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## **PTC MANAGEMENT**

### **Progress report and update of the Work Programme 2013-2016**

#### **(Item XIV. (a) on the Agenda)**

#### **Introduction**

1. The PTC works in line with a long-term Work Programme that is directly linked to the WCO Strategic Plan and the objectives determined by the PTC Terms of Reference. It is intended to be updated in accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee and the governing bodies of the WCO, namely the Policy Commission and the Council.
2. The Correspondence Group on the Future of the PTC initiated the introduction of a Work Programme that would be updated regularly and progress of which would be monitored on a regular basis.
3. The Correspondence Group developed the Work Programme 2013-2016 (WP 2013-2016) which was discussed at the November 2013 meeting, when suggestions for inclusion of performance indicators and timelines was agreed. The final version of the WP 2013-2016 was submitted to the Policy Commission in December 2013 and the Council in June 2014.

#### **Update of the Work Programme 2013-2016**

4. In the inter-session, the Secretariat has carried out an update of the WP 2013-2016 in order to reflect the latest developments and include new tasks assigned by the PTC itself or by the Policy Commission/Council.

5. All of the amendments and additions have been reflected in track changes. Key changes include:
  - Introduction of new topics such as: E-commerce, Customs Brokers and IT Guide for Executives;
  - Moving the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement topic under a new chapter, to reflect the importance given to this topic under the WCO Strategic Plan;
  - Deletion of "Preferential rules of origin" topic which will be dealt with by the newly established Working Group on Revenue Compliance and Fraud;
  - Deletion of some of the tasks as either felt they were irrelevant or if they were more a task for the WCO Secretariat than for the PTC.
  
6. In addition, the WP 2013-2016 includes a new column on Progress to reflect to what extent the performance indicators have been met and the progress made.

**Conclusion**

7. The PTC is invited to endorse the progress report and the update of the Work Programme 2013-2016, with possible suggestions for improvements.

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## **PTC Work Programme 2013-2016**

### **Introduction**

The PTC will work in line with a three-year Work Programme developed to provide more clarity on its current and future tasks to support the execution of the PTC core functions:

- contribute to the strategic direction of work done by the WCO in respect of the promotion, development and administration of trade facilitation instruments and tools, in accordance with the WCO Strategic Plan;
- help to enhance co-operation between Customs administrations and governmental and non-governmental (private sector) organizations in the field of trade facilitation;
- introduce and promote initiatives aimed at improving the effectiveness of Customs through information technology and electronic commerce, Customs co-operation and the establishment of various legal instruments;
- develop various tools designed to enhance efficiency in trade (particularly the Guide to measure the time required for the release of goods), and promote their use by Members;
- contribute to the development of means and methods to facilitate, simplify and harmonize the Customs formalities applicable to postal consignments;
- provide strategic support for the WCO's capacity building programmes for its Members.

The Work Programme of the Permanent Technical Committee is in line with the WCO Strategic Plan and supports implementation of its goals and activities. It will be regularly updated to reflect the decisions taken by the Committee and the governing bodies of the WCO and to reflect the progress made.

### **Work Programme 2013-2016**

The Work Programme aims to consolidate all the topics the Committee will be dealing with in the following three-year period. It should be considered as a living document and updated to reflect the changes taking place in the Customs environment and to reflect the new demands of the Membership or decisions of the Policy Commission and Council. Topics which are being proposed for inclusion in the Work Programme, would first need to be discussed in a PTC meeting. In accordance with the PTC Agenda setting guidelines, two or more Members (and possibly Observer(s)) would be expected to put forward a document for discussion in order to allow the PTC to have a clear understanding of the topic and the reasons for its inclusion in the Work Programme.

The Programme largely supports achieving Strategic Goal 1 of the WCO Strategic Plan 2013/2014-2015/2016 – Promoting the security and facilitation of international trade, including simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures = Economic Competitiveness Package, but also supports Strategic Goal 5 – Promoting information exchange between all stakeholders. It further contributes to the implementation of the following Strategic activities falling under these two goals:

- Strategic Activity 1.1: Develop, manage and promote conventions, guidelines, standards and tools on trade security and facilitation;
- Strategic Activity 1.2: Support effective implementation of WTO TFA provisions through use of WCO instruments, tools and assistance
- Strategic Activity 1.3: Promote coordinated border management;
- Strategic Activity 1.4: Enhance partnership with private sector;
- Strategic Activity 1.5: Manage and promote Information Technology;
- ~~Strategic Activity 2.1: Develop, manage and promote standards, guidelines and tools on revenue collection~~
- Strategic Activity 5.1 Implement Globally Networked Customs (GNC).

