

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL\***  
**CONCERNING THE USE OF THE WCO DATA MAPPING GUIDE**  
**FOR CUSTOMS UN/EDIFACT MESSAGES**  
(21 June 1995)

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

DESIRING to facilitate the international exchange of data between  
Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and trade users,

CONSIDERING that UN/EDIFACT messages can be used independently  
of the application area and that their widespread use in international trade will greatly  
facilitate movement of cargo,

FURTHER CONSIDERING that it is desirable that an internationally  
agreed and universally applicable set of rules for the usage of Customs UN/EDIFACT  
messages be applied in Electronic Data Interchange,

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Customs Co-operation Council and  
all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and  
Customs or Economic Unions should adopt the WCO Data Mapping Guide for  
UN/EDIFACT messages as the standard reference document for the development of all  
Implementation Guides for UN/EDIFACT messages utilized by Customs in exchanging  
data electronically between Customs administrations and between Customs  
administrations and trade users,

REQUESTS Members of the Customs Co-operation Council and members  
of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or  
Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of  
the Customs Co-operation Council of the date from which they will apply the  
Recommendation and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will  
transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members of the Customs  
Co-operation Council. He will also transmit it to the Customs administrations of the  
members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies and to Customs  
or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.

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\* Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) is the official name of the World Customs Organization (WCO)