The WCO SAFE Framework of Standards:
secure and facilitate global supply chain

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World Customs Organization (WCO)

Established in 1952

The WCO represents the interests of 171 Members from across the globe covering all geographical regions.

The World Customs Organization is the only intergovernmental organization with competence in Customs matters.
Witnessing use of global transport system as a terrorist attack delivery system;

Realization of the Consequences of Major Attack on the International Trade Supply Chain;

Security Council Resolution 1373 of September 2001, requiring enhanced border security;
**HISTORY**

- **Focus on trade facilitation**
- **WCO Revised Kyoto Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs procedures:**
  - Done at Kyoto in 1973, amended in 1999
  - 56 WCO Members are signatories
- **After 9/11 – focus to Customs control**
US and other Members seek the assistance of the WCO in securing the global supply chain.


- 2004 – High Level Strategic Group and Private Sector Consultative Group.
SAFE Framework

- Adopted in June 2005
- June 2006, as part of SAFE – AEO Guidance (requirements for businesses, as well as benefits)
- June 2007, SAFE and AEO Guidance renewed and combined in one document
149 out of 171 signed the letter of intent

SAFE – platform that will enhance world trade and ensure better security against terrorist threats

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SAFE Framework

**Pillars**

Build on two Pillars:

- **Customs-to-Customs network arrangements**
- **Customs-to-Business partnerships**
- **Additional – Customs co-operation with other national, regional and international governmental organizations**
The SAFE has four core elements:

- Advanced electronic cargo information
- Consistent risk-management approach
- Use of non-intrusive detection equipment
- Enhanced trade facilitation for legitimate trade
CONCLUSION

- Real co-operation between Customs and private sector
- Co-ordination within and between the governments
- Risk-management regimes
- Effective use of technology
Thank you very much

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