

WCO support for the WTO TFA implementation - Mercator Program -

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Mercator Programme

A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

◆ Launched at the WCO Council in June 2014

◆ **2-track approach:**

- ✓ **“Overall track”** – addresses global requirements (instruments and tools, awareness raising, expanding the pool of experts, etc)
- ✓ **“Tailor-made track”** – addresses individual/regional needs of Members (TA/CB)

Mercator Program – “overall track”

✓ Implementation Partnership

✓ Awareness raising

- Regional awareness raising workshops
- Continuous engagement with the WTO and other standard setting organizations
- Continuous awareness raising at both high and technical level

✓ Harmonized implementation

- Implementation Guidance for the TFA
- TFA E-learning course

✓ Experts

- Pooling of Mercator Program Advisors (MPAs)

TFA Working Group

A platform for Members to share experiences regarding the implementation of the TFA, coordinate with the donor community, engage with other international organizations and bodies, as well as with the private sector.

❑ October 2017 – Joint Session with the PTC

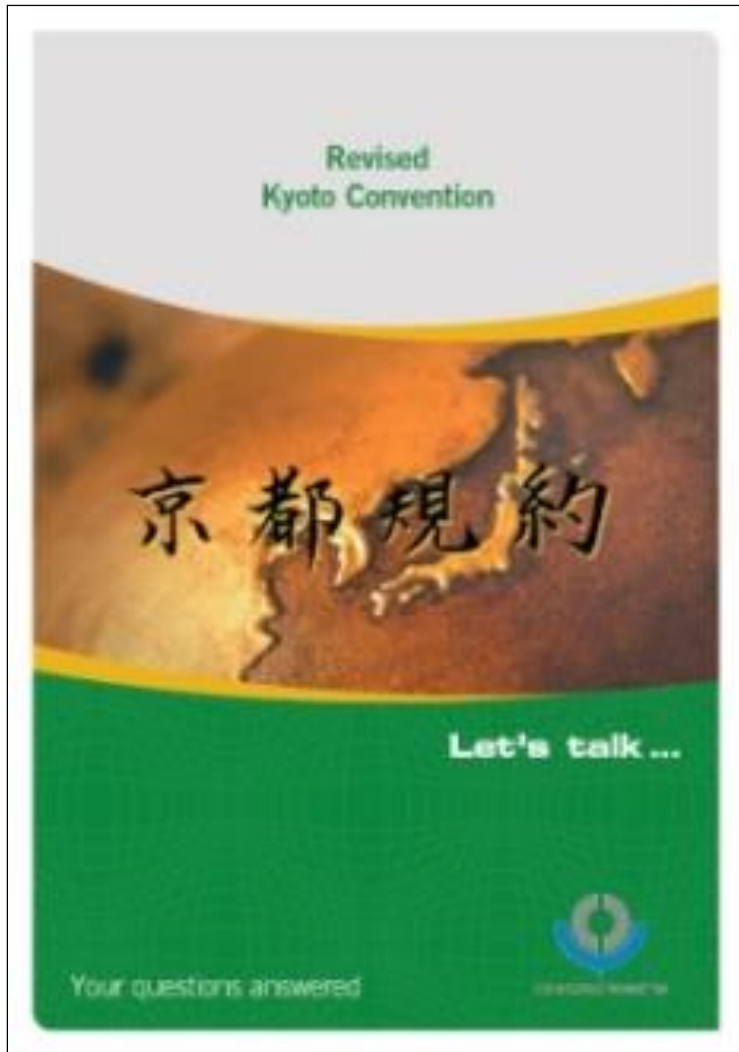
❑ Agenda:

- WTO TF Committee Chair's keynote
- TFAWG Work Programme and Annual Work Plan
- Survey form for Implementation guidelines
- New TRS Guidelines, etc.



