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9/11 and a request from the G7 to the WCO to create an international supply chain security Framework that took due account of the need to facilitate legitimate trade.

Creation of the WCO SAFE Framework 2002-2005

ACI is one of the four key elements of SAFE 2015

Part of pillar 1 – Customs to Customs arrangements

Widely in place globally. Out of the 170 countries that have signed SAFE, approximately 80 countries have implemented with many more introducing the concept.
Purpose

Why do we need ACI guidelines?

1. Cross border security is a recent task for many Customs administrations.
2. Many WCO Members do not have experience setting up security programs.
3. Many trade partners have limited knowledge of ACI.
4. Harmonized approach is in everyone’s interest as it facilitates C2C exchange of information & provides predictability for traders.
Scope

- It will cover all modes of transport
- It will set down clear implementation steps for setting up an ACI program
- It will provide recommendations in respect to pre-departure ACI and pre-arrival ACI
- It will support the ACI standards set down in the SAFE Framework
The ACI guidelines are aimed at the following stakeholders:

- Responsible Governmental Agencies
- Customs Administrations
- Other appropriate Border Agencies
- Carriers
- Freight forwarders
- Exporters/Importers
- Customs Brokers
- Any other entity foreseen to have ACI responsibilities
Work to date

Small editorial group convened to develop first draft

Framework draft now in place

Face-to-face meeting of WCO, Customs administrations and Trade to evaluate and provide feedback on draft

Work underway to add more detail in 2016
Content for ACI Guidelines

- Explanation of ACI
- Its purpose
- Benefits to a successful program
- Enablers for the successful introduction
- The process for implementation
- The success criteria for such a program
- Annex’s covering examples of successful ACI roadmaps, mode specific ACI diagrams, best practice examples
Workshop/Brainstorm

- Is there anything missing from the framework?
- Do we need more detail?
- Should the guidelines remain high level?
- Should the guidelines cover mutual recognition of ACI results?
- Should we cover off special provisions for AEO’s (e.g. reduced data sets, lower risk scorings, priority inspections)?
- Should the guidelines promote single window/portals?
- What about the provision of e-supporting documents if a positive hit takes place - should this be addressed in the guidelines?
Thank you