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2015 WCO Knowledge Academy for Customs & Trade

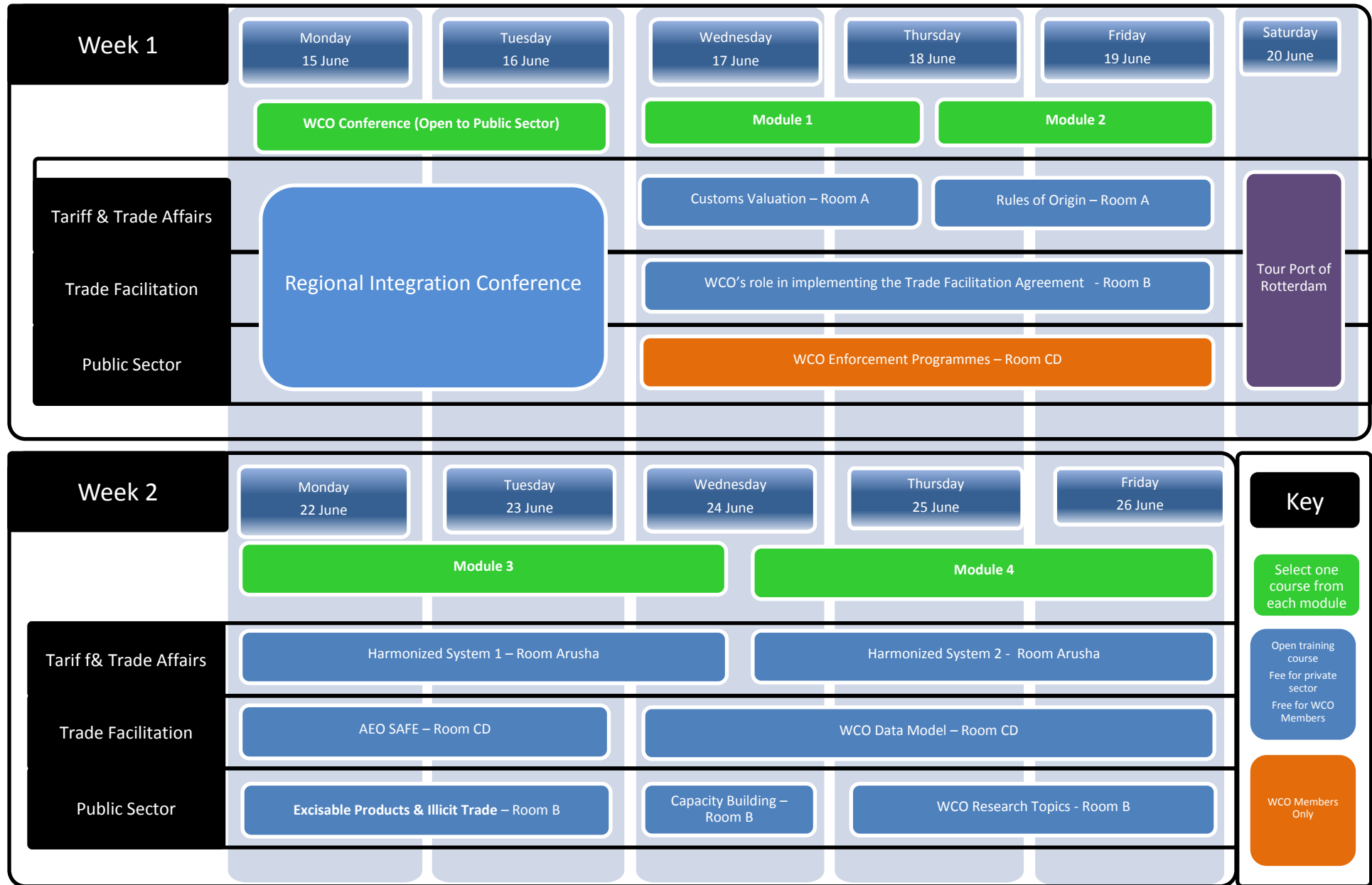
WCO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium
15 – 26 June 2015

A two-week intensive academy focusing on the development of technical skills for Customs and Trade practitioners

Customs authorities, the IT sector, the broader business community, governmental and trade organizations, lending institutions, border regulatory agencies, and others involved in the international trade arena will attend

For further information about the Academy
visit the WCO Academy website: <http://www.etches.com/kact2015>

Overview of Academy schedule





In 2011, the WCO launched the Knowledge Academy for Customs and Trade, or Summer Academy for short. Over the past four years, the summer academy has grown to include more than 150 delegates from the public and private sectors and the overall comments and observations from participants have been very positive. Various modules are offered within three learning tracks, which are focused on the principal work of the WCO, namely Tariff & Trade Affairs (HS, Rules of Origin, Valuation), Trade Facilitation (Trade Facilitation Agreement, WCO Data Model, and AEO/SAFE), both targeted towards the private sector, and finally, a third track designed for WCO Member administrations.

In addition to the classroom training and plenary sessions, the participants will travel to the Port of Rotterdam for a tour of the Port of Rotterdam and the Dutch Tax & Customs Museum.

In terms of infrastructure, there will be more than thirty speakers, trainers, and facilitators involved over the two week period. Most of these facilitator/trainers are WCO staff, and all are experts in their respective fields. Likewise, there will be external experts invited to address the participants during the training courses. These speakers hail from organizations such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the International Chamber of Commerce – World Chambers Federation (ICC-WCF).

From the private sector, recognized experts in Supply Chain Security, legal experts in international trade and regulatory laws, and legal advisors on international corporate tax and transfer pricing issues will present during the sessions for both Member administrations and the private sector.

This year's summer academy will be preceded by the Regional Integration Conference. As 2015 has been designated the year of "Coordinated Border Management", this conference will be the perfect start to set the tone for the balance of the academy.

In this brochure you will find more information on the academy, including the program and practical details.

I wish you an enjoyable event and a pleasant stay in Brussels.



