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<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Document</u>
DAY I (Follow-up actions)	I	Opening and adoption of the Agenda <i>(For guidance and decision)</i> a) Opening speech by Ms. Ana B. HINOJOSA, Director, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO b) Adoption of the Draft Agenda and the Summary Document	PC0495E1d PC0496E1a
	II	Update and reports <i>(For information and decision)</i> a) Inter-sessional developments b) Report from the 2 nd Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce c) Report from the 8 th Meeting of the WCO Working Group on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (16-17 October 2017) d) Report from the 73 rd Meeting of the Information Management Sub-Committee (30-31 October 2017) e) Report from the 18 th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group (25-27 October 2017)	PC0497E1a EM0020E1a EM0020E1 PC_8_TFA_Executive_Summary_E PM0440E1a LF0168E1a

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DAY I (Follow-up actions)		f) Report from the 17 th Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (13-14 November 2017)	PO0103E1
		g) Report from the 14 th Meeting of the Counterfeiting and Piracy Group (15-17 November 2017)	TR0052E1a
		h) Report from the 37 th WCO/UPU Contact Committee Meeting (16-17 November 2017)	PU0180E1a
		i) -Report from the 11 th Meeting of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API/PNR Contact Committee (27-29 November 2017)	PS0075E1a
		-Airports passenger controls in the 21 st Century - Outcomes and recommendation from the 37 th Session of the Enforcement Committee	PC0516E1a
		j) Report from the 78 th Meeting of the Policy Commission (4-6 December 2017)	SP0630E1a
		k) Report from the 9 th Meeting of the WCO Working Group on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (15-16 February 2018)	PC_9_TFA_Executive_Summary_E
		l) Report from the 19 th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group (21-23 February 2018)	LF0179E1a
		m) Report from the 9 th Meeting of the Capacity Building Committee (26-28 February 2018)	Oral report
		n) Report from the 17 th Meeting of the Integrity Subcommittee (1-2 March 2018)	Oral report
	o) Highlights from the 37 th Session of the Enforcement Committee (19-23 March 2018)	Oral report	
	p) Return-refill containers – an update	PC0498E1a	
	<i>Update and reports is a standing PTC agenda item which groups all “A”-items, namely reports from different WCO working bodies or from the Secretariat. Most of them are for note taking or approval and don't require much discussion. However, delegates may raise any issue or launch a relevant discussion, if required.</i>		
	III	Customs-Railways Cooperation (To take note, for discussion and guidance)	
		a) Exchange of information between Railways and Customs	PC0499E1a
		b) Presentation by Members	
		c) Railway-postal cargo pilot project	
	<i>At its October 2017 sessions, the PTC examined, for the first time in recent years, the topic of Customs-Railways Cooperation and noted the associated issues, such as lack of</i>		

		<p><i>an internationally agreed set of data for Customs purposes and lack of automation.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will now continue exploring the topic of information exchange between Railways and Customs and will be invited to provide guidance on the way forward.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the PTC will be informed about the progress on the railway-postal cargo pilot project led by the UPU and be asked to provide guidance and the way forward.</i></p>	
DAY I (Follow-up actions)	IV	<p>Transit (To take note, for discussion and guidance)</p> <p>a) Update on recent activities in the area of transit</p> <p>b) The use of Transit Office Master Data</p> <p><i>The PTC will be informed of the ongoing process of delivery of regional workshops aimed at promoting the implementation of the WCO Transit Guidelines that were launched in July 2017.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be informed on the work of the Data Model Projects Team (DMPT) on the mechanism to exchange Master Data. The Master Data includes inter alia information on Transit Office. This information enables Customs administrations to be informed on all Customs offices that are involved in / supervising a Transit Corridor. The PTC will be invited to provide guidance on the need to harmonize the Coding system for Transit offices.</i></p>	<p>PC0500E1a</p> <p>PC0501E1a</p>
	V	<p>Non-intrusive inspection (NII) (To take note)</p> <p>o Update from the 3rd Meeting of the Technical Experts Group on Non-intrusive Inspection (12-13 March 2018)</p> <p>o Unified X-ray File Format (UFF)</p> <p><i>Following the 2nd Meeting of the Technical Experts Group on Non-intrusive Inspection (TEG-NII), the vendors set out to finalise V2.0 technical format document of the Unified X-ray File Format (UFF), which will be use as the basis of testing the interoperability of the different NII equipment and the possibility of sharing images. The 3rd Meeting of the TEG-NII (Kampala, 12/13 March 2018) discussed the finalization of the UFF. The results of these discussions will be presented to the PTC for information and note taking.</i></p>	PC0511E1a
DAY II (Follow-up actions)	VI	<p>Integrated Supply Chain Management (ISCM) (For discussion and decision)</p> <p>o Draft updated ISCM Guidelines</p> <p><i>At its October 2017 sessions, the PTC agreed with the two-phased approach for the quick update of the ISCM Guidelines</i></p>	PC0504E1a

