RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE USE OF THE WCO DATA MAPPING GUIDE
FOR CUSTOMS UN/EDIFACT MESSAGES
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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

DESIRING to facilitate the international exchange of data between
Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and trade users,

CONSIDERING that UN/EDIFACT messages can be used independently
of the application area and that their widespread use in international trade will greatly
facilitate movement of cargo,

FURTHER CONSIDERING that it is desirable that an internationally
agreed and universally applicable set of rules for the usage of Customs UN/EDIFACT
messages be applied in Electronic Data Interchange,

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Customs Co-operation Council and
all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and
Customs or Economic Unions should adopt the WCO Data Mapping Guide for
UN/EDIFACT messages as the standard reference document for the development of all
Implementation Guides for UN/EDIFACT messages utilized by Customs in exchanging
data electronically between Customs administrations and between Customs
administrations and trade users,

REQUESTS Members of the Customs Co-operation 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 Customs Co-operation 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 Customs
Co-operation 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.

* Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) is the official name of the World Customs Organization (WCO)