Trade facilitation, border management and digital transformation

WCO Initiatives on Trade Facilitation

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What is the World Customs Organization?

3 Main Strengths of WCO

- Capability and responsibility for global standard setting for Customs
- Network of accredited experts from Customs Administrations
- Cooperation with other international organizations and other agencies
- Capacity Building / Technical Assistance delivery

Mercator Programme – Key Objectives

- Tailor-made technical assistance and capacity building
- Harmonized implementation based on WCO’s global standards
- Effective coordination among all stakeholders
- Beneficial for developing and least developed countries, all government agencies, donor institutions and private sector
The WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members’ needs as regards Trade Facilitation measures.

Examples of WCO tools

- Revised Kyoto Convention
- SAFE Framework of Standards
- Time Release Study Guide
- Single Window Compendium
- Data Model
- Globally Networked Customs
- Risk Management Compendium
- Post Clearance Audit Guidelines
- Study Report on Customs Brokers
- NCTF Guidance
- Customs-Business Partnership Guidance
- Transit Handbook

Technical Assistance Missions

The WCO has delivered around 180 technical assistance missions to more than 70 countries in the past two years

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E-Commerce and Customs

- E-commerce is witnessing enormous increase in the number of individual transactions and new faceless traders, posing threats to revenue and to the security of the supply chain.

- To address those issues, the WCO established the Working Group on E-commerce. The first meeting will be held on **21-23 September 2016**.

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Thank you for your attention