



**DRAFT AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE  
PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

(From Monday 5 November at 10.00 a.m. to Thursday 8 November 2018 at 1 p.m.)

<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Document</u>
DAY I	I.	<b>Opening and adoption of the Agenda</b> <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	PC0518E1c PC0519E1a
	II.	<b>Elections</b> <i>(For decision)</i>  o Elections of the Vice-Chairperson of the PTC  <i>At its last meeting, the PTC unanimously elected Mr. Ian Saunders (US), as the Chairperson of the PTC, and Ms. Maka Khvedelidze (Georgia) as the Vice-Chairperson of the PTC.</i>  <i>However, due to her taking a new role outside the Georgia Revenue Service, the elected Vice-Chairperson will not be in a position to carry out this role.</i>  <i>The PTC will be invited to elect a new Vice-Chairperson amongst its delegates, for the 2018/2019 financial year.</i>	
	III.	<b>1. Update and reports</b> <i>(For decision)</i>  a) Inter-sessional developments	PC0520E1a

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		b) Report from the 74 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Information management Sub-Committee (17-18 May 2018)	PM0455E1a
DAY I		<p><b>2. Update and reports</b> <i>(For information)</i></p> <p>a) Report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce (9-12 April 2018)</p> <p>b) Report from the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (3-4 May 2018)</p> <p>c) Report from the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Policy Commission (25-27 June 2018)</p> <p>d) Report from the 132<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council (28-30 June 2018)</p> <p>e) Report from the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation Working Group (22-23 October 2018)</p> <p><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. Some of them require approval (sub-items under 1.), while the majority are for notetaking and don't require much discussion (sub-items under 2.). However, delegates may raise any issue or launch a relevant discussion, if required.</i></p>	<p>EM0026E1</p> <p>PO0109E1a</p> <p>SP0650E1b</p> <p>SC0179E1a SC0179E1A E1a</p> <p>Oral report</p>
	IV.	<p><b>Customs-Railways Cooperation</b> <i>(To take note, for discussion and guidance)</i></p> <p>a) Update from the Virtual Working Group on Customs-Railways Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National experience, presentation by Azerbaijan</li> </ul> <p>b) Data requirements for movement of goods in transit – Panel discussion</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kuzmenko Aleksandr, Head of Legal Department, OTIF</i></p> <p><i>Mr Wessel Sijl, Chairman of the CER Customs Group</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Pascan Veaceslav, Expert of commission OSJD on Infrastructure and Rolling Stocks</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Irina Sigua, Advisor, International Relations Department, Revenue Service of Georgia</i></p>	PC0521E1a

		<p><i>A Virtual Working Group was established at the April 2018 PTC meeting to discuss, in the intersession, Customs-Railways cooperation at more technical level. PTC delegates will learn about a national experience and the progress achieved to date, while a panel will focus its discussions on data requirements for movement of goods in transit.</i></p>	
	<p><b>V.</b></p> <p><b>E-Commerce</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p>a) Report from the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce (8-12 October 2018)</p> <p>b) The Framework of Standards for Cross-Border E-Commerce : Progress on further work and implementation</p> <p><i>The June 2018 Policy Commission and Council adopted the Framework of Standards on Cross-Border E-Commerce and agreed to extend the term of the Working Group on E-Commerce to June 2019 to enable it to finalize outstanding work as per the associated Work Plan.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will review the progress made on various items of work (e.g., Technical Specifications, Definition, Data Elements) and provide inputs and guidance on the way forward. It will be updated on the outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on E-Commerce. It will further discuss the relevance of the Framework in the context of trade facilitation and its relationship with the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA), as well as suggest measures for effective and harmonized implementation of the Framework of Standards including associated capacity building mechanisms.</i></p>	<p>Oral report</p> <p>PC0522E1a PC0522E1b PC_522_Anne x_Ib_E PC_522_Anne x_IIb_E PC_522_Anne x_IIIb_E PC_522_Anne x_IVb_E</p>	
<p><b>DAY I</b></p>	<p><b>VI.</b></p> <p><b>Postal traffic</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p>o Joint WCO-UPU Guidelines for the exchange of electronic advance data between Post and Customs</p> <p><i>The exchange of electronic advance data between Post and Customs is one of the key identified priorities with respect to postal traffic. In order to assist Customs administrations and designated postal operators to move forward, draft Joint WCO-UPU Guidelines have been developed.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be invited to examine the draft Guidelines and provide feedback and guidance on their further development, as well as suggest measures for an expeditious implementation of such exchange of data at the national level.</i></p>	<p>PC0523E1a PC_523_Anne x_E</p>	

