



Economic Competitiveness Package

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WCO Strategic Plan

WCO Vision

Customs in 21st Century

Trade
Facilitation
&
Security

Fair
&
Efficient
Revenue
Collection

Protection
of
Society

Institutional
&
Human
Resource
Development



Revenue
Package

Compliance and
Enforcement
Package

Organizational
Development
Package

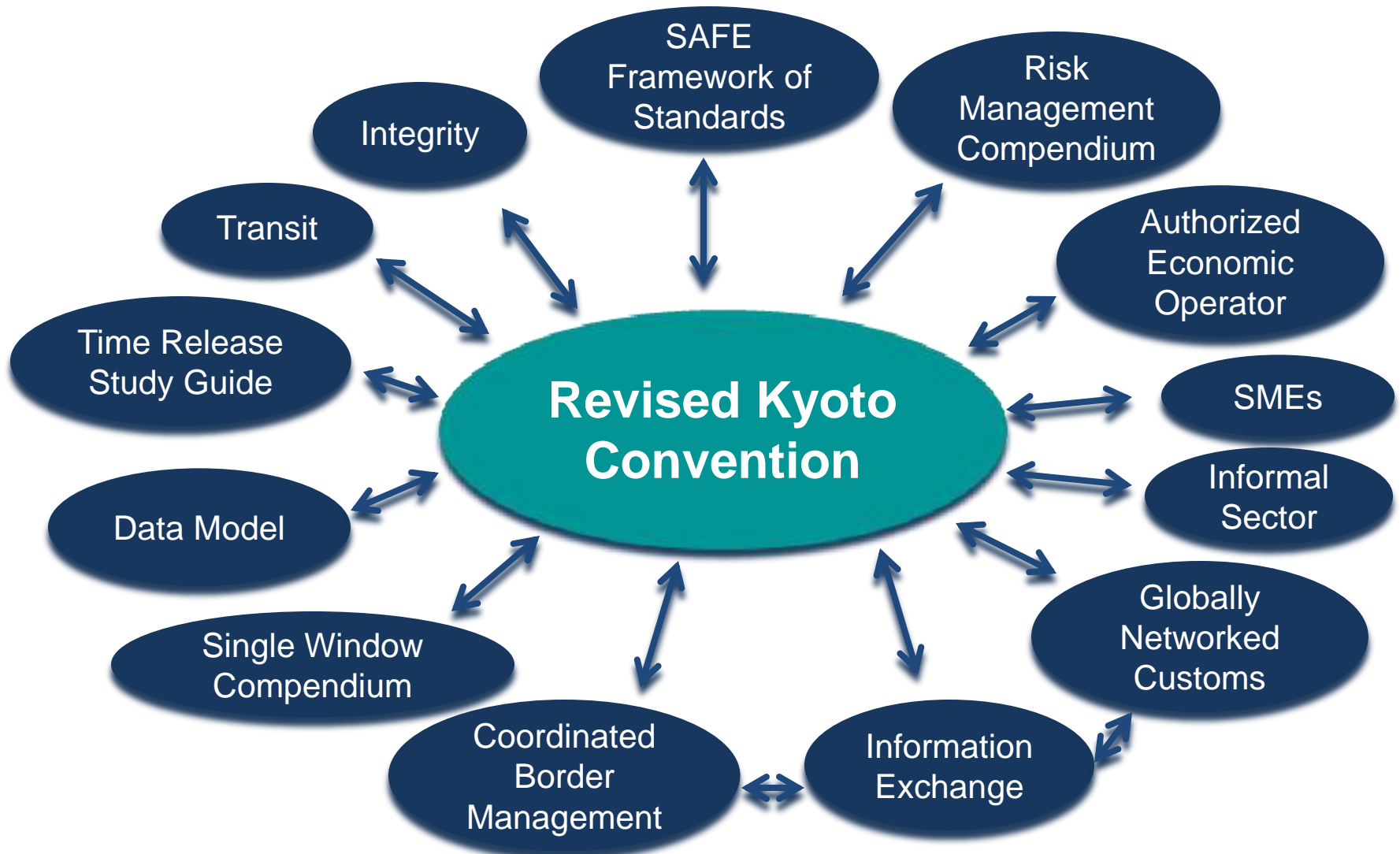
International Cooperation, Sharing Information