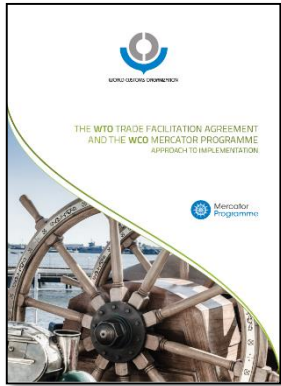
WCO Main Instrument to support TFA

Revised Kyoto Convention



- Presented the basis for the TFA negotiations
- Considered as the key instrument supporting implementation of the TFA
- 112 Contracting Parties, including China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Azerbaijan
- **Accession is open to all WCO Members**

WCO tools to support TFA



Implementa-
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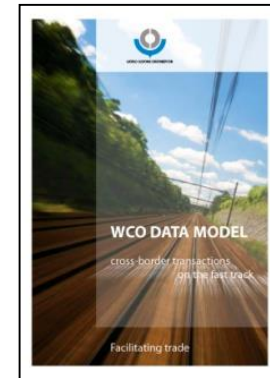
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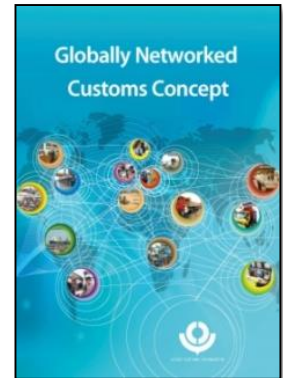
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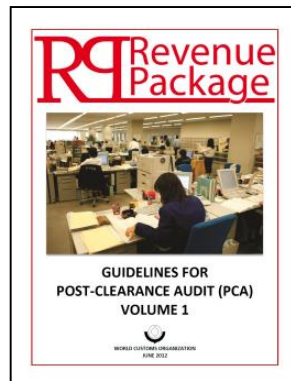
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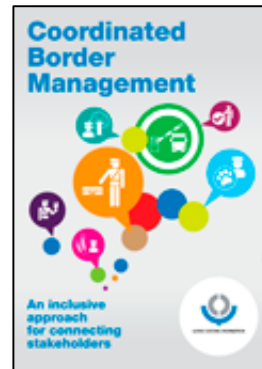
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PCA
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Transit
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Online Implementation Guidance

www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/wco-implementing-the-wto-atf/atf.aspx

- ❑ Some 50 WCO instruments and tools
- ❑ Members' practices
- ❑ Available in *English, French and Spanish*

Implementation Guidance for Section I

To support the harmonized implementation of the TFA by using core WCO instruments and tools, the WCO released an Implementation Guidance for Section I. For each TFA Article, it contains the following categories of information: Overview; Text of the TFA Article; relevant RKC Standards and RKC Guidelines; other relevant WCO tools; Member practices; and performance indicators. Select an article below to view more information

Search articles:



Article 1

Publication and availability of information



Article 2

Opportunity to comment, information before entry into force and consultations

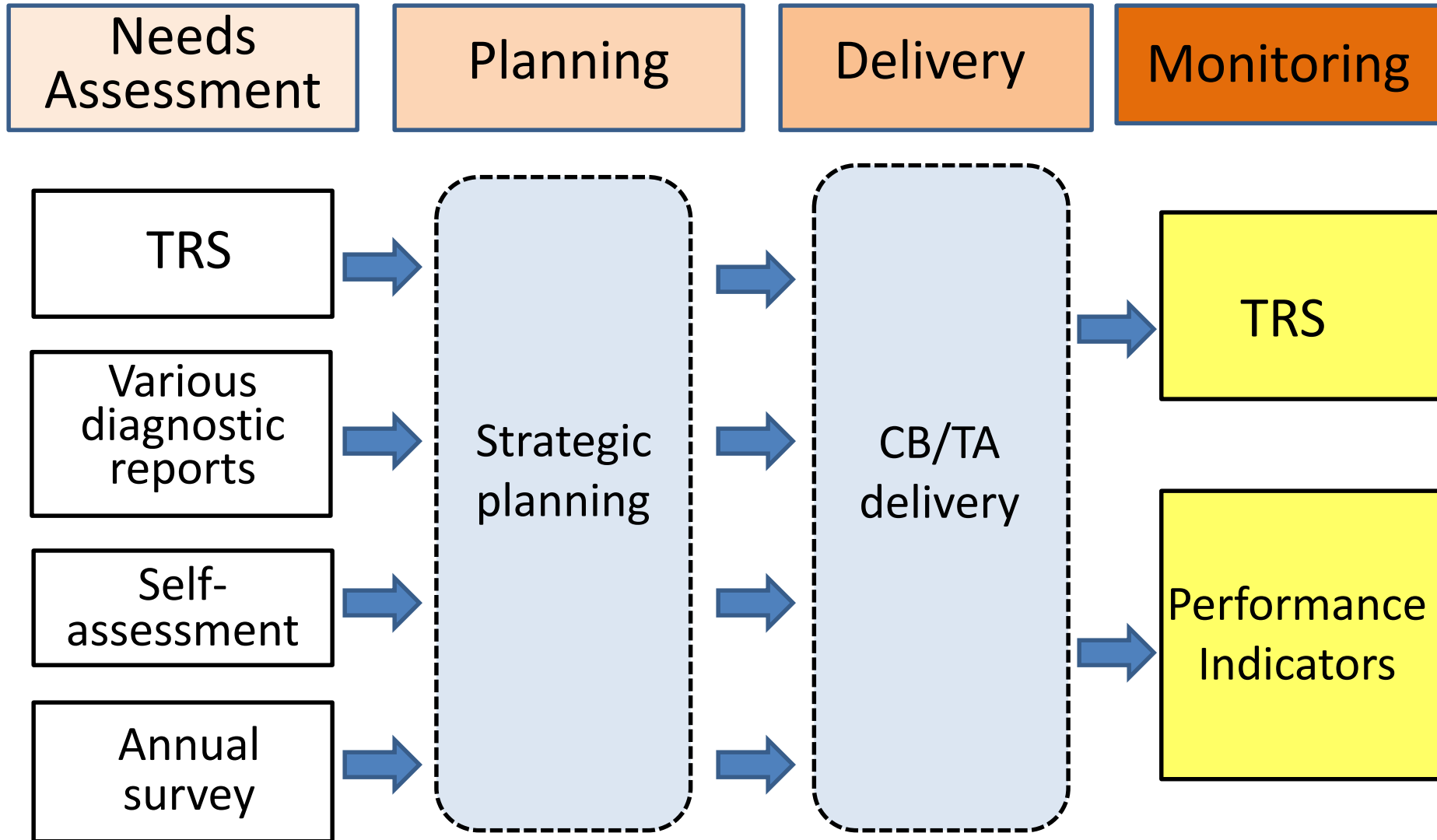


Article 3

Advance rulings



Mercator Program “Tailor-made track”



WCO's CB/TA delivery for CAREC Members on trade facilitation measures

After the entry into force of TFA (22 Feb. 2017)

- ✓ RKC for Turkmenistan (Mar. 2017)
- ✓ Customs Lab. for Uzbekistan (Apr. 2017)
- ✓ Strategic Planning for Afghanistan (May 2017)
- ✓ Data model for Pakistan (Jun. 2017)
- ✓ Customs Lab. for Mongolia (Jul. 2017)
- ✓ PCA for Pakistan (Aug. 2017)
- ✓ Single Window for Kyrgyzstan (Nov. 2017)

“Overall track” approach in the A/P Region

- ◆ Regional WS on TFA
 - ✓ Mar. 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia (Joint with ADB)
 - ✓ Jun. 2016 in Kashiwa, Japan
 - ✓ Nov. 2017 in Kashiwa, Japan
- ◆ Regional WS on AEO
- ◆ Regional WS Risk Management
- ◆ Regional WS on Revenue Package and Advance Ruling
- ◆ Regional WS on PCA
- ◆ Regional WS on Customs Lab., etc.

Summary and lessons learned from the Regional WS on TFA (Nov. 2017)

WS Program

- ❑ Update of the WCO Tools and guidelines
- ❑ Summary of the pre-WS on key implementation challenges
- ❑ Timeline for TFA implementation
- ❑ Sharing Members' experiences
 - Stakeholders' engagement
 - Advance ruling
 - TRS
 - Transit
 - SW and Coordinated border management
 - Risk management and PCA, etc.



Summary and lessons learned from the Regional WS on TFA (Nov. 2017)

Shared Good practices

◆ Stakeholders' engagement by China

- ✓ Strong political support for NCTF establishment
- ✓ Enlargement of AEO benefits
- ✓ Assessment of effectiveness of implementation, etc.

◆ PCA by Mongolia

- ✓ Domestic peer training activities (WCO Nat'l WS)
- ✓ Clearer legal provisions with stronger power of auditors
- ✓ Comprehensive provisions of the rights of traders, etc.

Summary and lessons learned from the Regional WS on TFA (Nov. 2017)

Shared Good practices (cont'd)

◆ Advance Ruling by Pakistan

- ✓ Study WCO's technical guidelines
- ✓ Know the “gaps” and make relevant proposals to fill the existing gaps, etc.

◆ Transit by Mongolia

- ✓ Launching of the “Transit National” program
- ✓ Legal framework update
- ✓ System upgrade (with vehicle registration system)
- ✓ Establishment of Transport Facilitation Committee, etc.



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Thank you for your attention!

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