	<p>during this review cycle and their final integration into the SAFE Framework of Standards during the next review cycle.</p> <p>Accordingly, the draft updated ISCM Guidelines have been developed through the SAFE Sub-Group and the SAFE Working Group.</p> <p>The PTC will now be provided with the Draft updated ISCM Guidelines for discussion and approval.</p>	
VII	<p>SAFE Authorized Economic Operators and TFA Article 7.7 (For discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linkages between the SAFE Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme and Article 7.7 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) <p>Following the SAFE Working Group's decision, a document in the form of "Frequently Asked Questions" concerning linkages (similarities and differences) between the SAFE AEO Programme and Article 7.7 of the WTO TFA was drafted by the Secretariat with the support of the EU. This draft document was discussed and further refined at the SAFE Sub-Group meeting (18-20 December 2017) and at the SAFE Working Group meeting (21-23 February 2018).</p> <p>The SAFE Working Group recommended the submission of this document to the PTC for consideration and adoption, if appropriate.</p>	PC0505E1a
VIII	<p>Time Release Study (TRS) (For discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Updated TRS Guidance b) Presentation by India <p>An updated version of the TRS Guide was presented at the Joint PTC/TFAWG Meeting held in October last year. On that occasion, note was taken of the recommendations to improve the new draft TRS Guidance and Members were invited to submit their concrete proposals to the WCO Secretariat.</p> <p>During the intersession, the Guidance was further updated.</p> <p>The PTC will now be invited to approve the finalized document.</p> <p>In addition, the PTC will be informed about the Indian experience in implementing the TRS.</p>	<p>PC0506E1b PC0506E1_ TRS_Guide_ Version-III_B</p> <p>PC0506E1_T RS_Guide_Ve rsion-III_B</p>
IX	<p>Customs revenue benchmarking database (For discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Switzerland <p>At the 4th Meeting of the WCO Working Group on Revenue Compliance and Fraud, held in November last year, Switzerland delivered a presentation on the proposal for a Customs Revenue Benchmarking Database and the final outcomes of the study and exploratory meetings conducted so</p>	

		<p>far.</p> <p><i>The Working Group recommended that a discussion be held during the next Session of the Permanent Technical Committee in 2018 for further guidance and consideration.</i></p> <p><i>Consequently, the PTC will now be invited to hear more about this initiative, discuss and provide guidance.</i></p>	
DAY II (Follow-up actions)	X	<p>World Bank's "Doing Business" (For discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on the engagement with the World Bank on "Doing Business" <p><i>Concerns surrounding the World Bank's "Doing Business" report have been raised and discussed at recent sessions of the Policy Commission. The WCO has accordingly engaged with the World Bank with a view to enhancing the methodology used for the "Doing Business" survey, particularly the "Trading Across Borders" section, and to facilitate input from Customs to improve the quality of the survey. The PTC will be updated on the latest developments and will have the opportunity to discuss this topic.</i></p>	Oral report
	XI	<p>Glossary of International Customs Terms (For discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New proposed terms for inclusion in the Glossary <p><i>The October 2017 PTC approved the seven terms with a view to incorporating them in the Glossary and approved the proposed revised definition of the 'SAFE Framework of Standards'. It also decided that the next update of the Glossary was to be prepared by the Secretariat with the support of volunteers from Member Customs administrations and would be placed on the Agenda for the April 2018 sessions of the PTC.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will now be invited to examine the proposed terms and approve them, with a view to incorporating them in the Glossary.</i></p>	PC0507E1a
DAY II (Follow-up actions)	XII	<p>Special Customs Zones / Free Zones (For discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress report Special Customs zones / Free Zones <p><i>The WCO is currently developing a detailed project plan which includes organizing field studies and regional workshops to learn about experiences of Members. The aim is to develop a research paper which will contribute to the possible revision of an existing or the development of a new WCO tool on Special Customs Zones / Free Zones.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be updated on the progress to date and be invited to provide any further guidance in that respect.</i></p>	PC0508E1a

	XIII	<p>Coordinated Border Management (CBM) (For decision)</p> <p>a) Update of the CBM Compendium</p> <p>b) Update on the Customs-Police Handbook</p> <p><i>The CBM Compendium is being updated to include more national practices in the area of coordinated border management. The PTC will be invited to discuss the updated tool and decide whether it can be submitted to the Council approval.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the PTC will be updated on the Customs-Police Handbook which is intended to be added to the CBM Compendium as well.</i></p>	PC0509E1a Presentation
DAY III (Disruptive Technologies)	DAY ON DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES		
	<p><i>After extensive discussions and inputs put forward at its last sessions in October 2017, the PTC decided to have a whole day devoted to disruptive technologies</i></p>		
	XIV	<p>a) Study Report on Disruptive Technologies (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p><i>As agreed by the last Meeting of the PTC, during the intersession, the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs would work on including all the work on disruptive technologies already carried out in a Study Report for submission to the PTC in April 2018. The Study Report will now be submitted to the PTC for discussion and guidance.</i></p>	PC0510E1a PC_510_Annex_E
		<p>b) Workshops on disruptive technologies (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p><i>The PTC delegates will be able to attend a number of workshops that will focus on different disruptive technologies such as Blockchain, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Biometrics, cryptocurrencies, drones, 3D printing etc that will expose practical application in Customs, the global supply chain and beyond.</i></p>	
DAY III (Disruptive Technologies)		<p>c) Plenary discussion – to conclude on the Study Report on Disruptive Technologies (For decision)</p> <p><i>The workshops on disruptive technologies will allow to come up with a number of new ideas and draw some new conclusions that could be included in the Study Report. The plenary session will provide an opportunity to suggest new additions to this tool that is expected to be adopted by the PTC, subject to any proposed amendments.</i></p>	

