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- Customs Cooperation -

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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
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
New Committee and WG

1983

First meeting of the
ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
(EC)
(December)

Première réunion du
COMITÉ DE LUTTE CONTRE LA FRAUDE
(CLF)
(Décembre)

2005

First meeting of the
WORKING GROUP ON COMMERCIAL FRAUD
(December)

Première réunion du
GROUP DE TRAVAIL SUR LA FRAUDE COMMERCIALE
(Décembre)
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)
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