

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE USE OF THE CCC/IATA
DATA INTERCHANGE STANDARDS
(21st JUNE 1988)**

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING the high level of automation in the airline industry and the increasing number of Customs administrations which are introducing computer techniques,

NOTING the growing use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in world trade and the benefits of a paperless trading environment,

AWARE that the interfacing of the automated systems of airlines and Customs administrations results in the reduction of the paper burden,

RECOGNISING that the interfacing of automated processing of cargo-related data can result in rapid clearance of air consignments and have important benefits from the Customs control point of view,

HAVING REGARD to Annex J.1. of the International Convention on the simplification and harmonisation of Customs procedures (18 May 1973) which requires, inter alia, computer applications implemented by Customs authorities to use internationally accepted standards,

DESIRING specifically to simplify and harmonise interface arrangements between airlines and Customs authorities particularly as regards the use of standard data elements, codes and message syntax,

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organisation or its specialised agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions, should use the standards set out in the CCC/IATA Data Interchange Standards Manual and future updated or revised versions in establishing interfaces between the automated systems of Customs and airlines,

REQUESTS Members of the Council and members of the United Nations Organisation of its specialised agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of the 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 Council. He will also transmit it to the Customs administrations of the members of the United Nations Organisation or its specialised agencies and to Customs or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.