WCO’s initiatives on Transit and eATA

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WCO Transit Guidelines

- Launched at the Global Transit Conference, 10-11 July 2017, WCO Headquarters in Brussels
  - Conference attended by over 200 delegates from more than 80 countries
- Supplement the Transit Handbook released by the WCO in 2014
- The Transit Guidelines contain 150 guiding principles
- Organized in 13 sections
WCO Transit Guidelines

Through a number of regional workshops, more than 100 transit experts from Customs administrations and international and regional organisations (WTO, UNECE, IRU, UNCTAD, UN-OHRLLS, WB, JICA, ADB, AfDB) contributed to the development of the Guidelines.

27 June to 1 July 2016, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

31 October to 4 November 2016, Lusaka, Zambia

23 to 27 January 2017, La Paz, Bolivia

24 to 27 April 2017, Tbilisi, Georgia
Structure of the Transit Guidelines

I. Introduction - including definitions

II. Transit Guidelines - in 13 sections

III. The List of Guidelines

IV. International Legal Framework - GATT
   Article V, TFA, RKC (Chapter 5 of the GA and SA E1),
   TIR Convention (Body), Harmonisation Convention
   (Body), Container Convention (Body), Vienna
   Programme of Action for LLDCs
Scope of the Transit Guidelines

- Effective information sharing
- Guarantee system
- Simplification of formalities
- Risk Management
- Legal Framework
- Performance Measurement
- Customs seals and other security measures
- Coordinated Border Management
- Transparency and anti-corruption
- AEO
- Fees and Charges
- Partnership with Business
- Infrastructure
- AEO
Exchange of information

Guideline 7

- should consider provisions for effective information exchange,
- provide for harmonization of information requirements in line with international standards (i.e. WCO Data Model).

Guideline 9

- an explicit request from the Customs office to obtain the information should not be required.
Exchange of information

- Trader at Departure CO
- Departure CO
- Transit CO
- Destination CO

- Transit Declaration
- Rejection of Transit Declaration
- Approval of Transit Declaration

- Anticipated Transit Notification
- Anticipated Arrival Notification
The WCO Data model is a compilation of clearly structured, harmonized, standardized and reusable sets of data definitions and electronic messages to meet operational and legal requirements of cross-border regulatory agencies, including Customs, which are responsible for border management.
WCO Data Model Information Package

- Contains Information Package for Transit
  - Transit Declaration (B2G)
  - Response (G2B)
  - Intergovernmental exchange of information (G2G)
Recent project implementing the WCO Transit DM

Transit interconnectivity in West and Central Africa

- Develop common dataset for transit processes
- Exchange of information using XML message
- Based on the WCO Data Model
- Involved Togo, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cote D’Ivoire, Mali, and Senegal
- Suitable for different technological platforms:
  - Some of the countries use ASYCUDA, others have developed their own Customs system
- Ready for re-use for transit interconnectivity in other regions / sub-regions
Capacity Building portfolio

- Transit Handbook and Transit Guidelines
- Pool of accredited experts from Member Customs administrations – Technical and Operational Advisors on Transit
- E-learning courses
WCO future plans

- Regional workshops to promote the implementation of the Transit Guidelines
- Publication of best practices
- Second Global Conference on Transit in 2020
eATA Carnet Project

- National Issuing association
- Customs office
- Border
- eATA
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- ✔ Development of business cases – (GNC UB)
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Thank you for your kind attention!

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