My very best wishes,
Kunio Mikuriya,
Secretary General
World Customs Organization

REGIONAL INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

The recent proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements, particularly Customs Unions, potentially drives governments to harmonize their border measures with a view to regional economic integration and competitiveness. In this regard, a regional transit system has increasingly attracted political and public attention because it essentially requires positive engagement of the governments regionally; it meets the substantive needs by both landlocked and transit countries; and its successful implementation is a stepping stone to harmonization of other Customs measures to facilitate the intra-regional trade, amongst others.

There are a number of initiatives to facilitate transit goods while minimizing risks of transit fraud and smuggling, for example, as part of transport corridor and border management projects. Customs plays a crucial role in functional transit systems. There are a variety of Customs measures to facilitate trade, and they are generally applicable to transit goods and traffic as well. As trade facilitation measures evolve, new trends on transit facilitation have emerged, and case studies in this area show useful lessons on their practical implementation. Thus, this conference will consider recent trends and practical implementation of transit facilitation related to Customs measures through case studies and interactive discussion. It also considers how a transit system can be relevant and responsive to regional economic integration and competitiveness.

Day 1	<u>REGIONAL INTEGRATION CONFERENCE - DRAFT AGENDA</u>
08:45 – 09:30	Arrival of participants and registration
09:30 – 09:45	Opening address: Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General
09:45 – 11:00	Session 1: Regional Integration: Stages, Priorities and Challenges
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session 2: Regional integration - Global connectivity at regional level
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Session 2: Regional integration - Mercator Programme – technical assistance for trade facilitation
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Session 3: A regional approach to risk management
18:00	<i>Cocktail hosted by Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO</i>

Day 2	
09:00 – 10:30	Session 4: Use of IT - Information exchange, interoperability and regional Single Windows
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 5: Coordinated Border Management
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 6: Transit and other solutions to remove non-harmonised trade barriers
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	The Way Forward
16:30 – 16:45	Closing remarks: Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General



2015 Knowledge Academy Registration fees (private sector)

The prices below are for delegates coming from the Private Sector. WCO Member Administrations can send two delegates to the academy free of charge. WCO Member delegates must apply and be accepted into the programme in order to be able to attend. Travel and accommodation are not included in the programme and remain at the delegate's own charge.

Regional Integration Conference (included in Academy) – free to attend

The Regional Integration Conference is included in the Knowledge Academy for Customs & Trade and all delegates are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is required to attend.

The costs below are for delegates from the Private Sector and include all course materials, where applicable. The costs do not include travel and accommodation which

remain at the delegate's own charge,

If you have any questions, please contact us at your earliest convenience at kact2015@wcoomd.org.

Complete Learning Tracks

Delegates can choose to select all courses in a specific track by clicking on the appropriate choice below. For delegates from the private sector, there is a discount for following the full track. If you do not want to follow a complete track skip these choices and select the individual courses below.

Tariff & Trade Affairs - <i>Includes: Customs Valuation, Rules of Origin, HS1, and HS2</i>	€2,750
Trade Facilitation - <i>Includes: Trade Facilitation Agreement, AEO SAFE, WCO Data model</i>	€1,200
Public Sector - <i>Includes: Enforcement-related topics, Capacity building-related topics, Research-related topics</i>	€1,000

Individual Course selection (Please note that you may not select overlapping courses.)

Module 1

(note if you register for Trade Facilitation or Enforcement then you will not select from Module 2)

Customs Valuation (1.5 days) - Room A -	€750
Trade Facilitation Agreement (3 days) - Room B -	€500
Enforcement-related topics (3 days) - Room CD - (WCO Members only)	

Module 2

Rules of Origin (1.5 days) - Room A -	€750
Excise Tax (2 days) - Room B -	€750

Module 3

Harmonized System 1 (2.5 days) - Room E -	€995 (HS1 & HS2 – €1,500)
AEO SAFE (2 days) - Room CD -	€750
Capacity Building – Project management (1 day) - Room B -	€500

Module 4

Harmonized System 2 (2.5 days) - Room E -	€995 (HS1 & HS2 – €1,500)
WCO Data Model (3 days) - Room CD -	€995
Customs Research-related topics (2 days) - Room B -	€500

You can register online at www.etches.com/kact2015

MODULE 1 (17-19 JUNE 2015) – CUSTOMS MASTERCLASSES

Customs Valuation and Rules of Origin

Our trainers will be **Ian Cremer**, WCO Senior Technical Officer, and Luximan Babajee, Technical Officer, Customs Valuation and **Mette Azzam**, WCO Technical Officer for Rules of Origin.

Customs Valuation (1.5 days; 17-18 June)

Facilitators: **Ian Cremer**, WCO Senior Technical Officer Customs Valuation
 Luximan Babajee, Technical Officer, Customs Valuation
 “Customs valuation including transfer pricing: latest state-of-play”

Duration: 1.5 days

Application of the WTO Valuation Agreement: key issues for Customs and business in global trade.

Day 1: A refresher on key principles of Customs valuation, what are the trends and ongoing issues being discussed at global level, what are the main challenges for Customs and business in applying the Agreement?

Day 2: Continued: key issues including the relationship between Customs valuation and transfer pricing

Private sector participants will receive a login to access the free e-learning module “Customs valuation, general principles” at the latest 10 days before the course starts. WCO Members can access the same material on the CLIKC! platform.

