bali Ministerial Declarations, is highlighting its role in the implementation and administration of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF). The WCO, the centre of excellence on Customs matters world wide, is committed to the efficient implementation of the ATF.

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Search articles:

Article 1

Publication and availability of information



Article 2

Opportunity to comment, information before entry into force and consultation



Article 3

Advance rulings



Article 4

Appeal or review procedures



Article 5

Other measures to enhance impartiality, non discrimination and transparency



Article 6

Disciplines on fees and charges imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation



Article 7

Release and clearance of goods



Article 8

Border agency cooperation



Article 9

Movement of goods under customs control intended for import



Article 10

Formalities connected with importation and exportation and transit



Article 11

Freedom of transit



Article 12

Customs cooperation



WCO tools to support TFA Implementation Guidance

The Guidance presents the relevance of WCO instruments and tools such as the Revised Kyoto Convention for TFA implementation.

WCO tools for Article 7.7 (Authorized Operators)

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Release and clearance of goods

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- 1 Pre-arrival Processing
- 2 Electronic Payment
- 3 Separation of Release from Final Determination of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges
- 4 Risk Management
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- 6 Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times
- 7 Trade Facilitation Measures for Authorized Operators
- 8 Expedited Shipments
- 9 Perishable Goods

OVERVIEW +

WTO ATF +

REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION +

OTHER WCO TOOLS -

SAFE Framework of Standards ([download](#))

The SAFE Framework principally incorporated into its text detailed provisions on the conditions and requirements for Customs and Authorized Economic Operators (AEO), initially developed in a separate document. This addition was driven by the perception that both Customs and its business partners would benefit from having all SAFE and AEO provisions readily available in a single comprehensive instrument.

SAFE Package

The Package includes various tools relating to AEO including AEO Implementation Guidance, the AEO Compendium and Model AEO Appeal Procedures.

- AEO Implementation Guidance ([download](#))
- AEO Compendium ([download](#))
- Model AEO Appeal Procedures ([download](#))
- AEO Benefits: Contribution from the WCO Private Sector Consultative Group([download](#))
- The Authorized Economic Operator and the Small and Medium Enterprise (FAQ) ([download](#))
- Mutual Recognition Arrangement/Agreement Guidelines ([download](#))
- AEO Template ([download](#))

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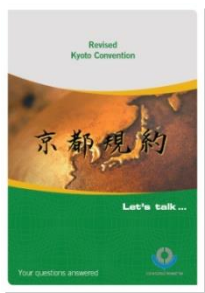
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WCO tools to support TFA

The WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members' needs as regards TFA implementation. The WCO is continuing to develop and fine-tune an inter-active guidance tool designed to help Customs implement the TFA.

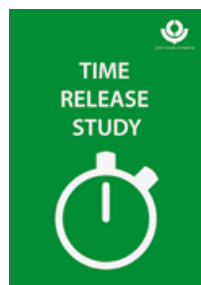
Examples of WCO tools



Revised Kyoto Convention



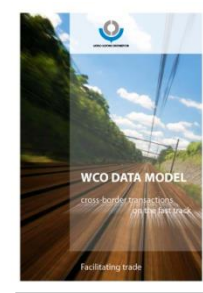
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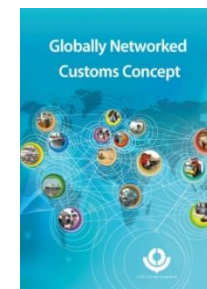
Time Release Study Guide



Single Window Compendium



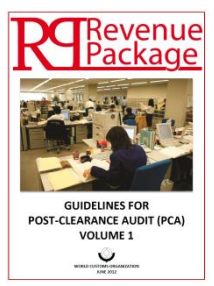
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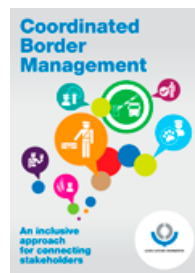
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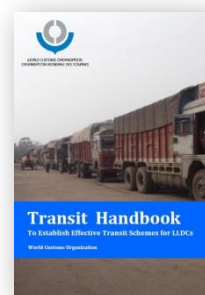
Risk Management Compendium



Post Clearance Audit Guidelines



CBM Compendium



Transit Handbook



Capacity Building Development Compendium



Customs-Business Partnership Guidance

Mercator Programme – Key Objectives



Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building



Harmonized implementation based on WCO's global standards



Effective coordination among all stakeholders



Beneficial for developing and least developed countries, all government agencies, donor institutions and private sector

Expected Results

- Harmonization border management procedures
- Increased economic competitiveness, poverty reduction
- Slash trade costs by an average of 14.3 per cent, developing countries most to gain
- Reduce time needed to import goods by over a day and a half and to export goods by almost two days, representing a reduction of 47 per cent and 91 per cent respectively over the current average

Effective Coordination - Working Group

The TFAWG is the platform for Members to share experiences regarding the implementation of the TFA among the WCO's 181 Members, coordinate with the donor community, engage with other international organizations and bodies, as well as with the private sector.





Thank you for your attention!