For each of the Strategic Activities, the Programme provides a list of topics and related tasks to be carried out by the PTC.

1. PTC tasks to support Strategic Activity 1.1: Develop, manage and promote conventions, guidelines, standards and tools on trade security and facilitation

*“The WCO will continue to work on developing international standards for Customs procedures ~~and~~ It promotes the Revised Kyoto Convention ~~and is working to support the Trade Facilitation Negotiating Group under the World Trade Organization~~. The WCO has also launched the Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP). It further develops, maintains and promotes the SAFE Framework of Standards, the Time Release Study, and other instruments and tools to achieve trade security and facilitation. It also monitors the implementation of the Resolution on the Role of Customs in Natural Disaster Relief.”*

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
Economic Competitiveness Package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the progress in implementing the ECP Action Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress <del>report</del> in implementing the Action Plan <u>reported</u> to the PTC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>First report (Doc. PC0313) provided to the PTC in March 2013;</u>  <u>second report (Doc. PC0328) provided to the PTC in November 2013;</u>  <u>third report (Doc. PC0358) provided to the PTC in March 2014;</u>  <u>fourth report (Doc. PC0378) provided to the</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
				<u>PTC in October 2014.</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise the ECP Action Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Draft of the revised Action Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The revised ECP Action Plan was endorsed by the PTC in March 2014.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit the revised Action Plan to the Policy Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The revised ECP Action Plan was endorsed at the Policy Commission in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the ECP Toolkit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Update of the ECP toolkit published</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The revised ECP Toolkit was submitted to the PTC in October 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Organize High Level Conference on Regional Integration, with inputs from PTC</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Hold Conference after the June 2015 Council Sessions</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preparations have been started</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>At the March 2015 PTC, Members will be invited to contribute to the agenda of the Conference.</u></li> </ul>
Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the RKC Management Committee on maintenance, promotion, and implementation of <del>of</del> the RKC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Recommendations of the PTC regarding the maintenance of the RKC</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>During the discussions on the Analysis of Section I of the TFA, the PTC recommended that the RKC Management Committee be familiarized with the existing inconsistencies between the provisions in the RKC and the TFA which were then reported to the RKC/MC in November 2014.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of WCO members using the RKC Toolkit on quality implementation assessment, <u>including in Regional Integration Projects</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Until now the Secretariat has not received any request coming from WCO Members for support in using the Toolkit. The WCO Secretariat is planning to contact some Members to start working on this. The PTC is expected to support the Secretariat in this work.</u></li> </ul>
Time Release Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that WCO members reported to PTC and share best practices related to TRS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Number of reports received by the Secretariat with permission to share the results with WCO members</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By December 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Secretariat shared with delegates, during the PTC sessions in October 2014, the results of the survey conducted amongst WCO Members.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the use and implementation of Time Release Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Number of seminars/Workshops conducted</u></li> <li>• <u>Number of presentations given by WCO members during PTC meetings</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>During the October 2014 PTC sessions, four WCO Members shared their TRS experiences with delegates, especially on the benefits of using this tool.</u></li> </ul>

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Supply Chain Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss/approve technical issues forwarded by the SAFE WG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of issues discussed and approved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>SAFE WG reports have been regularly submitted to the PTC.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure issues related to Customs and SAFE Framework are brought to the PTC for information/update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Update on SAFE FoS including its review reported to the PTC</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>SAFE Review 2015 endorsed by the PTC in October 2014.</u></li> </ul>
<u>WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF)<sup>†</sup></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Seek means to support implementation of commitments stemming from the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation;</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Analysis of the WTO ATF developed</u></li> <li>• <u>Number of technical guidance tools developed</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>March 2014</u></li> <li>• <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Update the WTO Trade Facilitation Toolkit;</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Updated WTO TF Toolkit published</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Respond to Members' concerns regarding specific provisions and consider implications in terms of Capacity Building and Technical Assistance requirements.</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>WTO-specific programme of assistance developed with the Capacity Building Directorate</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>June 2014</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Natural Disaster Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The four Regional Seminars required to be organized in order to comply with point 9 of the 2011 Resolution are delivered</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>A number of seminars carried out</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>December 2014</u></li> </ul>	

<sup>†</sup> The activities under this topic will depend on the discussions that will take place in the WCO Working Group on the WTO ATF.