Day 1 – Wednesday, 17 June 2015, Customs Valuation

Session I: Introduction and refresher on high level principles of the WTO Valuation Agreement	
09:30 – 11:00	Introduction to the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Content and objectives of the program: What does the WCO Knowledge Academy provide? WCO and TCCV: their role and activities in the area of Customs Valuation • Refresher on high level principles of the WTO Valuation Agreement Facilitators: Mr. Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: Transaction value	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent instruments of the TCCV; including sale for export, third party royalties Facilitators: Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III: Transaction value (continued)	
14:00 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent instruments of the TCCV; including sale for export, third party royalties (continued) + discussion Facilitators: Mr. Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer

Session IV: Customs valuation and global trade	
14:30 – 15:30	The session will give a good picture on Customs valuation in global trade; what are the ongoing issues discussed at a global level, what are the trends and questions raised by member states. Furthermore the session will encompass the role of the WTO Committee on Customs Valuation and Dispute Settlement Body within WTO. Time for Q & A. WTO: Mr. Roy Santana, Counsellor at the Market Access Division (<i>subject to availability</i>)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session V: Exercise on Customs valuation	
16:00 – 17:30	How does a business apply the rules on Customs valuation? Group exercise on how to calculate the Customs value followed by a plenary discussion. Facilitators: Mr. Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer

Day 2 – Thursday, 3 June 2015, Customs Valuation

Session VI: Customs valuation and transfer pricing	
09:30 – 11:00	Presentations and discussions on this key topic, background on the work conducted to date and illustrative examples Facilitators: Mr. Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VII:	
11:30 – 12:30	Summing up and Q & A Facilitators: Mr. Ian Cremer, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Luximan Babajee, Customs Valuation, Technical Officer
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

MODULE 2 (18-19 JUNE 2015) – CUSTOMS MASTERCLASSES

Rules of Origin (1.5 days; 18-19 June 2015)

Facilitator: **Mette Azzam**, WCO Technical Officer for Rules of Origin
“Getting to grips with Origin?”

Duration: 1.5 days

Introduction to the Rules of Origin and their concepts; Rules of Origin in a global context, Preferential Rules of Origin. The procedural aspects – certification and verification. Benefits & Risks of preferential Rules of Origin.

Day 1: Introduction; Rules of Origin and their concepts, the ongoing issues discussed at a global level, what are the trends, A remedy for the “Spaghetti bowl effect, Preferential Rules of Origin

Day 2: Risks and benefits of Preferential Rules of Origin, Certificates of Origin, group exercises

Private sector participants will receive a login to access the free e-learning module "Introduction on Rules of Origin" at the latest 10 days before the course starts. WCO Members can access the same material on the CLIKC! platform.

Day 1 – Thursday, 18 June 2015, Rules of Origin

Session I: Introduction and open discussion on Rules of Origin	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Introduction to the program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming note • Content and objectives of the program: What does the WCO Knowledge Academy provide? • Rules of Origin: What is the understanding of the concept? Interactive work shop • WCO: its role and activities in the area of Rules of Origin The session will give a good picture on the WCO related to rules of origin; what are the ongoing issues discussed at a global level, what are the trends and questions raised by Member. Q & A. <p>Facilitator: Mrs Mette Werdelin Azzam, Origin Sub-Directorate, Technical Officer</p>
15.30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: A remedy for the “spaghetti bowl effect”; Preferential rules of origin from an EU perspective – why should they be harmonized?	
16:00 – 17:30	<p>The European Commission, being the main body for the negotiations for new preferential rules or origin in EU agreements, will give us an introduction on their work and their dialogue with business when drafting new preferential rules of origin. The session includes Q & A.</p> <p>European Commission, DG TAXUD: Guillaume Dorey</p>

Day 2 – Friday, 19 June 2015, Rules of Origin

Session III: Benefits & Risks of preferential rules of origin	
09:30 – 11:00	<p>The session will cover the precautions that business might have to take, when applying for preferences under different preferential schemes (such as the GSP) or under various FTAs. We will look upon benefits but also risks and the repayment procedures that are available. The lecture will be followed by Q & A.</p> <p>Van Bael & Bellis: Pablo Muñiz</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session IV: Short recap on the basic concepts of rules of origin, Group exercise	
11:30 – 12:30	<p>This session will give a short recap on the basic elements as well as give an introduction to the certificates of origin. Group exercise on the basics of Rules of Origin.</p> <p>Facilitator: Mrs Mette Werdelin Azzam, Origin Sub-Directorate, Technical Officer</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session V: Exercise on rules of origin and its basic components	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Workshop based on participants own “cases” (in beforehand provided to the organisers, anonymous if needed). Two or three cases are discussed and proposals for solutions are provided within the group, facilitated by WCO.</p>

	Facilitator: Mrs Mette Werdelin Azzam, Origin Sub-Directorate, Technical Officer
15.30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VI: Group exercise, summary and closing remarks	
16:00 – 17:30	The group exercise and the plenary discussion will be followed by Q & A, summary and closing remarks. Facilitator: Mrs Mette Werdelin Azzam, Origin Sub-Directorate, Technical Officer

MODULE 3 (17-19 JUNE 2015) – CUSTOMS MASTERCLASSES

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and the WCO's role in implementation of TFA

Facilitator: Changsheng Li

Duration: 3 days

After the adoption of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation at the WTO Ninth Ministerial Conference in Bali 2013, the WTO Members finally came into a decision that all will endorse the Protocol of the Amendment to the WTO Agreement as soon as they can. Full implementation of the TFA will contribute to economic growth and recovery, improved revenue collection and alleviation of poverty.

The World Customs Organization (WCO), as one of the Annex D Organizations, has long supported the conclusion of a WTO Agreement. Furthermore, the Ministerial Decision highlights the role of the WCO in implementation and administration of the TFA. As Customs is the key implementing agency of the TFA, it is essential that the WCO and its 179 Members collectively ensure smooth and effective implementation of the TFA, which will come into force as soon as two thirds of WTO Members have ratified it.

As a strategic initiative for Trade Facilitation to assist Members implementing TFA, the WCO launched Mercator Programme at the Council Session in June 2014. The majority of the TFA contents deals with Customs-related topics. Furthermore, the WCO has developed instruments and tools on trade facilitation and compliance, including the WCO Economic Competitiveness Package, the Revised Kyoto Convention, the Single Window Compendium, the Data Model, Guidance on Authorized Economic Operator programmes, the Coordinated Border Management Compendium, Transit Handbook and the Time Release Study, and many others which can be utilized as a useful and efficient means to assist Members.

