Regional Training Workshop on the Implementation of an Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme and the Use of ICT and Non-Intrusive Inspection Methods

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DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 20 September 2012

13.30 - 14.00   **Registration of participants**

14.00 - 14.30   **Welcoming remarks**

- **Ambassador Ivar Vikki**, Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan
- **Ms. Julia Klaus**, Director of the OSCE Border Management Staff College
- **Mr. Ruslan Urazalin**, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization (WCO)

14.30 - 15.00   **Module I – Introduction: the OSCE approach and contributions**

Speakers:
- **Mr. Ruslan Urazalin**, Economic Affairs Officer, OCEEA
- **Mr. Alexander Eliseev**, Chief of Education, OSCE Border Management Staff College

15.00 - 15.30   **Coffee break**

15.30 – 16.00   **Module II – Introduction to the SAFE Framework of Standards and its Current Developments**

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:

- Basics of the SAFE instrument: background, principles and objectives, four core elements, two pillars and standards
- What is an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) and reasons for introducing an AEO programme
- Implementation and WCO technical assistance
- SAFE Working Group and the SAFE review

16.00 – 16.30   Module III – The WCO SAFE Framework of Standards Package

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:

- WCO reference documents intended to provide guidelines to Members for implementing SAFE standards

16.30 – 17.00   Module IV – Up-date of AEO Programmes & Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:
- AEO Compendium giving an overview of the current compliance and AEO programmes around the globe
- Mutual Recognition of AEOs: existing and forthcoming MR Agreements under negotiation
- The EU process on MRA and what has been achieved so far

Friday, 21 September 2012

09.00 – 10.30   Module V – Authorized Economic Operator Programme in the EU and other regions

Trainers:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO
- **Mr. Dmitry Godunov**, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Selected topics:

- The European Union (EU) process to implement an AEO programme

- EU legislation and authorization process on AEOs
- The UNCTAD approaches towards AEO's conception
- Development of selectivity and risk criteria for AEOs

10.30 – 11.00   Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00   Module VI: Authorized Economic Operator Requirements

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:
- Criteria and sub-criteria to be fulfilled in order to get AEO status

12.00 – 13.00   Module VII – Country presentations on the development of AEO programmes

Speakers:
- **Mr. Vladimirs Konderko**, Customs Officer, National Customs Board, State Revenue Service, Republic of Latvia

13.00 – 14.30   Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30   Module VII – Country presentations on the development of AEO programmes

Speaker:
- **Mr. Irakli Lomitashvili,** Senior Officer, Customs Clearance Department, Expertise and Commodity Operation Revenue Service, Georgia
- **Mr. Arkenzhan Mirzabayev,** General Director, Kazakh Association of Customs brokers

15.30 – 16.00   Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00   Module VIII – Phased approach towards introduction of an AEO programme

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:
- AEO Implementation Guidance – the WCO recommended 9-phased approach to implement an AEO programme

Saturday, 22 September 2012

09.00 – 10.30   **Module IX – Benefits of the AEO programme to Customs and the private sector**

Trainer:
- **Mr. Theo Hesselink**, Technical Officer, WCO

Selected topics:
- Benefits for the private sector as suggested by the SAFE Framework of Standards
- Private Sector Consultative Group paper on benefits
- Other benefits

10.30 – 11.00   **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.00   **Break-out Group**

12:00 – 13:30   **Lunch break**

13.30 – 15.30   **Module X – Use of Information and Communication Technology and Non-Intrusive Inspection**

Trainer:

- **Mr. Dmitry Godunov**, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Objectives:

- Discuss and explain the increasing role of ICT and non-intrusive inspection methods in modern border management and examine the international environment in terms of regulations and standards
- Introduce the WCO Data Model, the Single E-Window and other data technologies available today and identify the main elements of a strategy for automating border management
- Design of a Single Window model for issuing electronic certificates/licenses to traders/AEOs, involving Customs and other controlling agencies
- Questions & Answers

15.30 – 16.00   **Coffee Break**

16.00 – 16.30   **Facilitators: OSCE/WCO Representatives**

- Identification of remaining gaps and needs
- Recommendations and ideas for follow-up

16.30 – 17.00   **Delivery of Certificates / Closing Statements**