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Monitor implementation of the 2011 WCO Resolution on Natural Disaster Relief (NDR) and other related WCO tools and initiatives</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Submit to PTC paper on implementation of the Resolution on NDR including an update on the Customs community contribution to the fight against Ebola</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>March 2015</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Paper submitted to the March 2015 PTC.</u></li> </ul>
Immediate Release Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the updated version of the Immediate Release Guidelines (IRG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The revised Immediate Release Guidelines are adopted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The revised IRG were adopted by the PTC in March 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support maintenance and ensure that technical issues related to IRG are reported to PTC for discussion and guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of WCO members using the IRG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>During the PTC sessions in October 2014, discussions were launched on the issue of the <i>de minimis</i> regime. The PTC will be requested to provide more guidance to Members on this issue of the <i>de minimis</i> regime also included in the RKC.</u></li> </ul>
Glossary of International Customs Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the Glossary of International Customs Terms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New terms proposed to be included in the Glossary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Analysis of Section I of the TFA showed that there might a need to update the Glossary to include the links between the terms used in the WCO and the WTO TFA, where certain discrepancies exist.</u></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give guidance on the way forward for the definitions proposed by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Virtual Group, which do not form part of any WCO instrument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three new definitions reviewed and approved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>During its 201<sup>st</sup>/202<sup>nd</sup> Sessions in November 2013, the PTC approved nine terms submitted by the Virtual Working Group, while eight terms have been submitted for further review to the appropriate WCO Committees and other bodies.</u></li> </ul>
Postal Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take actions to promote the use of Customs/Post EDI messages and exchange of information in Postal Traffic with a view of enhancing facilitation and security of shipments transported by post.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Guidance tool</u> Guidelines for exchange of electronic messages between Customs and posts developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 201<u>65</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Virtual Working Group set up under the WCO/UPU Contact Committee and an update on the developments will be submitted to the PTC meeting in March 2015.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and provide guidance to the work of the WCO/UPU Contact Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Approved WCO/UPU CC reports, work programme, draft tools approved and issues arising resolved</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In March 2014 the PTC adopted the WCO/UPU Customs Postal Guide and the WCO/UPU MoU Guidelines.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Revised CN 22 approved</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>March 2015</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Adoption expected through the report of the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WCO/UPU Contact Committee at the March 2015 PTC meeting.</u></li> </ul>

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Regional integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further research based on Members' interests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress report on work on Members' priorities concerning regional integration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Document PC0395 from the October 2014 PTC contained a progress on the work carried out under the regional integration priorities. The March 2015 PTC will be discussing a document about the regional approach of the WCO that supports regional integration. It will also be invited to contribute to the development of the agenda for the High Level Conference to be held after June 2015 Council.</u></li> </ul>
Informal Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a publication, based on Members' needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish research book or special journal on informal trade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Papers being reviewed by external peer reviewers.</u></li> </ul>
Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Transit Handbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transit Handbook published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Transit Handbook was adopted by the PTC in October 2014 and the Policy Commission in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>
Data Quality, Data Security and Compliance Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform oversight function over developments in other committees and groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of SAFE Working Group Expert Group (SWG EG) on Data Quality to June 2014 Policy Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Report of SWG EG went to December 2014 Policy Commission, contained in SAFE report. Draft Council Recommendation on Data Quality and List of acceptable and non-</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
				<u>acceptable terms to be silently approved by March 2015 PTC.</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine if new tools or instruments need to be developed or existing ones updated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop guidelines on Customs Compliance Framework that includes data quality aspects for submission to June 2015 PC for guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The draft Customs Compliance Framework was discussed at the Joint PTC/Enforcement Committee meeting in March 2014 and at the PTC in October 2014. Draft Framework to be silently approved by March 2015 PTC.</u></li> </ul>
<u>E-Commerce</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Discuss issues emanating from growth in e-commerce and provide strategic guidance and potential solutions</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Identify specific issues and potential solutions to facilitate growth in e-commerce while ensuring compliance and security of supply chain.</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The PTC discussed some of the issues at its meeting in March and October 2014 and decided to continue discussions in the future. The March 2015 PTC is invited to discuss the tasks to be included under the PTC Work Programme.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Analyze impact of e-commerce on revenue</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The March 2015 PTC will also discuss the impact of e-commerce on revenue collection.</u></li> </ul>

2. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 1.2 Support effective implementation of WTO TFA provisions through use of WCO instruments, tools and assistance

“The WCO welcomes the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) adopted at the WTO’s Ninth Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia from 3 to 7 December 2013. It constitutes an important milestone for the WTO and global trade. The potential of the TFA in the Bali Package is significant. According to analysis, the measures will boost prosperity by reducing administrative burden and transaction costs, and are expected to save developing countries around US\$325 billion a year and accelerate their integration into the global value chains. According to the OECD, developed countries also stand to gain with a 10 percent cut in their trade costs and easier trade flows for their operators. The potential new gains from trade facilitation are considerable, especially for countries that have yet to apply its principles.”