Research

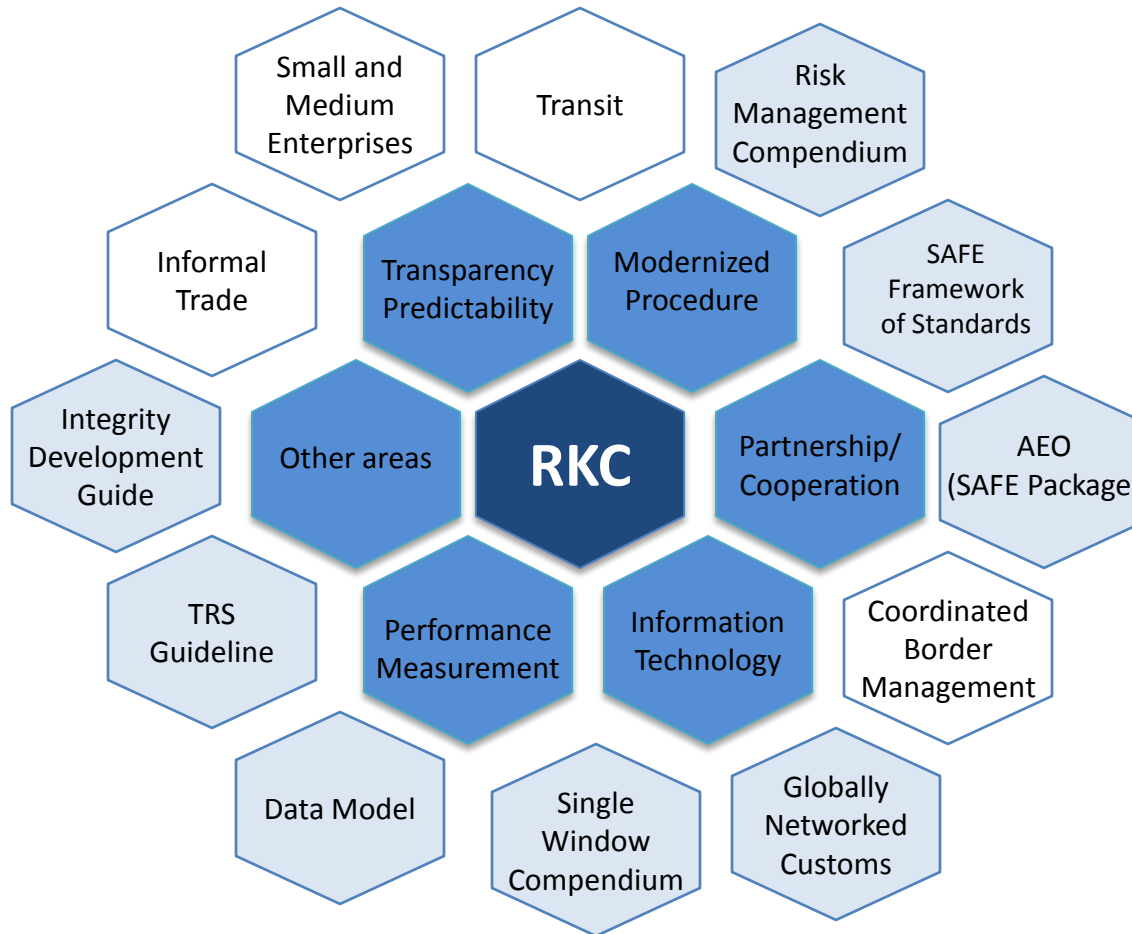
Raising Profile of WCO & Customs, Capacity Building Delivery

WCO Values & WCO Mission

Conceptual chart (presented at the WCO Council in June 2012)