Courses within this Module are focused on TFA concepts, analysis, and the way to implement TFA by using WCO tools. It will also provide examples of national practices and assistance available to support Member administrations.

Wednesday (17 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Remarks	Gaozhang Zhu, Director Compliance & Facilitation
10:00 – 10:15	Overview of the Programme	Milena Budimirovic, WCO Technical Officer, Trade Facilitation Sub-directorate
10:15 – 11:00	WCO's role in implementing the TFA including WCO Mercator Programme	Heike Barczyk, Deputy Director, Trade Facilitation Sub-directorate
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

11:30-12:30	Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) - Overview	Changsheng li, Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-14:30	WCO Working Group on the TFA	Theo Hesselink, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
14:30-15:00	Analysis on Section I - Overview	Milena Budimirovic, WCO Technical Officer, Trade Facilitation Sub-directorate
15:00-15:30	Revised Kyoto Convention	Samson Bilangna, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-16:30	WCO's Implementation Guidance for TFA – quick user guide	Mr. Toshihiko Osawa Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
16:30-17:00	Article 23.2: National Committee on Trade Facilitation -WCO Survey	Mrs.Hermie George , Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
17:00-17:30	Analysis on Section II - Overview	Ms. Milena Budimirovic, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO

Thursday (18 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30-10:30	WTO's Needs Assessments and Notification of Commitments by Members	Changsheng Li, Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
10:30-11:00	Donor support for trade facilitation	tbc
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00	WCO's Capacity Building	Capacity Building Directorate, WCO
12:00-12:30	Article 3 : Advance Rulings	Mette Azzam, Technical officer, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:00	Article 8 : Coordinated Border Management	Theo Hesselink, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:00-15:30	Article 11 : Transit -WCO Transit Handbook	Toshihiko Osawa, WCO, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-16:30	Article 10.3 : Use of International Standards	Mr. Donald Tan, Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-directorate, WCO
16:30-17:30	Article 10.4 : Single Window	Mr. Donald Tan, Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-directorate, WCO

Friday (19 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30-10:15	Article 7.4 : Risk Management	Oguz Onal, Technical officer Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate, WCO
10:15-11:00	Article 7.5 : Post Clearance Audit	Ian Cremer, Technical officer, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00	Article 10.5 : Pre-Shipment Inspection	Ian Cremer, Technical officer, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO
12:00-12:30	Article 7.6 : Establishment and Publication of Average Release Time; -WCO Time Release Study	Oluimo Da Silva, Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-14:30	Article 7.7 Trade Facilitation Measures for the Authorized Operators -WCO AEO Compendium	Pashupati Nath Pandey, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
14:30-15:00	Article 2. 2 Consultations -Customs and Business Partnership Guide	Pashupati Nath Pandey, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
15:00-15:30	CEN, CENcomm and nCEN -information sharing	François Remue, Technical Attaché, Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-16:30	Article 12: Customs Cooperation	Pashupati Nath Pandey, Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
16:35-16:45	Closing remarks by WCO	Heike Barczyk, Deputy Director, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate

WCO Compliance & Enforcement Programmes (3 days; 17-19 June 2015)

Customs compliance and enforcement is concerned with the deployment of effective control measures aimed at improving traders' compliance levels, contributing to economic prosperity, protecting of society from the harm posed by illicit trade and fighting trans-national organized crime, all based on the principles of risk management. In discharging this mandate, Customs compliance and enforcement services are involved in a wide range of activities relating to information and intelligence exchange, combating commercial fraud, counterfeiting, tackling the smuggling of highly taxed goods (especially cigarettes and alcohol), combatting trafficking of prohibited or restricted commodities (such as drugs, looted cultural goods, stolen motor vehicles, arms, nuclear materials, toxic waste, endangered fauna and flora), money laundering, electronic crime. A part from traditional border controls, modern and effective compliance and enforcement activities also include post clearance audits (PCA).

In order to assist its Members improve the effectiveness of their enforcement efforts and achieve a balance between control and facilitation, the WCO has developed a comprehensive technical assistance and training programme. In addition, it has established Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices (RILOs) that are supported by a global database, the Customs Enforcement Network (CEN), to facilitate the exchange and use of information.

The WCO's Compliance and Enforcement programme therefore aims to promote effective control practices and encourage co-operation among its Members and with its various competent partners and stakeholders.

Wednesday (17 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Remarks	Mr. Gaozhang Zhu, Director Compliance & Facilitation
10:00 – 10:15	Overview of Compliance & Enforcement Programmes	Leigh Winchell, Deputy Director, Enforcement Sub-directorate
10:00 – 10:30	Revenue Programme	Michelle Medina, WCO Technical Officer, Enforcement Sub-directorate
10:30 – 11:00	Revenue Programme – Introduction to Post Clearance Audits (PCA)	Jun Tajima, WCO Technical Attaché, Enforcement Sub-directorate
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Revenue Programme – Introduction to Post Clearance Audits (PCA) (cont.)	Jun Tajima, WCO Technical Attaché, Enforcement Sub-directorate
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Drugs and Precursors Programme	Pierre Bertrand, WCO Senior Technical Officer, Enforcement Sub-directorate
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	IPR, Health and Safety Programme	Philippe Vorreux, IPM/IPR Manager, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate

Thursday (18 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 11:00	CEN, CENcomm and nCEN	François Remue, WCO Technical Attaché, Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	CEN, CENcomm and nCEN (cont.)	François Remue, WCO Technical Attaché, Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Security Programme	François Remue, WCO Technical Attaché, Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Security Programme (cont.)	François Remue, WCO Technical Attaché, Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate

Friday (19 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 11:00	Environmental Programme	Sang-Hyup Lee, WCO Technical Attaché, Enforcement Sub-directorate
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

11:30 – 12:30	Environmental Programme (cont.) Case Study	Sang-Hyup Lee, WCO Technical Attaché, Enforcement Sub-directorate
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Intelligence and Risk Management Programme	Mr. Oguz Onal, Technical officer Compliance & Enforcement Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Closing remarks by WCO	Leigh Winchell, Deputy Director, Enforcement Sub-directorate

Harmonized System

Our trainer, **Izaak WIND**, is accredited by the World Customs Organization as a trainer for Harmonized System (HS) matters as from 1 January 2008. He worked for 10 years at the WCO, being his last function Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs. He also represented the Netherlands in national and international forums with respect to the development and the maintenance of the HS Convention.

