WCO Support for TFA Implementation

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The role of Customs in TFA implementation

Applies to Section I of the TFA

- Customs only 30%
- Customs is the main agency 40%
- Not for Customs 2%
- All border agencies including Customs 28%

WTO TFA
Deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics but foresees cooperation amongst border agencies (CBM).

Section I: 12 Articles regarding Trade Facilitation and Customs cooperation

Section II: Special and differential (S&D) treatment for developing and Least-Developed Countries

Section III: Institutional Arrangements

IMPORTANT:
Customs has a role in implementing 100% of the technical measures (all Section I provisions except Art.1.4 + Art.23.2)
WCO’s Role in Trade Facilitation

- Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs
- Cooperation with other international organizations and other agencies
  - CB/TA delivery – [over 60 years of experience]
  - Network of accredited experts from Customs Administrations
**Mercator Programme**

**Key Objectives**
- Awareness raising and Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building
- Effective coordination among all stakeholders

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**Diagram Description:**
- **Tailor-made track**:
  - Needs assessment: TRS, Various diagnostic reports, Self-Assessment, Annual Survey
  - Funding
  - Experts
  - Awareness-raising:
    - Regional WS with other government agencies
    - National WS with other government agencies
  - Harmonized Implementation
  - Economic Competitiveness Package

- **Overall track**:
  - Strategic planning
  - CB/TA delivery
  - Monitoring

- **Donor Funding/Resource Mobilization**
  - ROCB

- **Showcase success stories**:
  - Customs-business Partnership
  - CBM
  - Regional integration
  - Other areas

- **Coordination with other international organizations**

- **Upgrade of WCO’s tools and best practices**

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WCO Tools & Instrument to support TFA

- WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members’ needs as regards TFA implementation.
- Development, review and update of guidance tools ongoing

Some Examples

**Revised Kyoto Convention**
- blueprint for modern & efficient Customs procedures in the C21st
- adopted in June 1999
- Currently 103 Contracting Parties
- Was the basis for the TFA negotiations

**TFA Implementation Guide**
Launched in May 2014 to support WCO Members in their efforts to implement the TFA

**CBM Guide - Art.8**
An Inclusive approach for connecting stakeholders

**NCTF Guide: Art.23.2**
Endorsed by 4th Session of the TFAWG as a living document to be regularly updated based on best practice and Member experiences with NCTFs

Available in: English, French & Spanish
WCO tools to support TFA

More Examples of WCO tools

- Transit Handbook
- SAFE Framework of Standards
- Time Release Study Guide
- Single Window Compendium
- Data Model
- Globally Networked Customs
- Risk Management Compendium
- Post Clearance Audit Guidelines
- CBM Compendium
- Project Map Database
- Capacity Building Development Compendium

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The WCO has been supporting Members with Capacity building and technical assistance since inception in 1953.

With decades of experience and expertise in supporting implementation of global Customs standards; a network of accredited experts at its disposal; and comprehensive donor engagement mechanisms,

the WCO remains fully equipped to continue to support its 180 Members with global uniform Implementation Of the WTO TFA
Thank you for your attention

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