DAY IV (Digital Customs)	XV	<p>E-Commerce (For discussion, guidance and decision)</p> <p>a) Feedback from the First Global Cross-Border E-Commerce Conference (Beijing, 9-10 February 2018)</p> <p>b) Report from the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce (9-12 April 2018)</p> <p>c) Draft Cross-Border E-Commerce Framework of Standards</p> <p>d) Update of the Immediate Release Guidelines</p> <p><i>The December 2017 Policy Commission meeting recommended that the envisaged WCO tool on cross-border E-Commerce be developed as a "framework of standards" and as a "living and viable" tool that should also include an implementation strategy and plan through a robust capacity building mechanism to support a harmonized approach to cross-border E-Commerce, irrespective of the value of the shipments involved. In line with this recommendation, a draft Framework of Standards will be submitted to the PTC for its approval and further guidance. In addition, the PTC will be asked to approve the updated Immediate Release Guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>The Meeting will also be updated on the outcomes from the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce and from the First Global Cross-Border E-Commerce Conference held in Beijing in February 2018.</i></p>	<p>Oral report</p> <p>PC0502E1a PC_502_AnnexI a_E</p> <p>PC0502E1b PC0502E1a PC_502_AnnexI b_E</p> <p>PC_502_AnnexI Ib_E</p> <p>PC0503E1a PC_503_Ann ex_E</p> <p>PC0511E1a</p>
	XVI	<p>Trader Identification Number (TIN) (For discussion and decision)</p> <p>a) Draft Council Recommendation on TIN</p> <p>b) Draft Guidelines on TIN</p> <p><i>Recognizing the need for a globally unique Trader Identification Number (TIN) for an efficient implementation of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) – Mutual Recognition Arrangements/Agreements (MRAs), the SAFE Working Group (SWG) and the Data Model Projects Team (DMPT) have collaboratively developed a globally unique TIN format and associated processes. Based on this, a draft Council Recommendation and draft Guidelines on TIN have been finalised.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will consider and approve the the draft Council Recommendation and the draft Guidelines and on TIN.</i></p>	PC0512E1a

DAY IV (Digital Customs)	XVII	<p>Data Analysis (For discussion, guidance and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Guidance on Data Analytics <p><i>Based on the discussions held at the previous PTC and SWG sessions, a draft Guidance on Data Analytics has been developed.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will discuss, provide guidance from a wider perspective, and potentially approve it.</i></p>	PC0513E1a
	XVIII	<p>IT Guide for Executives (For discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated IT Guide for Executives <p><i>At its 72nd Meeting, the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) discussed the WCO Guide for Executives and the need of updating it.</i></p> <p><i>In the intersession, the Secretariat produced an updated version of the Guide which will now be submitted to the PTC for adoption.</i></p>	PC0514E1a PC_514_Annex_E
DAY V (PTC Management)	XIX	<p>PTC Work Programme (For discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update of the PTC Work Programme 2016-2019 <p><i>The PTC works in line with a long-term Work Programme that is directly linked to the WCO Strategic Plan. It is intended to be updated in accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee and the governing bodies of the WCO, namely the Policy Commission and the Council.</i></p> <p><i>The WP 2016-2019 has been updated, with progress included, to reflect inter-sessional developments. The PTC will be invited to approve the updated version of the WP, subject to suggestions for further improvements.</i></p>	PC0515E1a
	XX	<p>Elections (For decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elections of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the PTC <p><i>The PTC elects a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson each year. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected for a period of one year and are eligible for re-election.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be invited to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson amongst its delegates, for the 2018/2019 financial year.</i></p>	

DAY V (PTC Management)	XXI	<p>Any other business <i>(To take note)</i></p> <p>a) Proposals for agenda items for the next PTC meeting</p> <p>b) Upcoming events</p> <p><i>As is the current practice in every meeting, the PTC will be provided with an opportunity to suggest agenda items for the next PTC meeting. Ideally, the delegates will put forward non paper(s) to support their proposal(s).</i></p> <p><i>Under the same item, the Secretariat will provide an update on the WCO events and meetings. Delegates are encouraged to share any information on upcoming workshops, seminars, conferences or other relevant meetings of interest to PTC delegates.</i></p>	
	XXII	Closing	