Harmonized System Topic 1 (2.5 days; 22-24 June 2015)

Duration: 2.5 days

Day 1

- The Harmonized System: A brief introduction
- Amending the Harmonized System: Can I influence the outcome?
- The General Interpretative Rules

Day 2

- Application of General Interpretative Rules 1 and 6
- Parts: Are there any specific classification rules for parts?
- Structure of Section XVI

Day 3

- Classification of articles in high-tech area: touch-sensitive screens and devices, monitors, smart watches, drones

Day 1 –Monday, 22 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 1

Session I: Program introduction and positioning	
9:30 – 9:50	Program overview and introduction Facilitator: Izaak Wind
Session II: The Harmonized System: a brief introduction	
9:50 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WCO and its instruments • The HS: one of the WCO flagships Facilitator: Izaak Wind
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session III: Amending the Harmonized System	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procedure • Can I influence the outcome?

	Facilitator: Izaak Wind
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session IV: The General Interpretative Rules	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should I know them by heart? • Their interrelationship Facilitator: Izaak Wind
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session IV: The General Interpretative Rules (cont.)	
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we find them? • Case studies Facilitator: Izaak Wind

Day 2 – Tuesday, 23 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 1

Session V: Application of General Interpretative Rules 1 and 6	
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What you should know about Rule 1 • Does Rule 6 apply to national subdivisions? Facilitator: Izaak Wind
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session V: Application of General Interpretative Rules 1 and 6 (cont.)	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section and Chapter Notes at subheading level • Case studies Facilitator: Izaak Wind
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session VI: Classification of parts	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are “parts”? • “Parts of general use” Facilitator: Izaak Wind
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VII: Section XVI	
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its structure and Chapters (cont.) • Section and Chapter Notes Facilitator: Izaak Wind

Day 3 – Wednesday, 24 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 1

Session VIII: Classification of articles in the high-tech area	
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch-sensitive screens and devices • Monitors • Smart watches • Drones WCO: Tom Beris, Technical Officer

	Facilitator: Izaak Wind
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VIII: Classification of articles in the high-tech area (cont.)	
11:30 – 12:15	WCO: Tom Beris, Technical Officer Facilitator: Izaak Wind
Session IX: Summary and Closing Remarks	
12:15 – 12:30	Summary & closing remarks Facilitator: Izaak Wind
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

AEO/SAFE

Our trainers include:

Asha Menon, WCO Senior Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
Pashupati Nath Pandey, WCO Technical Officer, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate
Georges Canton, WCO Technical Attaché, Procedures & Facilitation Sub-Directorate

AEO/SAFE (2 days; 22-23 June 2015)

The number of AEO Programmes being implemented by Customs Administrations is growing. There are now 61 programmes and many more to be implemented. Come and learn about the importance of the programme and why private sector should consider joining!

Duration: 2 days

Day 1: Brief introduction, Conditions & Requirement, AEO benefits, the different trusted trader programmes, Trade facilitation measures

Day2: Mutual Recognition Agreement/Arrangements and some real life experiences from Customs Members and private sector.

Private sector participants will receive a login to access the free e-learning module "WCO SAFE Framework of Standard" at the latest 10 days before the course starts. WCO Members can access the same material on the CLIKC! platform.

Day 1 – Monday, 22 June 2015, SAFE/AEO

Session I: Introduction	
09.30 – 9:45	Introduction to the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content and objectives of the programme • Ice-breaking session Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pan, Georges Cantone
Session II: SAFE Framework	
09:45 – 10:30	Introduction to SAFE Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Objectives of the SAFE Framework • Analysis of the core elements of the SAFE Framework • Analysis of the three pillars of the SAFE Framework • Benefits of the SAFE Framework Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone
Session II: Conditions & Requirements, AEO benefits	

10:30 – 11:00	<p>What is an AEO Programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements • Authorization/validation and re-assessment processes • Implementation <p>Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
11:30 – 12:00	Continuation of what is an AEO Programme
12:00 – 12:30	<p>AEO Benefits to Customs and private sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct benefits • Indirect benefits <p>Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III: AEO, RKC and Trade facilitation measures	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFE Package • Update of AEO programmes • AEO – MRA Research • Discussion on the difference of AEO (under the SAFE FoS) vs Authorized Trader (AT) under the RKC (GA 3.32) and Authorised Operator under Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Article 7.7 • WTO TFA • Security programmes AEO vs Regulated Agent / Known Consignor <p>Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pan, Georges Cantone</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00 – 17:00	Continuation of the session above

Day 2 – Tuesday, 23 June 2015, AEO/SAFE

Session V: Mutual Recognition	
09:30 – 10:30	<p>AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements/Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Mutual Recognition Agreement? • What are the benefits of a Mutual Recognition Agreement? • How a Mutual Recognition Agreement is implemented? <p>Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone</p>
Session VI: Experiences	
10:30 – 11:15	<p>AEO and MRA by China</p> <p>Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone</p>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee/Tea Break

11:45 – 12:30	AEO and MRA by EU Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	AEO and MRA - A Private Sector Perspective Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pan, Georges Canton
14:45 – 15:30	AEO and MRA by US Facilitator: Asha Menon, Pashupati Nath Pandey, Georges Cantone
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00 – 16:30	Conclusion and evaluation

Excisable Products & Illicit Trade (2 days; 22-23 June 2015)

Excise taxation and illicit trade will be the focus of the module developed by expert in Excise Products and Illicit Trade, Liz Allen with the support of the WCO Secretariat. The aim of the module is to increase the awareness of Customs officials about excise tax policy, administration, enforcement and illicit trade issues from different perspectives.

