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1950

Convention establishing the Customs Cooperation Council

1953

First headquarters of the WCO (1953 – 1964)

Avenue Louise, 183
WCO Tools for Mutual Assistance

1953
• Recommendation on Mutual Administrative Assistance

1954
• Recommendation on Pooling of Information Concerning Persons convicted of Customs Offences

1967
• Recommendation on Pooling of Information Concerning Customs Fraud
• Model Bilateral Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters

1975
• Recommendation on Pooling of Information Concerning Customs Fraud (amended)
Each deals with specific category of assistance
Annexes Nairobi Convention

Annex I  Assistance by Customs on its own initiative
Annex II  Assistance on request in the assessment of duties & taxes
Annex III  Assistance on request relating to controls
Annex IV  Assistance on request relating to surveillance
Annex V  Enquiry & notification on request for requesting Customs
Annex VI  Appearance by Customs officials before a court
Annex VII  Presence of Customs officials in the requested CP
Annex VIII  Participation in investigations abroad
Annex IX  Pooling information
Annex X  Assistance in action against smuggling of narcotic drugs
Annex XI  Assistance in action against smuggling of cultural properties

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Launch of the RILO Project (Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices)

RILO NETWORK (11 OFFICES)

The CEN (Customs Enforcement Network) is operational
The GNC approach developed by the Feasibility Study:

- To facilitate electronic information exchange;
- In a systematic & incremental approach;
- On agreed areas;
- Among agreed parties; and
- With “Utility Blocks” supported by WCO standards & tools.
The way ahead

• Feasibility Report & its Annexes-endorsed

• “Proof-of-concept” Phase
  ✓ Pilot projects by willing Members for 2-3 years
  ✓ Two Utility Blocks: AEO & Commercial Fraud
  ✓ Evaluation & feedback
  ✓ More willing Members & Utility Blocks for pilot projects

• Administrative structure:
  ✓ An Informal arrangement similar to the Data Model Project Team
  ✓ Reporting to the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC)
Thank you for your kind attention

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