





E-commerce in the view of the WCO

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Korea's Trade Facilitation Through E-Commerce

1 Definition of E-Commerce

E-commerce with WCO

WCO Working Group on E-Commerce

E-commerce with Korea Customs Service



Definition of E-Commerce











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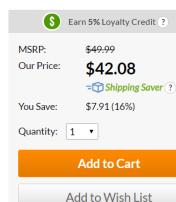
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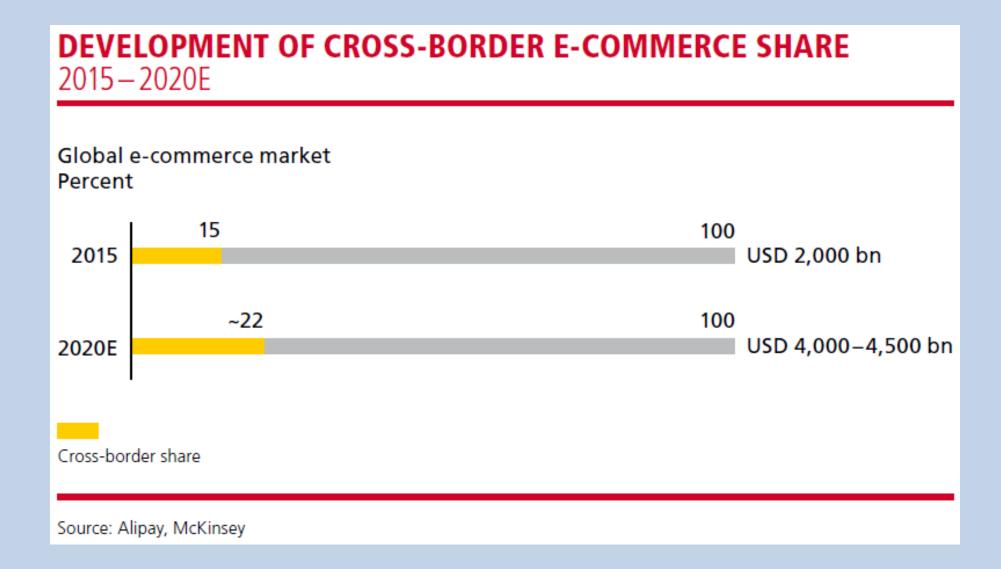








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Engine for Growth



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WCO definition

"Cross-border Business to Consumer (B2C) and Consumer to Consumer (C2C) physical consignments of value/duty below which no duties/taxes are collected or under which no full Customs declaration/formalities are required".

(2) What is E-commerce?

More Essential Elements

- Online initiation
- Cross-border transaction/shipment
- Physical goods



E-commerce with WCO

(1) Backgrounds

Backgrounds

- Rapid Expansion of Internet trade
- Wider Options to Consumers and MSMEs
- A New Key driver of Economic Growth
- Requires a Comprehensive Response

(2) WCO's Work

WCO's work

- Creating a modern e-Customs environment
- Developing a number of Instruments,
 Standards, and Tools
- Discussions within various Working Bodies

(3) Discussions within WCO

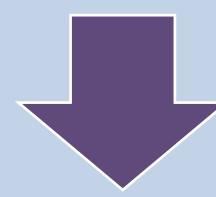
Discussions within WCO

- [PTC] Revenue Leakage(de minimis) & Efficient
 Collection of Customs Duties and VAT/GST
- [EC] Dark Side of E-commerce
- [PC] Loss of revenue collection and security

(4) Collaborative Work with Partners

Collaborative Work with Partners

WCO WGEC



Pragmatic/practical Operational Multi-dimensional perspective
True collaborative spirit

Intergovernmental Organizations

Early stages of discussions

(4) Collaborative Work with Partners

- [WTO] Digital Customs & Facilitation
- [UPU] Advance Electronic Exchange of Information
- [OECD] Revenue Collection
- [UNCTAD] Measuring Cross-Border E-commerce



WCO Working Group on E-Commerce

(1) What is WGEC?