On Day Two, business representatives, the International Chamber of Commerce, and the European spirits trade association will present delegates with their particular perspectives on illicit trade and suppliers of “Track and Trace” technology for excisable products.

The intention is to present delegates with a wide range of views on the subject of illicit trade in excisable products so that they can have deeper understanding of the issues facing their senior managers when having to find a way forward through often conflicting positions and pressures.

Duration: 2 days

Day 1 – Monday 22nd June 2015, Excisable Products & Illicit Trade

Session I: Introduction and open discussion on Excise Taxation Policy	
09:30 – 09:40	Introductions, Outline and Objectives
	Excise Taxation Administration and Revenue Controls (to include Voluntary Compliance) – <i>Liz Allen</i>
09:40 – 10:10	Excise Taxation Policy – (30 mins) Liz Allen
10:10 – 11:00	Excise Tax Administration and Revenue Controls (to include Compliance Management) – Liz Allen
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: Overview of Illicit Trade In Excise Goods	
11:30 – 12:00	WCO: Illicit Trade Report 2013 WCO speaker: Mariya Polner, (TBC) Policy Advisor, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization
12:00 – 12:30	WCO Perspective – WCO Compliance and Enforcement sub-directorate trends and patterns WCO Speaker: Michelle Medina, Technical Officer, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III: Measuring Illicit Trade in Excisable Products	
14:00 – 14.30	The Illicit Trade in Excisable Products and How to Tackle It – Liz Allen Speakers:
14.30 – 15.00	<New topic to be developed> Speakers:
15.00 – 15.30	Measuring illicit trade in excisable products – Euromonitor Speakers:
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session IV: Illicit Trade in Excisable Products	
16.00 – 16.30	Financial Action Task Force WCO Speaker: Norbert Steilen (TBC), Technical Officer, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization
16.30 – 17.00	The WHO Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products WCO Speaker: Giuseppe Marra, Technical Attaché, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization
17.00 – 17.30	Case Study: Operation Gryphon WCO Speaker: Giuseppe Marra, Technical Attaché, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization

Day 2 –Tuesday 23 June 2015– Excise Tax & Illicit Trade

Session IV: Industry Perspective on Illegal Trade and How to Tackle It	
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote – BASCAP International Chamber Of Commerce Speakers:
10.00 – 10.30	Excisable Products Industry Representative Speakers:
10.30 – 11.00	The Hydrocarbon Oils Industry Representative Speakers:
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee/Tea Break

Session IV continued – Industry Perspective on Illegal Trade and How to Tackle It	
11:30 – 12:00	Excisable Products Industry Representative Speakers:
12:00 – 12:30	Excisable Products Industry Representative Speakers:
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session VI – IPR crime and how to tackle it	
14:00 – 14:30	WCO Perspective – IPR expert WCO Speaker: Philippe Vorreux, IPM/IPR Manager, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization
14.30 – 15.00	Legal assistance in the field of illicit trade and IPR WCO Speaker: TBD, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VII – Technology Solutions: Secure Marking, Authentication & Tracking and Tracing to combat Illicit trade	
15.30 – 16.00	SICPA Speakers:
16.00 – 16.30	DCTA Speakers:
16.30 – 17.00	De La Rue Speakers:
17.00 – 17.30	Q/A and Review of Excise Module WCO Speaker: TBD, Enforcement and Compliance Sub-directorate, World Customs Organization

Capacity Building – Project management (1 day; 24 June 2015)

The WCO Secretariat, following an extensive review of the global market for customs development and the development tools provided has established a comprehensive strategy for the sustainable ongoing development of Customs and Border Management Services to meet the demands of Member Governments for the 21st century.

The WCO Secretariat has devoted a great deal of attention to improving the quality, relevance and availability of its capacity building activities which led to the development of the WCO Capacity Building Strategy. A core aspect of this Strategy involves the “Regional” approach, the objective of which is to promote the sharing among neighbouring countries of ideas and actions to achieve the same regional objectives, namely, economic growth and social development.

Our trainers include:

Philip Wood, Project Manager, WCO Capacity Building Directorate

Philip is a Customs and Strategic Management expert with 25 years of experience across 20 countries. Philip was previously a member of HM Revenue and Customs in the UK and has obtained

a wide experience of Customs work including management of operational teams, working with ministers, developing and implementing policy, delivering capacity building for senior managers and providing change management assistance to Customs administrations on behalf of international organizations including WCO, WTO and IMF. He has over 15 years of experience in project management and has led a variety of multi-national capacity building project teams, most recently in the Middle East, Africa (West & East), Central Europe and Asia.

Philip is an accredited WCO Diagnostic Facilitator and Stakeholder Engagement Expert and is currently working with the WCO as the Project Manager for the “Customs Capacity Building for WCO Members 2012-15” project.

Mohamed Atiki, WCO Technical Officer, WCO Capacity Building Directorate

Mohamed is the former Deputy Director for International Cooperation at the Department of Customs and Excise of Morocco. Mohamed is a WCO Technical Officer and has specific responsibility for the coordination of capacity building activities for Customs administrations located in West and Central Africa Region. He has extensive project management experience most recently working as the manager of the EU funded PACIR Project” which provided trade and regional integration support to the Ivory Coast. During his time with Moroccan Customs Mohammed had a range of responsibilities which included;

- Negotiating and monitoring agreements and conventions between Morocco and its partners at bilateral and regional level;
- Design and implementation of customs cooperation programs with partner countries; and
- Promotion of WCO tools and instruments at the local and regional levels.

Project Management & Project Office (1 day; 24 June)

A general introduction to the concepts of project management, how they can be applied to effectively manage reform & modernisation programs and the principles of Change Management.