	<b>VII.</b>	<p><b>Customs-Tax Cooperation</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p>a) Draft Guidance on Customs' role in the collection of indirect taxes</p> <p>b) Presentation by Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by India</li> <li>• Presentation by Korea</li> </ul> <p><i>The PTC, at its October 2017 sessions, had discussed and approved the structure and potential content of the Draft Guidance on Customs' role in the collection of indirect taxes and established a group to further develop the Guidance, by leveraging existing resource materials and good practice in this domain.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will examine the draft Guidance, hear related Members' experiences and provide suggestions for the further development of the draft Guidance.</i></p>	<p>PC0524E1a PC_524_Anne x_I_E</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY II</b></p>	<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>Small island economies</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p>o Peculiarities and challenges of Customs administrations - Panel discussion</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Vivekanand Ramburun, Director of Customs, Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Albert Sandy, Permanent Secretary, Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Roy Lagolago, Head of Secretariat, Oceania Customs Organization (OCO)</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Christiane Leong Ho Yng, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Group</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Pranab Kumar Das, Special Secretary and Member (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, India</i></p> <p><i>Small island economies, most of which are developing states, face specific social, economic, trade and environmental vulnerabilities and disadvantages associated with small size, remoteness and proneness to natural disasters. This agenda item aims at discussing the specific peculiarities and challenges that Customs administrations are facing in those economies and identifying means of supporting their particular goals and requirements, including the integration with global value chains through the accession to, and implementation of, key WCO instruments and tools.</i></p>	<p>PC0525E1b PC_525_Anne x_E</p>

	<p><b>IX. Container security/tracking devices</b> (To take note, for discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Use of advanced technologies in containerized trade and challenges associated to the Customs treatment of the innovative solutions, presentation by BIC</li> <li>b) Potential opportunities for the use of E-Seals</li> </ul> <p><i>To address the concerns expressed by the container transport industry, in April 2018 the PTC agreed to have the scope of work of the Virtual Group established under the Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, expanded to encompass other issues of importance such as the Customs treatment of container tracking devices.</i></p> <p><i>Following the discussions in April, the PTC is invited to discuss a paper submitted by BIC and outlining the challenges the industry is facing when it comes to the Customs treatment of innovative solutions used in containerized trade.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding sub-item b), at its February 2018 meeting, the SAFE Working Group (SWG) decided to carry out work on the use of E-Seals for enhancing end-to-end supply chain integrity and efficiency.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will discuss this topic based on the preliminary work done by the SWG and provide guidance from a wider perspective.</i></p>	<p>PC_526_No nPaper_E</p> <p>PC0526E1a</p>
	<p><b>X. Product Identification</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Update on the work in the area of Product Identification</li> </ul> <p><i>As per the PTC's Work Programme, the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC), at its May 2018 meeting, discussed the topic of Product Identification and recognised the value proposition of the use of product identification in Customs and other border regulatory processes and agreed to continue further work in this area.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be updated on the work done thus far in this area for seeking its policy guidance on future work.</i></p>	<p>PC0527E1a</p>
	<p><b>XI. Advanced Passenger Information / Passenger Name Record (API/PNR)</b> (To take note, for discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Reconstitution of the Membership of the API/PNR Contact Committee</li> </ul> <p><i>At its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting in November 2018, the API PNR Contact Committee agreed a revision of its Term of Reference. The revision includes the increase of the number of the Membership of the Contact Committee from Customs side from four to eighteen. The PTC will be invited to approve the WCO Membership in the Contact Committee.</i></p>	<p>PC0528E1a</p>

<b>DAY III</b>	<b>XII.</b>	<p><b>Gender equality</b> (To take note and discuss)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The role of women in IT – Panel discussion <i>Speakers:</i> <i>Ms. Louritha (Lou) Green, International Trade Liaison, US Customs and Border Protection (US CBP)</i> <i>Ms. Louise Wiggett, CEO, Global Trade Solutions</i> <i>Ms. Valentina Mintah, CEO, West Blue Consulting, Ghana &amp; Nigeria</i> <i>Mr. Mark Toomey, Executive Chair and Founder, Digital Leadership Institute Limited, Australia</i> <i>Ms. Loubna Azghoud, Coo, Women in Business – Women in Tech, Brussels</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Luc De Blieck, Deputy Director, Procedures and Facilitation, WCO</i></p> <p><i>Gender equality has for a number of years already been on the WCO agenda, developed mainly under the Capacity Building Committee.</i></p> <p><i>At the WCO IT Conference and Exhibition held in Lima in June 2018, a panel discussion on the role of women in IT raised a number of interesting points and highlighted facts and experiences on the topic, drawing attention of the Conference delegates to the topic in this specific area.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will now be in a position to listen to some of the findings in this area and discuss potential solutions, contributing, with another piece of the puzzle, to the gender equality agenda.</i></p>	PC0529E1a
	<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Future of Customs</b> (To take note and for discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Strategic foresight, presentation by OECD (tbc)</li> <li>b) Update on the WCO session on latest technologies at the WTO Public Forum 2018</li> <li>c) WTO World Trade Report 2018, presentation by WTO</li> <li>d) Blockchain for Customs: DG TAXUD experience, presentation by EU</li> </ul> <p><i>At its meeting in April 2017, the PTC decided that the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs will focus on exploring two different areas: i) disruptive technologies; and ii) strategic foresight. The Group and the PTC have since been focusing on the first of the two priorities.</i></p>	PC0530E1a

