

Organization	Month/Year	Committee	Decision
WCO	11/2013	PTC 201st /202nd Sessions	PTC agreed with the proposal to involve the Data Model Project Team more deeply in the management of the IMO FAL Compendium while acknowledging that a decision on this issue would be taken by the IMO FAL Committee at its next meeting in September 2014.
IMO	09/2014	FAL 39	<p>(5.26) The Committee noted that the (IMO) Secretariat had discussed with the secretariat of the WCO on the possibility of the WCO's technical bodies maintaining the Compendium from a technical viewpoint. Building on the already good cooperation between the two organizations, the WCO had agreed that the technical maintenance of the Compendium would be carried out by its Data Model Project Team (DMPT) and the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC).</p> <p>(5.27) Under the proposed mechanism of cooperation, the WCO would work purely on the technical maintenance of the standard codes of the FAL Forms and the FAL Committee would remain the competent body for policy making, such as the development of new FAL Forms or amendments to existing ones. According to this procedure, any technical improvements developed by the IMSC would be passed to the FAL Committee for its endorsement, dissemination by FAL circular and approval for inclusion in revised editions of the Compendium. The revised Compendium would subsequently be distributed as a joint IMO-WCO publication.</p> <p>(5.28) The Committee, recognizing that the participation in the DMPT is open to all interested parties, agreed to the proposal, and therefore the future technical maintenance of the Compendium will be made by the WCO, with the FAL Committee remaining the competent body for policy making, under the terms of the above referred mechanism of cooperation between the two Organizations.</p> <p>(5.29) The Committee further considered the inclusion of the WCO Data Model references relating to FAL forms in the Compendium and agreed to include it the Compendium.</p>
WCO	10/2014	PTC 205th/206th Sessions	PTC took note of and reaffirmed the decision of the 39th IMO FAL Committee for the WCO to take over the technical maintenance for the IMO FAL Compendium.

IMO	04/2016	FAL 40	<p>(5.37) The Committee agreed that the IMO Compendium should not be reformatted at this stage, and that the definitions for data in FAL Forms contained in annex 1 to the IMO Compendium should be reviewed or clarified to address possible misinterpretations by relevant users of the Compendium and other stakeholders, such as ISO, UNECE and WCO, and to harmonize as much as possible with the underlying data models.</p> <p>(5.41) Based on the decision of not establishing a correspondence group, the Committee invited WCO to establish an informal correspondence group under its DMPT group to receive input from all the stakeholders for further progress of its work for the maintenance of the Compendium based in the discussions held in the working group. The delegation of the United States, recognizing the importance of the matter, offered to be the focal point of the IMO's contributions to the WCO's informal correspondence work, and invited interested Member States and international organizations to participate in this work.</p> <p>(5.42) The Committee noted that further work on data mapping would be conducted in parallel by UNECE, WCO, ISO and private sector stakeholders (such as the Shipping Message Development Group (SMDG) and the PROTECT group).</p>
IMO	04/2017	FAL 41	<p>(5.52) The Committee invited WCO to continue hosting the informal Correspondence Group, open to all interested parties, working on interoperability, standardization, and harmonization issues, and to report on its progress to FAL 42 as appropriate. The Committee recognized the importance of this work related to the upcoming April 2019 deadline.</p>