# Introduction to TRS

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## **Topics**

WCO and A/P Region in Brief

Trade Facilitation in WCO

• WCO TRS in Brief

# WCO and A/P Region in Brief



#### WCO IN BRIEF

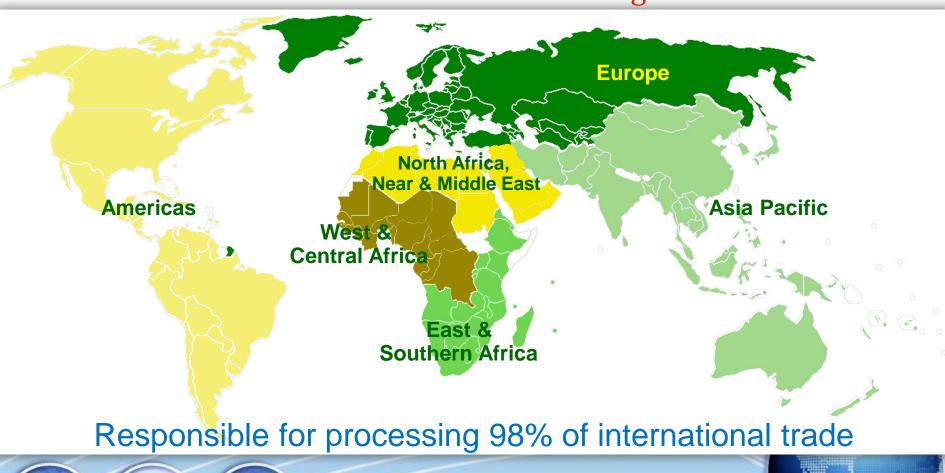
- Intergovernmental Organization Specialized in Customs Matters
- Established in 1952 as Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)
- Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- 179 members (as of Mar. 2014)





### The WCO an Organization with global reach

179 Members divided into 6 regions







### WCO A/P Region (33 Members) as of Mar 2014



## ROCB A/P

- Established in Sep. 2004 (10 years!)
- Better planning and delivery of CB in A/P region
- Operated by members' voluntary contribution
- 8 full-time staff members (from 5 countries) (as of Mar. 2014)
- Work with WCO, Development Partners, regional members and RTCs





# Trade Facilitation in WCO



## **Customs Operational Environment**

- Increasing trade volume
- Widened customs responsibility
- Contribution to social and economic prosperity This Can Only Be Tackled By
- e.g.
  Use of risk management,
  - ■Use of ICT,
  - ■International Co-operation,
  - Partnership with Business

#### with

Trained, Skilled, Motivated and Better Managed staff





## WCO's Strategic Plan

WCO Vision

New Vision Adopted in June 2013!

Customs in 21st Century

Trade
Facilitation
&
Security

Economic Competitiveness Package

Fair & Efficient Revenue Collection

Revenue Package

Protection of Society

Compliance and Enforcement Package

Institutional

&
Human
Resource
Development

Organizational Development Package

International Cooperation, Sharing Information

Research

Raising Profile of WCO & Customs, Capacity Building Delivery

**WCO Values & WCO Mission** 

### WHAT IS THE ATF?

The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF) contains 13 Articles regarding Trade Facilitation in Section I and S&D treatment for developing countries and Least-Developed Countries in Section II. The ATF deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics.

#### Section I

Art.1 Publication and availability of information

**Art.2 Consultation** 

Art.3 Advance ruling

Art.4 Appeal/Review procedures

Art.5 Other measures for transparency etc.