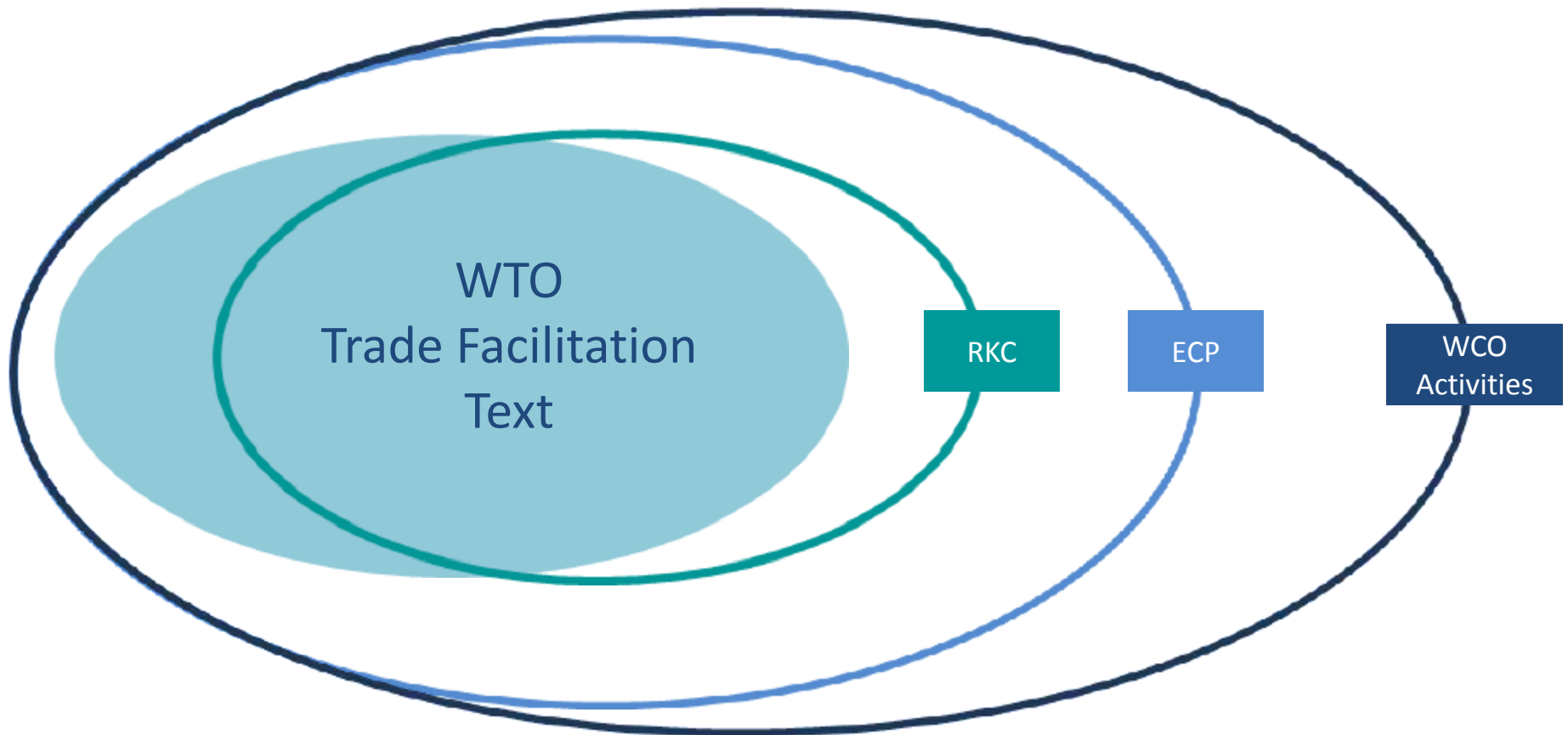


ECP tools and instruments



Support for the WTO Trade Facilitation

The ECP will support the implementation of future WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.



Action Plan

4 Areas and 21 Actions for the enhancement of Economic Competitiveness

Awareness-raising and Member's needs assessment

Regional seminars/workshops, Publication, Needs assessments, etc.

Promotion of existing instruments and Tools

Regional strategic plan, Capacity building, Donor coordination meeting, Accreditation of more experts, E-learning for the RKC, etc.

Collection and dissemination of innovative and best practices

Collection and dissemination of innovative and best practices on existing tools and Informal trade, SMEs, CBM and Transit, etc.

Development and elaboration of the ECP

Development of new tools, Further research on ECP, regular report to the PTC, etc.

Action Plan- Regional Workshops

Considering the fact that WCO Members' needs in respect of the ECP are very different, the adequate assessment of such needs is definitely important for the implementation and the development of the ECP.

In this regard, the WCO will organize regional workshops in all 6 WCO regions.

Current Plan

22 May 2013	East and South African Region (Malawi)
3-5 June 2013	Asia Pacific Region (Hong Kong China)
12-13 June 2013	America and Caribbean Region (Brazil)
September or October 2013	North Africa, Near and Middle East Region (UAE)
September or October 2013	European Region (Belgium)

Action Plan – Innovative practices

The WCO will collect and disseminate innovative practices of Members on the ECP by the end of 2013.

24 Members have provided their innovative and good practices so far. Their practices cover a wide range of matters including Informal Trade, CBM, SMEs, Transit, Single Window and Risk Management.

Members provided practices on the ECP

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany, Hong Kong, China, Hungary, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Serbia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom

Development of new Tools and Instruments

Assessment of
Regional Needs

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Innovative
Practices of
Members

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Why is Transit an issue for Customs?

Regional integration

- Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreement (RTAs)
- Harmonization of border measures



Regional transit systems have increasingly attracted political and public attention

Vulnerability of Transit Systems

- Vulnerable to smuggling, inefficient bureaucratic procedures and inadequate provision of private sector services



Customs Administrations are expected to take a leading role to establish well-functioning regional transit systems

Landlocked countries and Transit

A functional transit systems is essential for trade connectivity in the region, particularly for landlocked countries.