Working Group on E-commerce

- WCO members, Private Sectors,
 International Organizations, Academia
- 2016-2018(1st Meeting on Sep 2016)
- Practical Solutions for both Facilitation & Safety perspective(4 Subgroups)
 - ① Trade Facilitation & Simplification ② Safety & Security
 - ③ Revenue Collection ④ Measurement & Analysis

(1) What is WGEC?



I. Trade Facilitation & Simplification

- · Definitions of terminologies
- Enabling legislation for e-commerce
- Automated systems Single Window (other government agencies)
- Exchange of advance electronic data (interoperability, minimum data sets, data quality, data privacy)
- Trusted Trader/AEO programme for e-vendors marketplaces and intermediaries enhanced facilitation
- Framework/guidelines/standards harmonization and support to to micro, small and medium enterprises
- Return/refund (drawback) processes
- Implementation and review/update of the WCO
 Immediate Release Guidelines and other related tools

II. Safety & Security

- · Product safety
- Illicit trade
- Quarantine/bio-security
- Dark web/net
- Cyber security
- Illicit Financial Flows tracking financial trails
- Cooperation and information exchange between Customs administrations
- Smuggling of high-value items and environmentally sensitive goods
- Non-intrusive inspection (NII) technologies
- Review/update of relevant tools
- Case studies

III. Revenue Collection

- De minimis
- Simplified entry threshold
- Classification, valuation, origin issues
- Harmonized System Navigator, integrated tariff database
- Transactional approach vs account-based approach
- Alternate models of revenue collection (including impact analysis on the industry and government)
- Fees and charges
- Cooperation amongst authorities (Customs and Tax)

IV. Measurement & Analysis

- Big Data
- Stocktake and analysis of work currently being undertaken by international bodies
- Research and analysis of various e-commerce business models - case studies
- Measuring e-commerce flows and economic benefits
- Capacity building, awareness, and education implementation support

(2) Facilitation & Simplification

How to Facilitate E-commerce?

Challenges

Solutions

Enablers

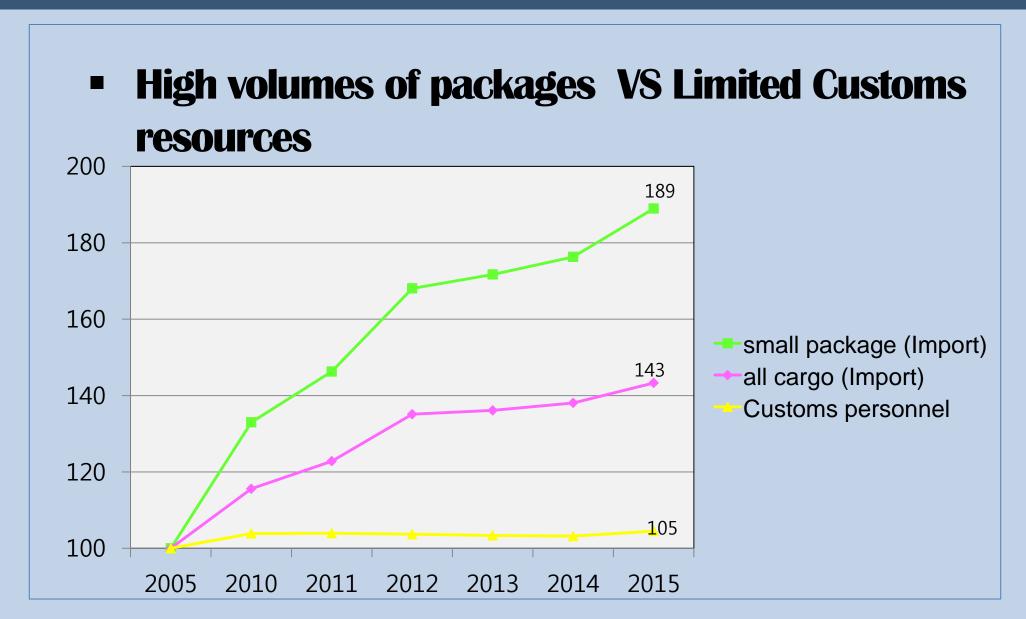
Top 10 barriers for E-commerce shopping: Consumers



