

Customs Partnership

- ❖ Customs – the agency which mandatorily interacts with trade, other government agencies and with other Customs administrations
- ❖ Effective partnership with all these parties essential for reducing cost of transaction, ensuring maximum compliance and extending effective and timely facilitation

Customs Business Partnership

- ❖ Customs are an important element in international trade procedures
- ❖ Rapid growth in the volume of international trade
- ❖ Increasing need for active co-operation and regular communication between Customs and the trade
- ❖ Essential to complement each other's objectives and responsibilities.
- ❖ Cooperation between Customs administrations and trade necessary to facilitate trade to the maximum extent possible.

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Revised Kyoto Convention

Standard 1.3. General Annex

- The Customs shall institute and maintain formal consultative relationships with the trade to increase co-operation and facilitate participation in establishing the most effective methods of working commensurate with national provisions and international agreements.
- ▶ **Customs/Trade Co-operation**
(Standards 6.8, 7.3, 8.5 and Chapter 9)

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- ❖ Speed an essential component of trade competitiveness and for retaining increasing percentage of international trade
- ❖ Customs and trade consultative relationship indispensable
- ❖ Use of modern information technology essential for the efficient and fast exchange of information.
- ❖ E.g.- When Customs implement changes or introduce new procedures or automated systems, Customs consultations with representatives of the trade ensures that both can gear their activities in consideration of each other's needs.
- ❖ To develop instruments for co-operation and consultation, Customs has to establish formal consultative relationships with the different national trade associations.
- ❖ Cooperation between Customs and the trade can result in formal Memoranda of Understanding which serve to benefit the accomplishment of both parties' objectives and responsibilities.

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- ❖ Information on such Memoranda of Understanding can be found in the Guidelines to Chapter 6 of the General Annex on Customs Control of the Revised Kyoto Convention
- ❖ Customs-Business partnership arrangements – outlined in the SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade
- ❖ MoU between Customs Administration for Immediate Release of Goods – Outline in the Guidelines – facilitates compliance and cooperation with Customs

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Customs partnership with Government Agencies

- ❖ Trade related information as well as facilitation rests with other government agencies
- ❖ MoU between OGAs and Customs facilitates formal exchange of information and also coordination for implementing facilitation measures

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Customs to Customs Partnerships

- ❖ Customs to Customs MAAs – Mutual Administrative Agreements – WCO Model Agreement June 2004
- ❖ Facilitates exchange of information on trade transactions and offences
- ❖ Can extend to other areas of interest to the two Customs administrations
- ❖ Regional agreements can also be concluded on mutual administrative assistance in Customs matters

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