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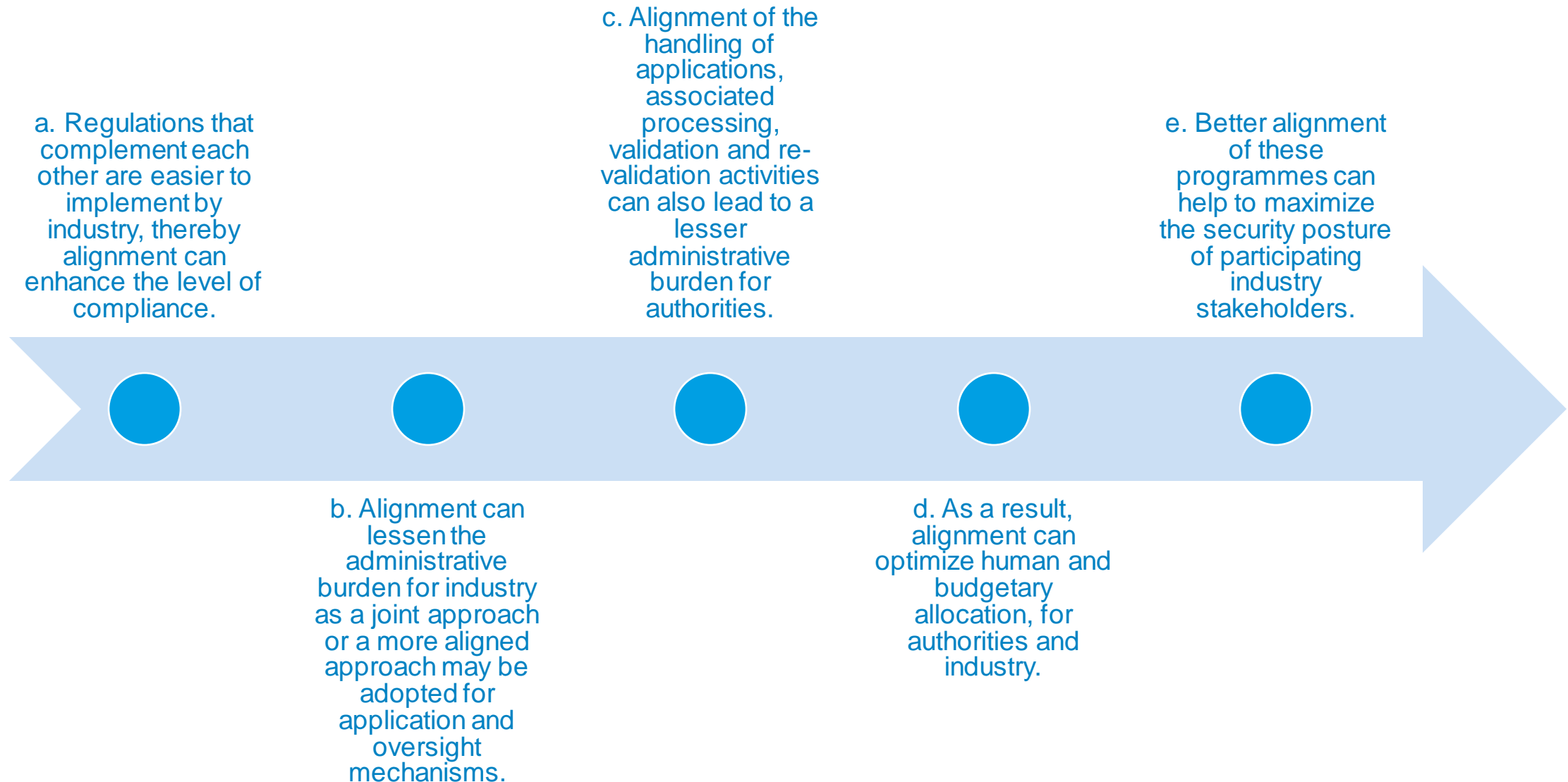
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In the ICAO context, an air cargo secure supply chain is a set of interconnected security procedures that are applied to a cargo consignment to maintain the integrity of such a consignment from the moment where screening or other security controls are applied until it arrives at its last airport of arrival, including through transit and/or transfer points. As specified in ICAO Annex 17, screening and other security controls are to be applied by entities that are approved by the appropriate authority, defined as regulated agents (RA) and known consignors (KC). A secure supply chain leads to a more efficient flow of cargo and provides a solution for those consignments that are difficult to screen with traditional equipment.

