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Progress of the comprehensive review of the Revised Kyoto Convention

Workshop on Rules of Origin
8 February 2023
Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)

✓ The International Convention on the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures (as amended)

✓ Promotes trade facilitation and effective controls through its legal provisions that detail the application of simple yet efficient procedures

✓ Entered into force in 2006

✓ Currently 133 Contracting Parties
Structure of RKC

Body of the Convention

General Annex

Chapter 1
Chapter 2
Chapter 3
Chapters 4 - 10

Specific Annex A
Specific Annex B
Specific Annex C - J
Specific Annex K

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Each Annex is accompanied by non-binding Guidelines, except for SA K
Four-step framework of RKC review process

**Timeline**

8th WGRKC 23rd RKC/MC

By December 2020

By June 2021

By Sep./Oct. 2021

By March 2023 (The deadline was extended at the 30th RKC/MC)

**Process Step**

- Submission of Proposals
  - Development of Recommendations (Objectives, Outcomes, Effects)

- Assessment of Developed Recommendations against RKC and its Guidelines and existing WCO tools and instruments

- Assessment of Developed Recommendations to see if new RKC Guidelines, tools and instruments could/should be developed

- Consideration of Developed Recommendations against ‘criteria’ for possible amendment to the RKC

- Development of Amendment Proposals (Negotiating text)

- Articles 6 and 15 amendment process

**Who**

- Members and Observers
- Working Group
- Management Committee

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Way forward

At the 30th Session, RKC/MC:

- agreed that the review be extended so that the mandate of the review can be completed;

- acknowledged that national circumstances may not allow some Members to obtain a negotiation mandate but this should not be an obstacle to the progress RKC review;

- decided to extend the timelines for conducting the RKC review process under the “four-step framework” until December 2023, during which the review of the RKC Guidelines would be finalized and the already discussed potential draft texts (both GA and SAs) would be further reviewed by proponents and interested parties with the logistical support of the WCO Secretariat;

- agreed that by December 2023 a list of the potential draft texts would be compiled by the Secretariat and submitted, along with draft updates to the Guidelines, to the RKC/MC for its consideration on the way forward based on the results of the review, as agreed upon in 2017.
Thank you!

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