	<p><i>The PTC will now have an opportunity to learn more about strategic foresight as a means of better addressing future agendas in different areas and discuss its use in the area of Customs.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the PTC will be updated on the WCO session on latest technologies organized at the WTO Public Forum in Geneva on 3 October 2018. The PTC will also hear from the WTO about their newly released World Trade Report 2018 which focuses on digital technologies and which will be relevant to the further development of the Study Report on Disruptive Technologies, under the WCO Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs. The PTC will also hear from the EU on the DG TAXUD experience in using Blockchain technology.</i></p>	
<b>XIV.</b>	<p><b>Special Customs Zones / Free Zones</b> (To take note and for guidance)</p> <p>a) OECD draft Guidance on enhancing transparency in Free Trade Zones</p> <p>b) Results of an on-line survey</p> <p>c) Presentation by Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Jordan</li> <li>• Presentation by Indonesia</li> </ul> <p><i>The PTC will be informed about the OECD draft Guidance on enhancing transparency in Free Trade Zones</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, at its last meeting, the PTC agreed on the proposed project plan to conduct an analysis of Special Customs Zones / Free Zones and examine the necessity of revising existing WCO tools or developing a new tool based on the results of an on-line survey and workshops. At this PTC meeting, the delegates will learn about the results of the findings stemming from the mentioned on-line survey and Members national experiences.</i></p>	PC0531E1a
<b>XV.</b>	<p><b>Natural Disaster Relief (NDR)</b> (To take note and for guidance)</p> <p>a) Update on the Implementation of the WCO Resolution on the Role of Customs in NDR</p> <p>b) Presentation by Nigeria</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present a report to the PTC on implementation measures relating to certain points of the 2011 Resolution of the Customs Cooperation Council on the Role of Customs in Natural Disaster Relief. A Member will present the progress made at national level as a result of the implementation of the Customs for Relief of Epidemic Diseases (C-RED) Project.</i></p>	PC0532E1a

	<b>XVI.</b>	<b>Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP)</b> <i>(For discussion and decision)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action Plan for Phase IV of the ECP</li> </ul> <i>Implementation of the ECP Phase III will end in December 2018. The PTC will now be invited to discuss and approve the draft Action Plan for Phase IV of the ECP which will be submitted to the Policy Commission in December 2018.</i>	PC0533E1b
	<b>XVII.</b>	<b>Glossary of International Customs Terms</b> <i>(For discussion and decision)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New proposed terms for inclusion in the Glossary</li> </ul> <i>The PTC will be invited to examine a number of proposed terms and approve them, with a view to incorporating them into the Glossary and apply to the renewed volunteered working group to support the Secretariat in preparing the update of the Glossary at the following PTC.</i>	PC0534E1b
<b>DAY IV</b>	<b>XVIII.</b>	<b>Facilitation Performance Measurement</b> <i>(For discussion and decision)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Use of the Time Release Study for measuring performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation by Secretariat</li> <li>▪ Presentation by Japan</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Other performance measurement initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation by OECD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <i>The Secretariat will present its ongoing work in the area of the Time Release Study (TRS), including the latest progress on the engagement with the World Bank aimed at addressing the recommendations on the World Bank's Doing Business survey and at strengthening Customs' performance measurement in the area of TRS.</i>  <i>WCO Member(s) will make a presentation on their experience in conducting a TRS at national level, while a donor will be invited to share its role in supporting TRS projects.</i>  <i>The OECD will be invited to share its initiative on Trade Facilitation Indicators..</i>	PC0535E1a



	<p><b>XIX. Any other business</b> <i>(To take note)</i></p> <p>a) Proposals for agenda items for the next PTC meeting 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>	
	<p><b>XX. Closing</b></p>	