Top Barriers for E-commerce selling: Merchants



(2) Facilitation & Simplification: Challenges



(2) Facilitation & Simplification: Challenges

- Time sensitive clearance
- Return / refund processes
- Unknown players(both senders and recipients)
- De minimis threshold
- Compliance
- Data quality, Liability of e-vendors/intermediaries
- Predictability of landed cost
- Integration of e-commerce and traditional trade

(2) Facilitation & Simplification : Solution

- Obtaining advance electronic data
- Simplification of procedures
- Systems to support small parcels / low value (eCommerce goods)
- Update of legal frameworks
- Consumer education on good trade practices
- Bilateral agreements / arrangements for data sharing based on trust

(3) Safety & Security

- Including Safety and Security aspects to a definition for e-commerce
- B2C & C2C : Lack of Transparency
- Advance Cargo Information, Non-Intrusive Inspection
- Cooperation between Customs administrations

(4) Revenue Collection

Alternate Revenue Collection Models

Models	Pros	Cons
Intermediaries based models	Bridge btw MSMEs & Customs	Handling payments, Undervaluation
Seller/vendor based models	Fill the missing data, Low establishment costs	Enforcement(foreign jurisdictions), Auditing issues
Buyer based models	Low cost, Full audit trail	One time set up cost of hardware & software
Traditional models	Prevents leakage in tax revenue	Slow, Collection cost

(5) Measurement & Analysis

- Measuring e-commerce flows and benefits
- Stocktaking
- Business models
- Big data analytics and its use



E-Commerce with Korea Customs Service

(1) Facilitation: Legal Framework

Customs Act article 254

Special customs clearance for electronic commerce goods, etc.(30.Dec.2010)

The Commissioner of the Korea Customs Service may separately prescribe matters necessary for customs clearance for exported or imported goods traded through digital documents, including export or import declarations and the inspection of goods and other relevant matters, as prescribed by Presidential Decree

(1) Facilitation: Export Clearance system

List Clearance

E-commerce Simplified Declaration

General Declaration

Exempt from declaration
(Goods can be cleared
by submitting the list of
goods)

Simplified declaration form (57→33)

General Export declaration

All goods exported by Express cargo& International post

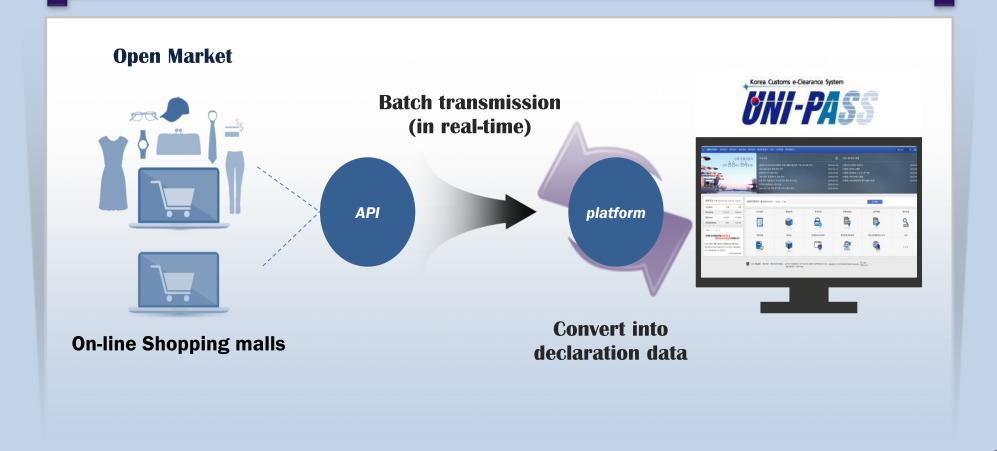
All goods (Less than USD 2,000)

All goods (goods excluded from list clearance & simplified declaration)

No Duty Drawback, Some Export performance Duty Drawback, Export Performance Duty Drawback, Export Performance

(1) Facilitation: Platform for E-commerce Declaration

Platform for E-Commerce Export Declaration: Automatic conversion of details of orders and sales on online shopping malls into export declarations





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