Art.6 Fee and Charges

Art.7 Release and Clearance of goods

**Art.8 Border Agency Cooperation** 

Art.9 Movement of goods intended for import

Art.10 Formalities

Art.11 Transit

Art.12 Customs cooperation

Art.13 Institutional Arrangement (TF Committee)

#### Section II

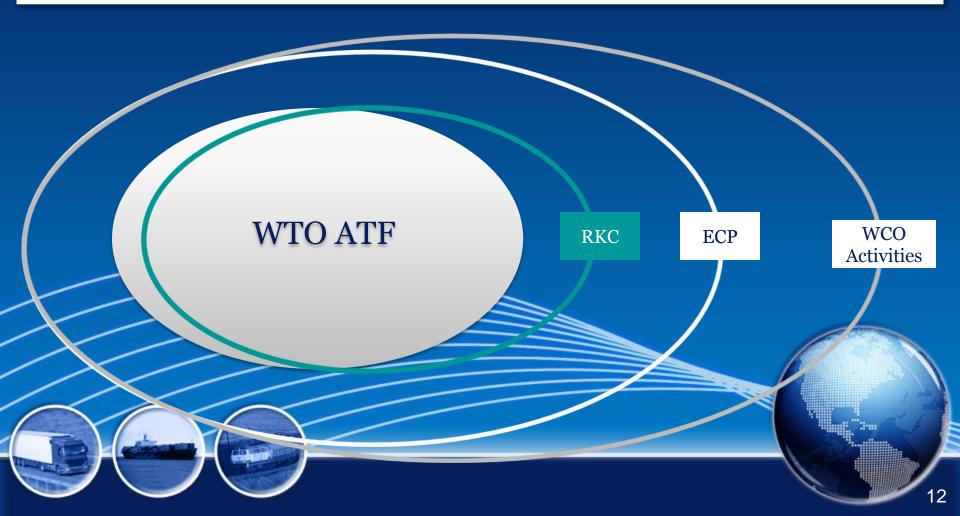
Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

- Rules about Categories A, B and C
- Assistance for Capacity Building
- Information to be submitted to the TF
   Committee
- Final provision



## WTO ATF & WCO Activities

WCO activities cover a wide range of Customs matters including economic competitiveness, compliance and enforcement, revenue collection and organizational development.



## WCO tools to support ATF

The WCO has developed a number of instruments and tools, which respond to Members' needs as regards WTO ATF implementation. The WCO is continuing to develop and fine-tune an inter-active guidance tool designed to helps Customs implement the WTO ATF.

