



# CBM: Air Cargo Security Programme Harmonization - AEO & Regulated Agents/Known Consignors



WCO - Only international inter-governmental organization dealing with Customs matters

180 Members dealing with 98% of global trade

Standard / rule setting

Leadership, guidance and support to Customs administrations to secure and facilitate legitimate trade, realize revenues, protect society and build capacity.

Effective and efficient Customs administration





# International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO - UN specialized  
agency

191 Member States

Work together to support  
a safe, efficient, secure,  
economically sustainable  
and environmentally  
responsible civil aviation  
sector

Standards and  
Recommended Practices  
(SARPS)

Annexes 9 (Facilitation)  
and 17 (Security) of the  
Chicago Convention





# Introduction



- October 2010 - Yemen incident
- December 2010 WCO Policy Commission - issued Communiqué
- February 2011 - Technical Experts Group on Air Cargo Security (Expert Group)
  - Important principle - clear distinction between role of Customs and Transport Regulators
  - Expert Group - promote synergies between instruments, tools and programmes
- June 2011 - ICAO's Working Group on Air Cargo Security
- July 2012 - ICAO-WCO Joint Conference, Enhancing Air Cargo Security and Facilitation-Synergy through Cooperation



# Developments



- Feb 2011 - identified 2 specific areas of work
  - Advance Cargo Information - risk management
  - Alignment of security programmes - avoid duplication and provide facilitation
- April 2011 - identified pilot projects ACAS; PRECISE and PACT comparison of security programmes; advance information group
- June 2011 - Signed MoU & ICAO SG at WCO Council
- Oct 2011 - worked on the comparison between AEO & Regulated Agent and Known Consignor
- August 2014 - Joint WCO ICAO Working Group on Advance Cargo Information (JWGACI)



# Joint Conferences



- July 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> ICAO-WCO Joint Conference in Singapore (Joint Communiqué)
- April 2014 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ICAO-WCO Joint Conference on Enhancing Air Cargo Security and Facilitation-Synergy through Cooperation
- July 2016 - 3<sup>rd</sup> ICAO-WCO Joint Conference on Enhancing Air Cargo Security and Facilitation-The Path to Effective Implementation





# Developments



The Conferences saw some clear points emerging from the discussion:

- The need for cooperation, collaboration and coordination between the national agency level; between states at international level and at multilateral level between ICAO, WCO and UPU.
- The call for harmonisation, standardisation and clarity of standards, rules and process.
- Good data delivered at the right time is key to support supply chain security.
- Recognise the securing of supply chain is not the responsibility of any single agency.
- Threats are evolving and therefore there is a greater need to continue working together.
- Mutual Recognition



# ICAO-WCO Joint Brochure at ICAO HQ



- Describes, inter alia, the roles of AEOs and RAs/KCs
- Second edition 2016







# AEO vs Regulated Agent/Known Consignor

- WCO - ICAO level comparison - 80% compatible
- Members already working on comparing/aligning
- EU - legislation;
- Canada - aligning
- US - revalidation for C-TPAT airlines are conducted by TSA
- Joint Pilot - Vietnam



# Similarities



- Properly trained and recruited staff;
- Secure premises;
- Protection of consignments;
- Proper documentation;
- Secure transport.



# Dissimilarities

- Financial standards (for AEOs);
- IT standards (for AEOs);
- Screening standards (for RAs);
- Length of recognition period (fixed 5 year maximum for RAs and KCs)



# Converging lines?

Possibilities for future developments could include:

- Length of recognition period (limits for AEOs);
- Strengthening of IT and financial requirements for RAs;
- Mutual recognition of inspection results (including for original listing).

But, although there is a good deal of overlap and some potential for further alignment, AEOs and RAs remain different systems for different purposes and could not be entirely merged.





## AEOs -next steps

- Discussing with IMO - ISPS Code
- Discussing with UPU
- Potential discussion with other international certification bodies
- WCO - UNODC



Thank you for your  
attention