- ❖ Landlocked countries trade less (on average 30 percent less) than coastal countries)
- ❖ Landlocked countries experience weaker growth than maritime countries (being landlocked reduces average growth by about 1.5 percent)

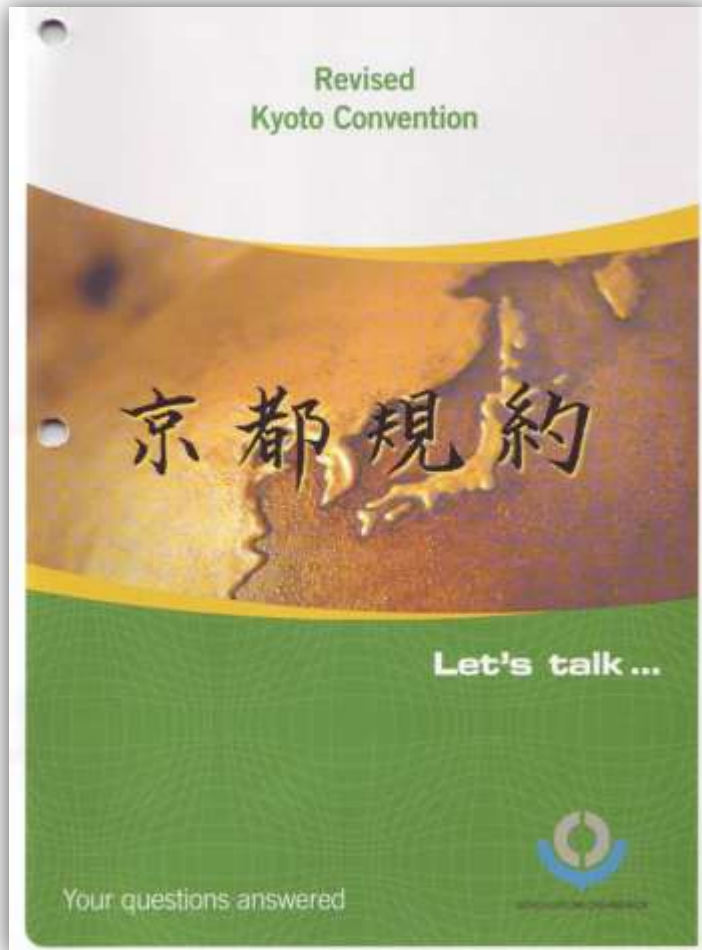
(Source)

The Cost of Being Landlocked: Logistics Costs and Supply Chain Reliability, World Bank 2013



WCO's tool for Transit

Revised Kyoto Convention



Chapters 1 and 2 of Specific Annex E to the Revised Kyoto Convention stipulate principles on Customs transit and transshipment.

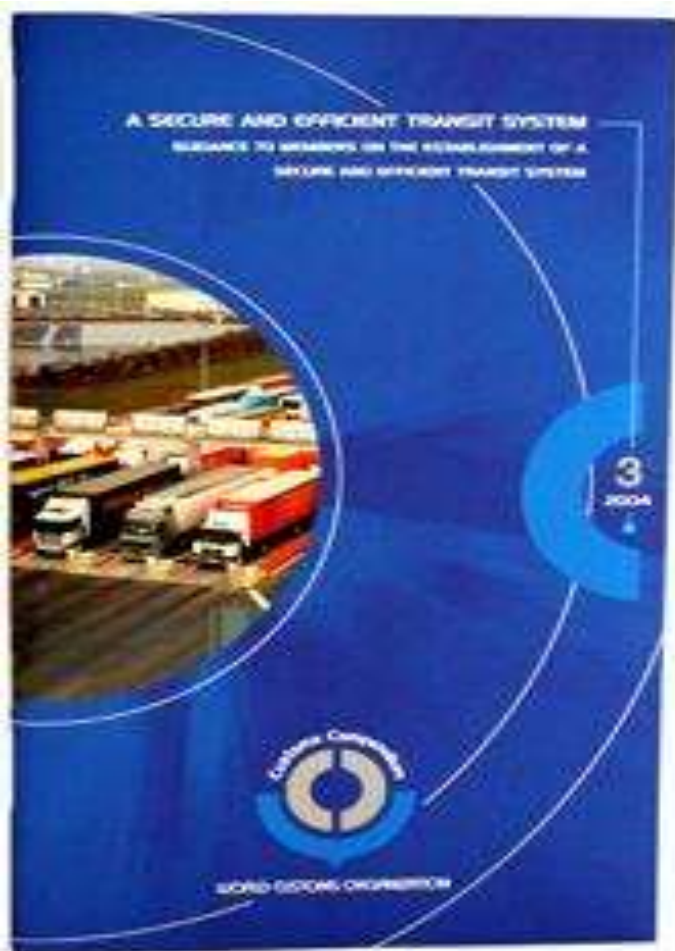
They cover procedures such as formalities at the office of departure, Customs seals, formalities en route and termination of Customs transit.

The Guidelines to both Chapters deal with the details of such procedures.

WCO's tool for Transit

Customs Compendium No.3

A Secure and Efficient Transit System



The Compendium draws Members and private sector's attention to the various aspects to be taken into consideration when discussing the development of a secure and efficient transit system.

***Thank you for your
attention***