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Section I – **12 articles** regarding Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation

**Art.12 Customs cooperation**

**Art.12.2** “Members shall exchange the information set out in subparagraphs 6.1(b) and/or (c) for the purpose of verifying an import or export declaration...”

“6.1 (b) ...specific information as set out in the import or export declaration, or the declaration, to the extent it is available, along with a description of the level of protection and confidentiality required of the requesting Member;

6.1 (c) ...specific information as set out in the following documents, or the documents, submitted in support of the import or export declaration, to the extent it is available: commercial Invoice, packing list, certificate of origin and bill of lading, in the form in which these were filed, whether paper or electronic, along with a description of the level of protection and confidentiality required of the requesting Member;”
Globally Networked Customs

The voluntary arrangement between two or more Members for a systematic exchange of data of cross border information at a Customs to Customs level.
WHY GNC

Défis de l'échange systématique d'informations:

- normalisation des données
- impact des nouvelles technologies sur l'échange d'informations
- échange d'informations sur mesure actuel
- cadres juridiques
- quelques blocs utilitaires développés

Complexité de l'agenda lié au GNC en tant que cadre conceptuel clé de l'architecture numérique et juridique

Les défis persistent et ont un impact sur les chaînes de valeur mondiales en termes de coût en temps et en argent!

Chaque accord international bilatéral et plurilatéral est un artisanat!
# GNC Utility Block

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<th>e.g. AEO, Commercial Fraud</th>
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<td>Purpose</td>
<td>What the block is supposed to do.</td>
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<td>Legal Framework</td>
<td>The law, including the instrument providing the legal gateway.</td>
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<td>Entities</td>
<td>Those who can send/receive information, and the methods of identifying them.</td>
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<td>Business Rules</td>
<td>The specific rules for the UB. If not described elsewhere, includes relevant Protocols, Standards and Guidelines.</td>
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<td>Data Cluster</td>
<td>The list of data elements for the UB</td>
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<td>The electronic means of exchanging information</td>
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- Utility block could be defined as
- “a functional subset of GNC offering a tangible value proposition to Customs administrations by meeting specific needs through the sharing of information.”
**GNC TECHNOLOGY NEUTRALITY APPROACH**

Utility Blocks

- **4 discrete layers:**
  - Business
  - Functional
  - Application
  - Infrastructure

GNC a concept of a systematic exchange of information that enhances the ability of Customs and Border Agencies to discharge their responsibilities more effectively.
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