### WCO Trade Facilitation **Instruments and Tools** -Technical Assistance and capacity Building

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# **Outline of the Presentation**

- WCO Strategy
- Trade Facilitation Instruments and Tools
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Activities
- WCO's Role in implementation of the WTO ATF

# WCO Strategy

WCO Strategic Plan

### Vision



# **Role of WCO in Trade Facilitation**

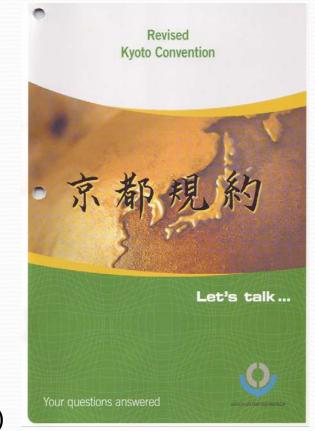
The WCO represents 179 Customs Administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.





# **Revised Kyoto Convention**

- International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (as amended, 1999)
- Original Convention was adopted in Kyoto, Japan in 1973
- Revised in 1999 after 5 years revision work; consultation with the private sector
- Blueprint for Modern Customs Administration
  - effective controls
  - 🖉 facilitate legitimate trade
- Generally applicable core principles are consolidated in the General Annex
- 92 contracting parties (as of 4 February 2014)



# **Other Conventions**

- International Convention on the Harmonized System
  - Entered into force on 1 January 1988
  - 136 Contracting parties
- Customs Convention on the ATA carnet for the temporary admission of goods (ATA Convention)
  - Entered into force : 30 July 1963
  - 63 Contracting Parties (as on 21 October 2013)
- Convention on Temporary Admission (Istanbul Convention)
  - Entered into force on 27 November 1993
  - 65 Contracting Parties(as at 31 October 2013)
- Customs Convention on Containers
  - Entered into force on 6 December 1975
  - WCO administers the CCC on behalf of UNECE
  - 63 Contracting Parties (as on 21 October 2013)





# SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade

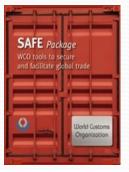
- Objectives
  - To secure and facilitate trade supply chain at a global level
  - Integrated supply chain management for all modes of transport
  - Strengthen Customs to Customs co-operation
  - Strengthen Customs to Business co-operation
  - Coordinated Border Management and Single Window
- Adopted by Council in 2005
- 168 Members expressed intent to implement (as on 29 July 2013)
- Columbus capacity building programme

# SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade...

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inbound, outbound	security threats.	using non-intrusive	standards and best
and transit shipments.		inspection methods.	practices.

# SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade...

- AEO programme:
  - Enhanced security
  - Additional benefits and increased competitiveness of trade
  - Mutual recognition of AEOs/controls
  - Concentrate control resources on non-AEOs
  - Develop modern control techniques and procedures
- SAFE Package
- Recent developments:
  - SAFE 2012: Coordinated Border Management, Trade Recovery and Definitions Annex including High-Risk Cargo
  - 2015 SAFE Review cycle- Pillar 3 under discussion: Cooperation between Customs and other Governmental Agencies



# WCO Data Model

- First developments in 2002 initiative to harmonize data requirements on customs and cargo declarations
- DM Version 3.3 in October 2012
  - Includes data requirements for other border agencies
  - Single Window solution
- DM version 3.4 released in November, 2013 (SPS certificates, etc)
- Work for release of version 3.5 under progress.



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cross-border transactions

Facilitating trade

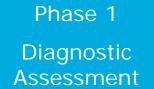
#### **Other WCO Tools** Kyoto ICT Guidelines

- Incorporated in Guidelines on RKC GA Chapter 7, on use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Time Release Study (TRS)
  - Performance measurement tool for identifying bottlenecks in international transactions
  - First developed in 90s and revised in 2011. Online software by WCO and WB.
- Guidelines on Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) 2004
  - Developed by WCO in accordance with the Unique Identifier description in ISO 15459 to identify a commercial transaction uniquely.
- Immediate Release Guidelines
  - First developed in the 90s, revised in 2003, to expedite clearance
  - According to GEA, more than 30 countries were applying IRG procedures.
- Advance Passenger Information (API) Guidelines
  - Developed in 1993 by WCO and IATA, Updated in 2003, with ICAO, (latest version 2010)
  - Current developments: inclusion of Guidelines for Interactive API (iAPI) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data contained in carriers' reservation systems.
- PCA Guidelines 2012
- Recommendations on Dematerialization of Documents (2012)
- Secure and Efficient Transit System Compendium
- Compendiums on Coordinated Border Management; Single Window and AEO (being updated)
- GNC Feasibility Study