Duration: 1 day

Wednesday (24 June)

Time	Programme
Session I: Introduction and open discussion on Project Management	
9:30 – 11:00	Introduction to the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming note • Content and objectives of the event: • Project Management: an overview • WCO: Introduction to Capacity Building Compendium: Chapter 5 (Project Management) Facilitator: Philip Wood
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
Session II: Project Management in the context of Reform & Modernisation	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can project management help Customs administrations to implement their Reform & Modernisation programs? • Personal experiences: Participants will share their experiences of reform & Modernisation in a customs context • Best practice: Summary of best practice Facilitator: Philip Wood WCO: Mohamed Atiki
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
Session III: How to establish a Project Office	
14:00 – 14:30	This session will sum up the morning discussions and will run through the basic elements required in establishing a Project Office.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study: Establishment of a Project Management Office • Best practice: Summary of best practice <p>Facilitator: Mohamed Atiki</p>
Session IV: Change Management	
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Introduction to Change Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key concepts • Why is Change Management important? • Personal experiences: Participants will share their experiences of Change Management in a customs context • Best practice: Summary of best practice <p>Facilitator: Philip Wood</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
Session V: Resource Mobilisation	
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Introduction to Resource Mobilisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Mobilisation: What does it involve? • WCO: its role and activities in the area of Resource Mobilisation • WCO: Introduction to Capacity Building Compendium: Chapter 10 (Donor Engagement) • Q&A <p>Facilitator: Philip Wood</p>

MODULE 4 (24-26 JUNE 2015) – CUSTOMS MASTERCLASSES

Harmonized System Topic 2 (2.5 days; 24-26 June 2015)

Day 1

- Application of General Interpretative Rule 3
- Classification of composite goods

Day 2

- Classification of composite goods (cont.)
- Classification of Sets
- The 2017 HS amendments

Day 3

- The 2017 HS amendments (cont.)
- Sweeter than sugar? Heading 20.09 vs. heading 21.06
- The Harmonized System and Customs tariff rates: International agreements that may be related to classification
- Summary and closing remarks

Private sector participants will receive a login to access the free e-learning module "General Introduction to the Harmonized System" at the latest 10 days before the course starts. WCO Members can access the same material on the CLIKC! platform.

Day 1 – Wednesday, 24 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 2

Session I: Program and positioning

14:00 – 14:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• The program Facilitator: Izaak Wind
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Session II: Application of General Interpretative Rule 3

14:20 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIR 3: what you should know• In all cases applicable? Facilitator: Izaak Wind
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15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break**Session III: Composite goods**

16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are composite goods?• GIR 3 (a) applicable? Facilitator: Izaak Wind
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Day 2 –Thursday, 25 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 2**Day 2 - Introduction**

09:30 – 9:50	Recap Day – course overview Facilitator: Izaak Wind
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Session III: Composite goods (cont.)

9:50 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are composite goods?• GIR 3 (a) applicable?• Case studies Facilitator: Izaak Wind
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11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

Session IV: Classification of sets	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a set a set? • Specific use • Retail sale <p>WCO: Ed De Jong, Senior Technical Officer Facilitator: Izaak Wind</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session IV: Classification of sets (cont.)	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can I construe a set? • Case studies <p>WCO: Ed De Jong, Senior Technical Officer Facilitator: Izaak Wind</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session V: The 2017 amendments to the HS	
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background of the amendments • Specific areas <p>WCO: Ed De Jong, Senior Technical Officer Facilitator: Izaak Wind</p>

Day 3 – Friday, 26 June 2015, Harmonized System – Topic 2

Session V: The 2017 amendments to the HS (cont.)	
09:30 – 11:00	WCO: Ed De Jong, Senior Technical Officer Facilitator: Izaak Wind
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session VI: Sweeter than sugar?	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powdered fruit and vegetable juices • Heading 20.09 vs. heading 21.06 • Any parameters that can be used? <p>Facilitator: Izaak Wind</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session VII The HS and Customs duties (cont.)	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International agreements • Relationship and consequences <p>Facilitator: Izaak Wind</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00 – 16:30	Summary & closing remarks Facilitator: Izaak Wind

WCO Data Model Version 3

Sue Probert has many years of experience working in the computer industry as programmer, systems analyst, software designer, trainer, training course designer, presenter, consultant and technical author. She focuses on the area of paper and electronic document exchange requirements, particularly in the international trade and transport arena, and is a keen advocate of Trade Facilitation. She provides data mapping and data modelling contributions to ISO, UN/CEFACT and WCO standards setting projects including the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library, the EU Cross Industry Invoice Reference Model and the WCO Data Model.

WCO Data Model (3 days; 24-26 June 2015)

Why, What, How?

An introductory course at management level with practical sessions to demonstrate implementation techniques and case studies of success stories

Duration: 3 days

An introduction to the WCO Data Model, its relationship to a wide range of WCO instruments including the SAFE Framework and the Revised Kyoto Convention, its building blocks and its maintenance procedure. Business process and information modelling: the principles and standards, modelling types and procedures for handling business process and information models. Data Sets: the data sets contained in the Data Model, their structure, their relationship to other standards and their practical implementation. Practical uSAFE of the Data Model (data harmonization and Single Window).

PS: Please bring a laptop with you!

Day 1 – Wednesday 24 June 2015	
Session I: Introductions, the WCO DM and its relationship to a wide range of WCO instruments	
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome, introductions, notices and introduction to the course Facilitator: Sue Probert
10:30 – 11:00	Introduction to the WCO DM and its relationships to a wide range of WCO instruments including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAFE Framework• Revised Kyoto Convention WCO: Donald Tan / Tejo Kusuma
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: WCO DM Development, relationship to other standards, publication and maintenance procedures	
11:30 – 12:00	WCO DM business process and information modelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development procedures• Relationship to other key international standards• Maintenance and publication procedures Singapore Customs: Desmond Chia
12:00 – 12:30	Introduction to WCO DM deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base class library• Information Packages• GOVCBR WCO: Tejo Kusuma
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