#### **Examples of WCO tools**



Revised Kyoto Convention



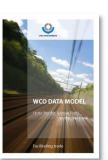
SAFE Framework of Standards



Time Release Study Guide



Single Window Compendium



Data Model



Globally Networked Customs



Risk Management Compendium



Post Clearance Audit Guidelines

#### <u>Upcoming</u>





Building Development Coordinated Border Management Compendium



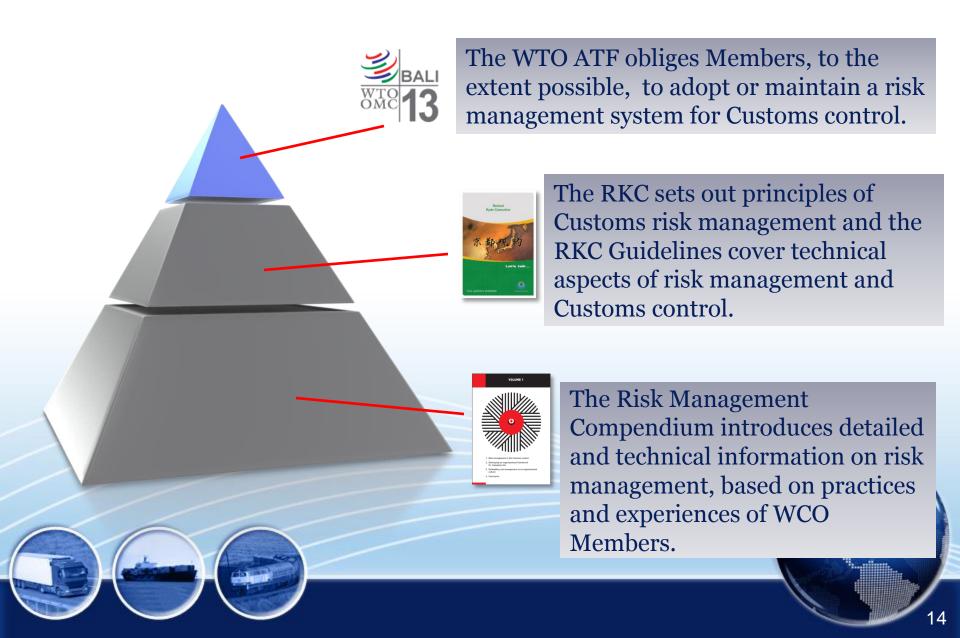
Transit Handbook



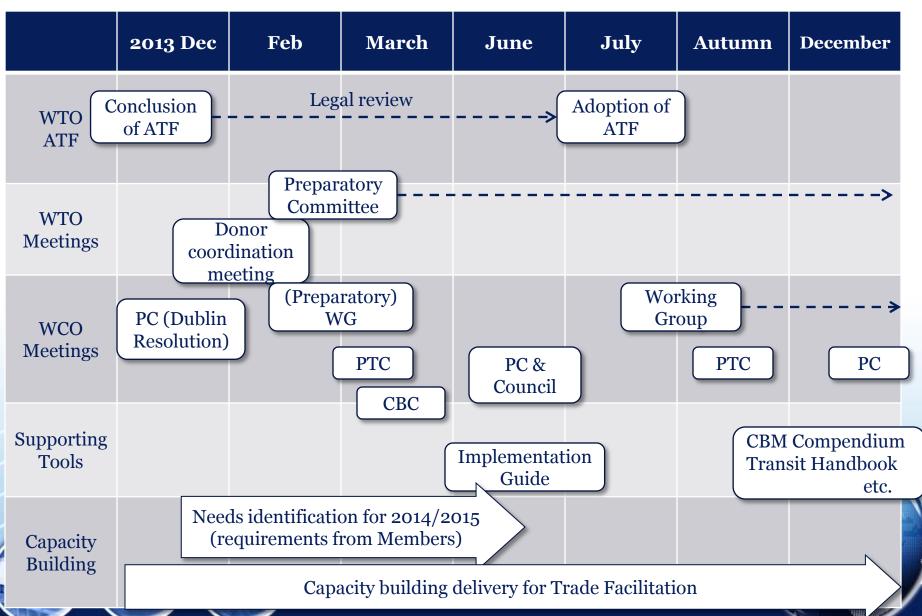
Customs/
Business
Partnership
Guidelines



## Example – Risk Management



#### **ROADMAP - 2014**



## WCO TRS in Brief



## WCO TRS IN BRIEF

### • Purpose

- Identify bottleneck processes affecting customs release
- -Establishing baseline TF performance measurement
- -Identify opportunities for TF improvement, etc.
- Scope
  - -From arrival to release of cargo



#### Sample Form (Sea Cargoes (In-land Customs Office))

| Section A  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Customs Office  | Customs Office A Customs Office B Customs Office C   |
| 2. ID number of Goods Declaration                            |  |
| 3. ID number or Name of Declarant                            |  |
| 4. ID number or Name of Third Party<br>(Broker)              |  |
| 5. Pre-Arrival Information                                   | Yes No   |
| 6. Examination of goods                                      | Yes No   |
| 7. Checking the Goods Declaration                            | Yes No   |
| 8. Intervention by other agencies                            | Quarantine Food & Drug Agency Standard Board  Min. Agriculture Min. Trade Min. Industry No |
| 9. Pre-arrival lodgement of Goods<br>Declaration             | Yes No   |
| 10. Pre-Arrival Lodgement of Electronic<br>Goods declaration | Yes No   |
| 11. Any Simplified Procedure                                 | Yes No   |
| 12. AEO goods  | Yes No   |
| Section B  |  |
| 13. Arrival of goods   | day mth - hr min   |
| 14. Start of unloading                                       | day mth - hr min   |
| 15. Start of placing goods in temporary storage              | day mth - hr min   |
| 16. Registration of Goods Declaration                        | day mth - hr min   |
| 17. Release of goods   |  |

## WCO TRS IN BRIEF

- Possible use of Study Results
  - Procedures, Process, & Legislation
    - Diagnose the efficiency of specific customs procedures, etc.
  - Organization
    - Reallocate staff and resources for optimal utilization, etc.
  - Performance Measurement & PR
    - Benchmark trade facilitation performance levels, etc.

# Thank you for your attention

To be detailed in following sessions!

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