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF) <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek means to support implementation of commitments stemming from the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of the WTO <u>ATFA</u> developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Analysis of TFA Sections I and II were developed in early 2014 and discussed at the March 2014 sessions. The PTC in October 2014 discussed the updated version of the Analysis of Section I which has been published on the WCO web site.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of technical guidance tools developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In the period from 2013 to date, many technical guidance tools approved by the PTC support</u></li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> The activities under this topic will depend on the discussions that will take place in the WCO Working Group on the WTO ATFA (TFAWG).

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
				<p><u>implementation of TFA provisions:</u>  <u>Implementation Guidance, Analysis of Section I, CBM Compendium; the Customs-Business Partnership Guidance, the Model Business Lens Checklist for SMEs, the Customs Compliance Framework, including Voluntary Disclosure and Data Quality etc.</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the WTO Trade Facilitation Toolkit;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated WTO TF Toolkit published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The WTO TF Toolkit has been incorporated in both the WTO TFA Implementation Guidance and the Analysis of Section I which are living tools presented to the PTC in the two meetings in 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to Members' concerns regarding specific provisions and consider implications in terms of Capacity Building and Technical Assistance requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>WTO-specific programme of assistance developed with the Capacity Building Directorate</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>June 2014</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Mercator programme launched in June 2014. The PTC discussed and provided guidance for developing the Mercator programme at its sessions in October 2014.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Explore implementation of particular TFA provisions, especially those forwarded by the TFAWG</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The PTC has discussed a number of trade facilitation measures specifically in the context of the TFA such as Article 7.7 on Authorized Operators and Article 12 on Customs Cooperation (jointly discussed with Enforcement Committee), both at the March 2014 meeting. Customs brokers (Article 10.6) will be discussed in March 2015 as tasked by the Policy Commission in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>

### 3. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 1.32: Promote coordinated border management

*“Coordinated border management (CBM) is an important trade facilitation contribution to improved border management procedures that enhances economic growth and development. The increasing flow of both goods and travelers across borders, and the expectation that such movements should take place without undue delay, puts pressure on all border agencies to rationalize their operations. CBM further enables governments to reduce their border control costs whilst simultaneously delivering enhanced efficiency and effectiveness. CBM also plays a significant role in a nation’s economic competitiveness by better facilitating trade and travel.”*

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	<u>Progress</u>
Coordinated Border Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect innovative practices from Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include best practices in new Coordinated Border Management Compendium (submission of draft to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>A number of Members’ practices have been collected and incorporated into the CBM Compendium.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
		December Policy Commission 2014)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop new tools or instruments, based on Members' needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create new Coordinated Border Management Compendium (submission of draft to December Policy Commission 2014)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Adopted by PTC in October 2014 and the Policy Commission in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with other International Organizations concerning CBM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>WCO attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, Rome, Italy, 31 March - 4 April 2014.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue engaging IPPC, OiE, Codex Alimentarius and other relevant organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>International organizations related to CBM were invited to PTC. IPPC and Codex Alimentarius conducted presentations related to CBM in March 2013 regarding Logistics Performance Index and the Border Management Modernization Handbook. OiE conducted a presentation in November 2013 regarding temporary admission for HHP Horses.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
End-Use Codes and Product identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine product identification systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Secretariat research; report to PTC and/or Joint PTC/EC, starting March 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2014 (and subsequent PTCs as appropriate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">PTC was updated on the development of FAQ on Product Identification during the October 2014 sessions.</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Determine if and how they could support Customs/OGA operations</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Develop instrument or amend existing instruments to guide WCO members</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Ongoing</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

#### 4. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 1.43: Enhance partnership with private sector

*“The WCO maintains close partnerships with a large number of private sector organizations. Such partnerships are in many cases formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding. Fostering the Customs-trade partnership has traditionally been an important part of the WCO’s work, but this work has been taken to new levels in recent years with the establishment of the Private Sector Consultative Group and the new emphasis on strategic pacts with trusted economic operators.”*