The WCO's SAFE Framework of Standards (SAFE FoS) defines an Authorized Supply Chain as a concept under which all participants in an international trade transaction are approved by Customs as observing specified standards in the secure handling of goods and relevant information. Those participants are called Authorized Economic Operators (AEO). AEO has become a flagship programme for WCO Members as it offers an opportunity for Customs to share its security responsibilities with stakeholders, while at the same time rewarding them with a number of additional facilitation benefits. Partnership programmes with trade allow Customs to achieve more with existing resources and aim at ensuring sustainable and long-term compliance through several additional incentives.

Potential opportunities and benefits of aligning secure supply chain programmes

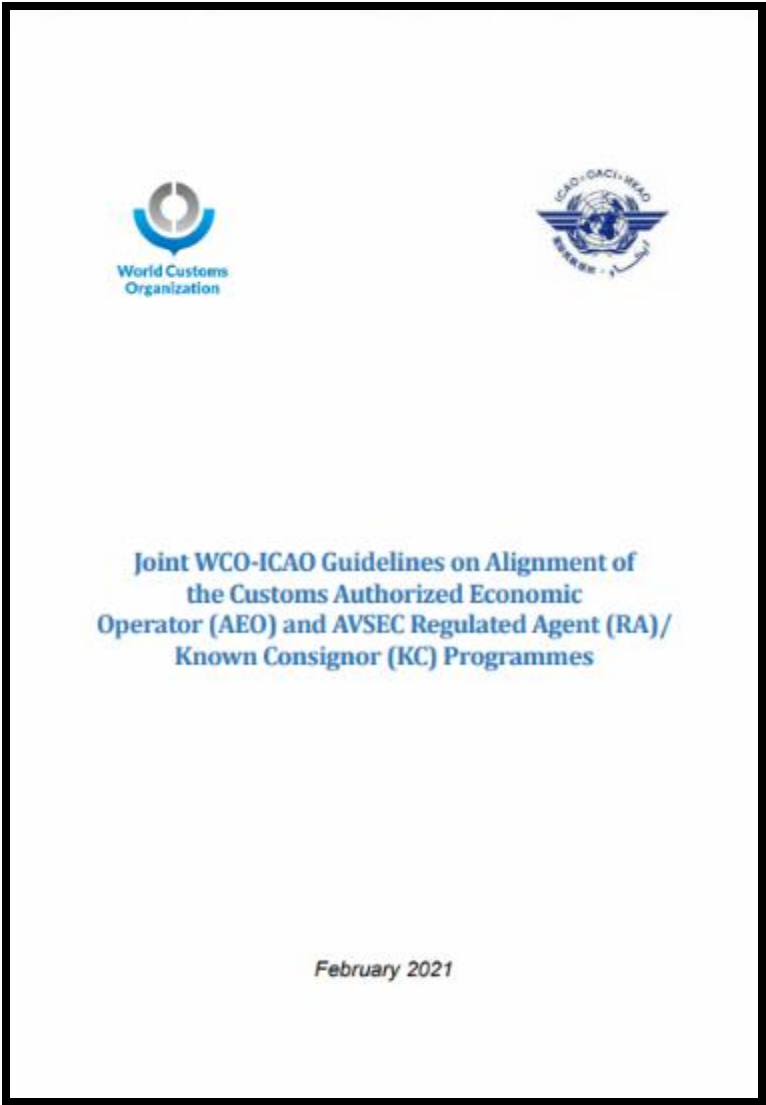


Process to align supply chain security programmes



- Step 1: Ensure there is political will and executive commitment for the alignment
- Step 2: Ensure compliance with ICAO Annex 17 and the WCO SAFE FoS
- Step 3: Establish a project team, define a reasonable and workable timeline and agree on deliverables
- Step 4: Exchange legislation and gain understanding of each other's processes
- Step 5: Conduct a paper comparison of the legislation
- Step 6: Assess the compatibility of both programmes
- Step 7: Confirm the assessment by conducting a practical comparison
- Step 8: Establish conclusions on possible ways of alignment and seek political support
- Step 9: Change legislation, regulations and/or programmes
- Step 10: Inform industry about the legal changes

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