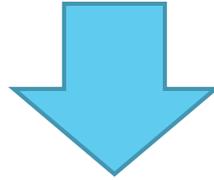


Way forward to improve Cruise Ship controls - *A Customs Perspective* -



BACKGROUND

- Challenges to Customs controls having emerged in response of the significant growth of cruise ship industry



- New Zealand raised the issue of security concerns affecting custom controls on cruise ships at the Policy Commission in December 2017
- Policy Commission and Council in 2018 agreed to establish the Brussels-based Attachés working group (BBAWG) to discuss the cruise ships issue with NZ as the chair and Japan to coordinate the report.

HISTORY OF PREPARING THE CRUISE SHIP REPORT

- Nov 2018: BBAWG, including representatives from IMO and CLIA agreed to write a paper on issues related to passenger and crew controls on cruise ships.
- Jan-Mar 2019: The elements of recommendations of the paper have been introduced and given general support by the WCO-IATA-ICAO API&PNR Contact Committee, the Enforcement Committee (EC) and the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC)
- Mar 2019: The draft policy paper circulated to the BBAWG for inputs
- March-Apr 2019: The concept of the report and proposed recommendations were presented to the EC and PTC
- Jul 2019: The updated draft paper was circulated to BBAWG for final comments
- August 2019: The final paper was distributed to IMO and industry for information

POLICY COMMISSION AND COUNCIL IN JUNE 2019

- Took note of the current developments with regard to the BBAWG and the draft recommendations of the paper
- Requested that the final Cruise Ship Report (policy paper) be presented to the PC in December 2019, after review and endorsement by the PTC and the extraordinary session of EC in the autumn 2019

API/PNR CONTACT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY MEETING IN OCTOBER 2019

- Supported the Cruise Ship Report and the procedures to be taken afterwards.
- Recognized the *Members Only Meeting* and the BBAWG to be used as potential working platform and supported reporting to the EC and the PTC

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 2019

- Endorsed the Cruise Ship Report and the procedures to be taken forward.
- Supported to continue the work suggested in the Cruise Ship Report noting the importance of Passenger risk management to all members regardless of mode.
- taking work forward including maintaining the BBAWG supported by Virtual working groups or the creation of a formal working group on passengers within the WCO, no agreement on where such a group would report.

POLICY COMMISSION PAPER: EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Catalogue various cruise clearance methods

- Develop a compendium of best practices
- Identify challenges with facilities and tools and technology used for Customs authorities to adapt to balance facilitation and security risk

Identify a global standard for passenger/crew data in cruise

- Develop a global API and PNR data standard for cruise ship passengers and crew, (similar to air), in cooperation with the IMO and the cruise industry (CLIA)

Brussels-Based Attaché group and future work

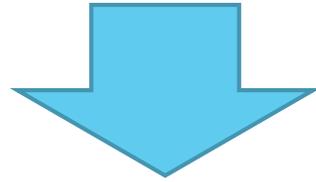
- Identification of the correct expertise to continue work on the recommendations and the relevant WCO bodies

DISCUSSION

- Endorse the Cruise Ship Report to create Compendium of Best Practices and to create a global data standard for API and PNR for cruise passengers and crew
- Any further ideas on how the WCO Members should move forward to realize the recommendations? Where should this work be formalized/conducted and by whom?

WAY FORWARD

- Today: the Permanent Technical Committee
to review and endorse the Cruise Ship Report



**The final Cruise Ship Report to be submitted to the
Policy Commission, December 2019, for adoption**