Guide To measure the time required For the release of goods

#### **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building**



Phase 2

Planning and Implementation

> Phase 3 Evaluation and Monitoring



# **WCO Accredited Customs Experts**

- In total: Around 400 accredited experts
- Some experts qualify in <u>more than one area</u>
- Diagnostic Facilitators: 171
- Customs Modernization Advisors: 89
- Technical Operational Advisors: 18
- Trainers : <mark>84</mark>

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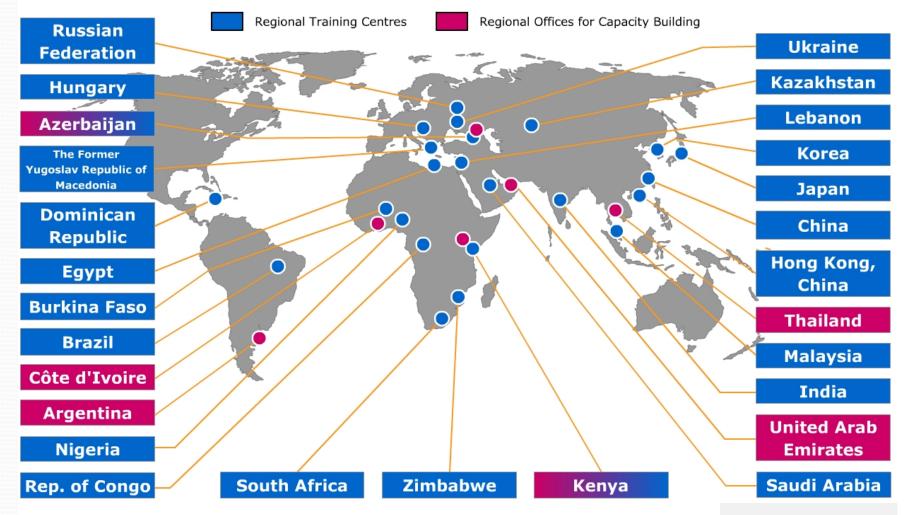
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Americas AEO, RKC
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West and Central Africa O/D, NII, ICT
Asia and Pacific AEO, CBM, Performance Measurement
Europe CBM, NII
Middle-East and North Africa CBM, RM, Performance Measurement

### Trade Facilitation-Technical Assistance / Capacity Building Missions

Area	2012/2013	2013/2014 (5 months)
PCA	12	
RM	16	5
AEO	11	6
TRS	14	6
RKC	5	4
Data Modelling, SW and connectivity	9	3
CBM	5	4
Advance Ruling	2	
Development of Strategic Plan	10	7

# **WCO** Regionalization Map

#### WCO Regional Training Centres & Regional Offices for Capacity Building



#### **The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF)** deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics.

#### 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

Art.13 Institutional Arrangement (TF Committee) Section II Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

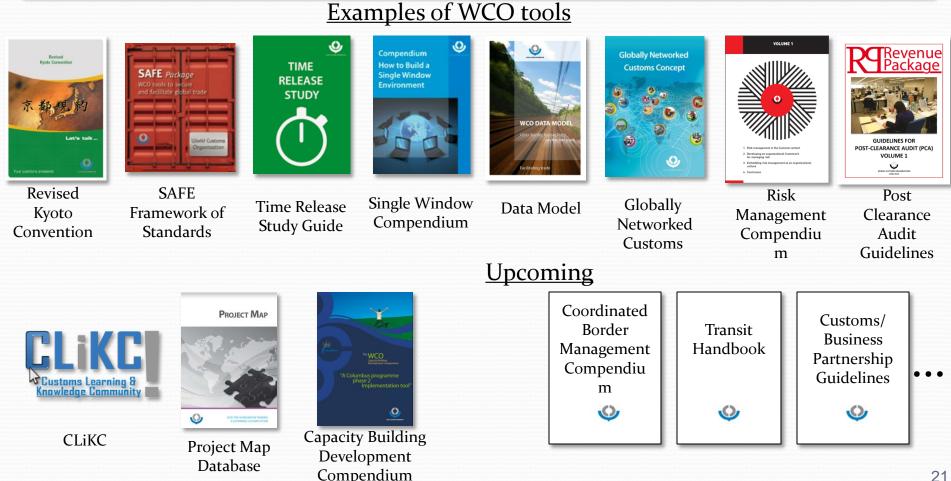
- o Rules about Categories A, B and C
- Assistance for Capacity Building
- Information to be submitted to the TF Committee

