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Round table on using modern technologies to raise efficiency and security of Customs transit procedures

Draft programme of the round table

Note by the secretariat

In accordance with its programme of work for the years 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2011/12, item 1), WP.30 should "review Conventions and Agreements on border crossing facilitation under the auspices of the Working Party in order to ensure their relevance and proper implementation as well as ... *to keep them in line with modern transport and border control requirements*". In line with this goal, delegations are invited to take part in a one-day round table on using modern technologies to raise efficiency and security of Customs transit procedures, for example, electronic seals, GPS tracking, non-intrusive examinations, etc., that would be held in the framework of the present session on 13 June 2013. A draft programme of the round table is reproduced below.

134th session of WP.30
13 June 2013
10.00 – 18.00
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**Round table on using modern technologies to raise
efficiency and security of Customs transit procedures**

Moderator of the round table:

Mr. Oleksandr Fedorov, Chair of WP.30, Customs Service of Ukraine

10.00 – 10.10 Opening and welcome

Mrs. Éva Molnár
Director
UNECE Transport Division

10.10 – 11.30 Session 1 – Policy issues of using modern technologies

EU Customs approach towards the use of modern technologies

Mr. Wil van Heeswijk
European Commission
DG TAXUD
Unit B2 Risk Management and Security

**WCO initiatives to enhance the use of modern technologies by Customs
administrations**

Mr. Theo Hesselink
World Customs Organization (WCO)

The Ukrainian experience using e-seals in Customs transit

Mr. Sergii Somka
Head of Department
State Customs Service of Ukraine

Discussion

- Do we need harmonized legal provisions (e.g. in the TIR Convention) for the use of modern technologies, such as electronic seals?
- Who is going to pay for the more sophisticated technologies and what will be the incentive?
- How do we handle the existing differences in old and new technologies?

11.30 Coffee break

11.50 – 13.00 Session 2 – GPS tracking and e-Seals in Customs transit

**Enhancing Transit Trade and Transportation - Jordan's Electronic Transit
Tracking and Facilitation System**

Dr. Arif Ahmad Alfitiani
Director Telecommunication and Electronic Control Systems,
Jordan Customs Department

A tool for secure transit: Vehicle Tracking System

Ms. Didem Dirlik
Head of Department
Ministry of Customs and Trade
Republic of Turkey

13.00

Break

15.00 – 16.00

Continuation of Session 2 – GPS tracking and e-Seals in Customs transit

The impact of technologies on the facilitation of border crossing

Ms. Vytenis Alisauskas
Deputy Director
Customs Information System Center
Lithuania

Modern technology to improve customs security and control

Mr. Yehuda Efrat
Marketing manager
Starcomsystems

Cross border use of ECTS technology raises efficiency and security of Customs transit procedures internationally

Mr. Petter Siqveland
CEO
Electronic Tracking Systems, ETS AS
Norway

Discussion

- How to make the right use of e-seals and GPS technologies?
- What about the issue of data security?
- Is GPS tracking efficient and what are the cost-benefits?
- What are the legal and technical aspects?
- Commercial seals vs. Customs seals

16.00

Coffee break

16.20 – 17.20

Session 3 – Non-intrusive inspections

Non-intrusive inspections – The Belarusian experience

Mr. Igor Makhovikov
Head of Department
State Customs Committee
Belarus

10 years of container scanning in Finland

Mr. Henrik Lindström
Transit Coordinator
Foreign Trade Department
Finnish National Board of Customs

Current solutions for non-intrusive inspection and CBRNE detection

Mr. Mark R. Miller

CEO of Conceptivity and

Vice Chairman of the European Organisation for Security (EOS)

17.20 – 17.50

Wrap-up – discussion

- Where do we go from here: lessons learned on standardization, harmonization, feasibility and cost-benefit
- What to expect from policy-makers?
- The users perspective
- The way forward – needed steps

17.50 – 18.00

Concluding remarks