Session III: WCO DM Base Library and Information Packages	
14:00 – 15:00	The important role of the WCO DM Information Packages WCO: Sue Probert
15:00 – 15:30	Introduction to the WCO GOVCBR EDIFACT message and its relationship to the WCO DM WCO: Tejo Kusuma
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session IV: Introduction to the WCO + GEFEG Implementation Packages	
16:00 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Package • Customisation Package • Extensible Package GEFEG: Michael Dill
Session V: Data Quality Aspects	
16:45 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues – Systems and non – Systems aspects • How WCO DM offers improvements Singapore Customs: Desmond Chia

Day 2 – Thursday 25 June 2015

Session I: WCO DM Exploring	
09:30–09:45	Recap of Day 1 and introduction of the plan for the day Facilitator: Sue Probert
09:45–10:30	How to find your way around the WCO DM using the 'WCO and GEFEG.FX Study Package' GEFEG: Michael Dill
10:30–11:00	More about Information Packages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which are included in the latest WCO DM version • what is planned for the next version(s) WCO: Tejo Kusuma
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: WCO DM GOVCBR Usage	
11:30 – 12:30	WCO DM – Working with GOVCBR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message implementation guidelines • Mapping from WCO DM GEFEG: Michael Dill
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

Session III: WCO DM Usage examples	
14:00 – 15:00	Governmental Usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the applications for Customs authorities and cross-border Partner Agencies? • Authority Implementation Case Studies WCO: Tejo Kusuma and Singapore Customs: Desmond Chia
15:00 – 15:30	Traders Usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the applications for Traders? • Implementation examples Facilitator: Sue Probert
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session IV: WCO DM Benefits Overview	
16:30 – 17:30	WCO DM – Benefits & Single Window Aspects Singapore Customs: Desmond Chia
Day 3 – Friday 26 June 2015	
Session I: WCO DM Implementation Aspects	
09:30–09:45	Recap of Day 2 and introduction of the plan for the day Facilitator: Sue Probert
09:45-10:30	Adoption Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximising reuse to promote interoperability • Code management and customisation • Extensions and DMRs WCO: Tejo Kusuma
10:30–11:00	WCO DM Customisation Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Localisation • Hierarchies GEFEG: Michael Dill
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session II: WCO DM Practical Customisation Exercises	
11:30 – 12:00	Exercise 1 - WCO DM Customisation Techniques Facilitator: Sue Probert
12:00 – 12:30	'My Information Package' exercise using the 'WCO and GEFEG.FX Customisation Package' GEFEG: Michael Dill
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III: WCO DM XML and autogeneration exercise	
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to WCO DM XML • Exercise to autogenerate conformant WCO DM XML message • Benefits of autogeneration from customisations WCO: Tejo Kusuma and GEFEG: Michael Dill
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee/Tea Break

Session IV Practical Mapping to/from the WCO DM	
15:30 – 16:00	Maximising the Use of WCO IDs and other identifiers for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data harmonisation • Integration with in-house applications • Migration to/from legacy systems etc. • How to increase interoperability GEFEG: Sue Probert
Session V: Summary and Closing Remarks	
16:30 – 16:50	Illustration of Validation techniques GEFEG: Michael Dill
16:50 – 17:10	WCO DM Adoption Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCO Data Modelling Project Team (DMPT) • WCO DM website • WCO eLearning training modules WCO: Tejo Kusuma
17:10 – 17:30	Summary & closing remarks Facilitator: Sue Probert

Research-related topics (2 days; 25-26 June 2015)

The active pursuit of knowledge through systematic inquiry, empirical evidence, and consideration of local conditions greatly benefits policymaking. To support these objectives, the WCO Research Unit produces research and policy analysis on Customs and international trade matters.

Thursday (25 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Remarks and Overview of Research Activities	Rachel McGauran, WCO Research Analyst, WCO Research Unit
10:00 – 11:00	<i>“The Future of Customs”</i>	Robert Ireland, Head of WCO Research Unit
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	<i>“Cross-border trade, taxes, and exchange of information”</i>	Chang-Ryung Han, WCO Technical Officer, WCO Research Unit
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 15:30	<i>“Comparing Borders: the idea of competitiveness and the international rankings applied to Customs”</i>	Thomas Cantens, WCO Technical Officer, WCO Research Unit
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	<i>“Comparing Borders: the idea of competitiveness and the international rankings applied to Customs” (continued)”</i>	Thomas Cantens, WCO Technical Officer, WCO Research Unit

Friday (26 June)

Time	Programme	Speaker
9:30 – 11:00	<i>“Tobacco Control”</i>	Robert Ireland, Head, WCO Research Unit
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	“Taming Numbers: the use of figures to reform”	Thomas Cantens, WCO Research Unit
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	“Taming Numbers: the use of figures to reform” (cont.)	Thomas Cantens, WCO Research Unit
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Closing dialogue	Robert Ireland, Thomas Cantens, Chang-Ryung Han, and Rachel McGauran

Outside activity

On Saturday 20 June, delegates will travel by coach to the Port of Rotterdam. We will depart at 07:30 from the WCO Headquarters and arrive at the Port by 10:00. We will take the Extended Harbour Tour.

Unforgettable view of the international port

For an unforgettable impression of Rotterdam's busy international port, this extensive tour is definitely a must. Shipbuilding and ships' repair companies, pipe layers, Roll On-Roll Off ferries, dry docks and the sight of millions of containers being transshipped: after this impressive trip through the Botlek area, you will know the ins and outs of Rotterdam harbour from your own experience. Through the trip you have an excellent view of Rotterdam's unique skyline but also get the opportunity to pass by former cruise ship 'De Rotterdam'.



Following the Port tour, delegates will transfer by coach to the **Belasting & Douane (Customs & Tax) Museum**. (<http://www.bdmuseum.nl/>)

The Tax and Customs Museum has a very interesting collection about everything that relates to tax and customs. Now this might not sound very interesting to everyone that hates to pay tax and customs, but there are actually some very nice things to see in this museum! Rotterdam has always played an important role in the history of tax and customs because of the many goods entering and leaving the country through the harbour. In the museum there are more than 40,000 objects that you can see varying from uniforms, medals, prints, paintings, silver works to smuggling goods!



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