

## Corruption Risk Analysis

### A Key Tool to Drive Trade Facilitation and Strengthen Integrity

Corruption risk analysis is a powerful tool that allows us to move toward more agile and efficient trade, without leaving room for corrupt practices to undermine these achievements. In the context of the WCO Strategic Plan and the objectives of the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC), fighting corruption is not just a goal but an essential condition to ensure that key instruments such as the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) are implemented with fairness, equity, and transparency.

**Corruption risk mapping** invites us to look at each of the stages of goods movement outlined in the RKC as an opportunity not only to facilitate trade but also to strengthen transparency and integrity in the system. A strong, risk-based approach not only protects our efforts but drives our shared mission: to build a cleaner, fairer, and safer global trade system for all.

Not only must corruption be combated, but the promotion of ethical behavior is also necessary to facilitate trade. **Integrity** means ensuring that rules are applied consistently, and that officials remain **trained and committed** to their responsibilities.

The RKC is the WCO's main instrument to facilitate trade through the simplification and harmonization of customs procedures, based on transparency, predictability, risk management and collaboration to facilitate international trade, improve the efficiency of customs operations and promote supply chain security.

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#### Arrival of goods

By applying corruption risk analysis, potential vulnerabilities in the arrival process can be identified, helping to minimize corruption opportunities and ensuring a faster, more predictable process, which is key for trade facilitation. Including corruption risk analysis in this phase strengthens customs systems' ability to prevent corrupt practices, such as document manipulation or favoritism toward certain operators, without sacrificing agility in the arrival process.



#### Customs clearance

By applying corruption risk analysis, it ensures that clearance is not influenced by corrupt practices, such as the undue prioritization of certain shipments, fostering faster and more reliable movement of goods. Integrating corruption risk management ensures that the focus on simplification does not compromise fairness in the treatment of operators.

#### Clearance audits

Corruption risk analysis strengthens this process by identifying vulnerabilities that could compromise operational efficiency or transparency. This assures commercial operators that audits are free from manipulation. Including corruption risk analysis in this phase ensures that not only blatant irregularities are detected, but also ethically questionable practices, such as the manipulation of priorities or lack of control over documentation. By anticipating and mitigating these risks, a fairer and more transparent process is ensured.