o Final provision

Immediately after WTO Bali Ministerial Meeting, the WCO Policy Commission in December 2013 issued the Dublin Resolution which states that the WCO will engage immediately with the WTO in respect of the governance and future implementation of the ATF.



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



#### Example – Risk management



The WTO ATF obliges Members, to the extent possible, to adopt or maintain a risk management system for Customs control.



The RKC sets out principles of Customs risk management and the RKC Guidelines cover technical aspects of risk management and Customs control.



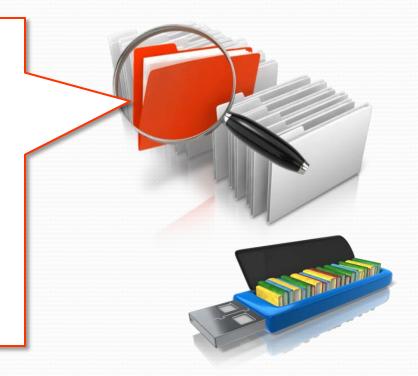
The Risk Management Compendium introduces detailed and technical information on risk management, based on practices and experiences of WCO Members.



#### WCO implementation guidance for the WTO ATF

The WCO will provide implementation guidance for the WTO ATF. The guidance is a web tool or USB which contains valuable information to assist WCO Members to implement each provision of the ATF.

- Overview
- □ ATF provisions
- Standards and Guidelines of RKC
- Other relevant WCO tools
- □ Members' practices
- Performance indicators



#### Web Pages on ATF

# WCO Implementing the WTO ATF (under "TOPICS")

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#### WCO IMPLEMENTING THE WTO ATF

- Message from SG
- Agreement on Trade
   Facilitation
- •WCO and Customs' roles for the ATF
- Implementation Guidance
- Capacity Building
- Working Documents
- Other Relevant
- Documents
- Upcoming Meetings
- News

#### Implementation Guidance (Interactive Web tool)

Browse Articles V

Article 1 - (Publication and availability of information)



#### Overview Publications The WTO AFT ask Members to promptly publish information regarding Customs procedures such as Importation, exportation and transit procedures, applied rates Information Available Through 2. of duties and taxes, and fees and charges in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible Internet manner. **Enquiry Point** Chapter 9 of the General Annex to the Revised Kyoto Convention is the most relevant З. Chapter to transparency and predictability. This Chapter sets forth the provisions in three sub-sections in accordance with the nature of the information, i.e. information of general application, information of a specific nature, and decisions and rulings. Notification 4 The following WCO Tools are also useful to implement the ATF. Recommendation (1999) on the Use of World Wide Web sites by Customs administrations Download an offline copy Recommendation (2001) on the application of HS Committee Decisions Revised Arusha Declaration WTO ATF Revised kyoto convention Other WCO Tools Performance Indicators

#### Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for the WTO ATF

The WCO will provide Members with practical assistance to implement the ATF through the network of Customs experts.



The WCO Database has more than **400 accredited experts** from Members.



The Project Map Database supports donor and project coordination. **WCO Working Group on the WTO ATF (Open to all Member Customs)** The WG will be a focal point for standard setting, capacity building and other issues relating to ATF implementation. The WG will take up the practical aspects inherent in meeting expectations arising out of the WTO ATF.

□ Analyse ATF and prepare relevant actions

Set new standards or modify existing tools

- Discuss technical assistance activities
- Donor information

Report to PTC/CBC/Policy Commission/Council



#### The first WG will be organized on 11-12 March 2014.

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# THANK YOU ! QUESTIONS??