

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING CUSTOMS FORMALITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TEMPORARY
ADMISSION OF CONTAINER SECURITY DEVICES (CSDs)**

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL*,

DESIRING to facilitate and enhance the security of international carriage by container,

RECOGNIZING that Container Security Devices (CSDs) are increasingly being utilized in the global supply chain and it is appropriate to provide facilitation in connection with the temporary admission of such devices,

CONSIDERING that the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, the Convention on Temporary Admission done at Istanbul in 1990 and the Convention on the A.T.A. Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods provide for and encourage the granting of temporary admission to accessories and equipment of and for temporarily admitted or not temporarily admitted containers, which are either imported with a container to be re-exported separately or with another container, or imported separately to be re-exported with a container,

HAVING REGARD to recommended practices 7 and 8 of Chapter 3 of Specific Annex J of the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Revised Kyoto Convention),

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions should comply with the following definition of CSDs and their Customs formalities:

1. For the purposes of this Recommendation, Container Security Device (CSD) means an accessory or a piece of equipment that can be affixed to, on, inside or form part of a container or a load compartment and which is intended to detect tampering or intrusion into the container or load compartment either through either door or through any other side. CSDs include mechanical and electronic seals. The device may or may not be reusable and may or may not have additional functionalities such as monitoring the status of the goods and container tracking,

2. CSDs are not subject to any individual Customs formalities in connection with the temporary admission of a container if they are accessories or equipment of that container,

3. CSDs, which are imported separately from a container and are intended to be re-exported being affixed to a temporarily admitted or not temporarily admitted container, should be granted temporary admission provided that the person (or their representative) causing the temporary importation:

- upon presentation of the devices to Customs, declares in the required manner that the devices are intended for the use of containers in international traffic, and*
- if required, keeps a record of the usage of the temporarily imported devices that Customs may, upon request, inspect or access electronically*

The person (or their representative) may be required to furnish a form of security.

4. Reusable CSDs that are not re-exported should be made subject to appropriate Customs measures.

REQUESTS Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of the Council of the date from which they will apply the Recommendation and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members of the Council. He will also transmit it to the Customs administrations of the members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies and to Customs or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.

* The Customs Co-operation Council is the official name of the World Customs Organization.