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
AEOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide input on the AEO Compendium where necessary/relevant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present the updated AEO Compendium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">AEO Compendium 2014 edition presented to the PTC in October 2014.</a></li> </ul>
Customs-Business Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a model Business Lens Checklist for SMEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model Business Lens Checklist for SMEs published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Adopted at the Policy Commission in December 2014.</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure development of Customs to Business Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">The development of the Customs to Business Partnership Guidance</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">March 2015</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Customs to Business Partnership Guidance endorsed by the PTC in October 2014 and submitted to Policy Commission in December 2014.</a></li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop 'Advanced Pillar' to the Customs to Business Partnership Guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A draft Advanced Pillar will be submitted to the PTC in March 2015</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee the development and ensure consistency of a Customs to Business toolkit/mechanism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the Guidance for discussion and inputs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<u>Customs Brokers</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study of legal and institutional framework and enhancing Cooperation between Customs and Customs Brokers including capacity building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out detailed analysis and further work, based on Members' experiences, good practices and lessons learned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTC in March 2015 will discuss the role of Customs brokers in the supply chain and the institutional and legal framework.</li> </ul>

#### 5. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 1.54: Manage and promote Information Technology

*"Modern Customs organizations have a very high degree of dependency on the application of Information Technology (IT) that is recognized for its contribution to the economic competitiveness of a nation. IT is a horizontal topic with deep cross-linkages with several of the building blocks of Customs in the 21st Century. The WCO will focus on some of its key instruments related to the use of IT in Customs."*

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
Data Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce annual updates of the Data Model to reflect the standard up-to-date requirements of Members that are adopting the instrument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release 3.4 produced in 2013; Release 3.5 will be finalized according to schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Model version 3.4 Dataset has been published; Data Model version 3.5 Dataset has been published in December 2014.</li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce Information Packages to cover a wider array of cross-border regulatory procedures including all Customs major types <u>licenses</u>, certificates and permits used in international trade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information packages covered by the scope of release 3.5 will be finalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>AEI, EATA Carnet Data, OIE Certificate and ENESCO Cultural Object Certificate Information Packages were added to the Data Model version 3.5 which was released in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerate adoption by Members and regional organizations by promoting 'My Information Packages'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One example of "My Information Packages" produced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In progress</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage a Member to produce a further example of "My Information Package"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In progress.</u></li> </ul>
UCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>To update the UCR Guidelines to reflect:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>the practical use of the UCR concept in cross-border trade.</u></li> <li><u>the business benefits to Customs &amp; Trade</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Discussion on identified topics to determine if any change in the UCR Guidelines is required</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>June 2014</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The IMSC in January 2014 determined that there is no need to update the UCR Guidelines.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Topics identified</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>June 2015 (if updating is required)</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In January 2014, the IMSC determined that there was no need to update the UCR Guidelines.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
Single Window	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the Compendium on 'How to Build a Single Window Environment' by including the successful Single Windows Implementations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SW Compendium updated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Updated SW Compendium endorsed by PTC in October 2014 and Policy Commission in December 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enlarge the pool of global experts through the accreditation process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Accreditation Workshop was conducted in September 2013 in Korea.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation of at least 3 experts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>3 more experts were accredited in 2014</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the WCO Repository on Single Window implementations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCO Repository updated with national practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>43 Members will be asked to validate the information in the Repository.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Continue to support Members on Single Window implementation through Capacity Building assistance programmes</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Additional Capacity Building Missions will be carried out this year;</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Ongoing</del></li> </ul>	
API Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce -updates of the PNRGOV Message Implementation Guide.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PNRGOV Guidelines 13.1 finalized (further updates depend on feedback based on implementation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Finalized and endorsed by PTC in March 2014.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the WCO/IATA/ICAO API Guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>API Guidelines 2013 produced; Further updates will depend on changes proposed in October 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Approved by PTC in October 2014 with changes.</u></li> </ul>

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
ICT Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce an update of the WCO ICT Guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>An update of the ICT Guidelines approved</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Last update of ICT Guidelines endorsed by PTC on March 2013.</u></li> </ul>
<u>IT Guide for Executives</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Produce IT Guide for Executives</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>IT Guide for Executives approved by the PTC</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>May 2015</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>An outline of the Guide is being submitted to the March 2015 PTC for guidance.</u></li> </ul>

6. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 2.1: Develop, manage and promote standards, guidelines and tools on revenue collection

*“The WCO will continue to develop and maintain standards and guidelines associated to revenue collection. Through technical assistance and training events, the WCO will promote and explain the good practices established in the new Revenue Package guidelines on Valuation, Post-Clearance Audit, Origin and Classification. These guidelines highlight the need to establish a coordinated, risk-based approach to the identification and collection of revenue which is legally due, respecting international conventions and standards. This approach will enable Customs administrations to meet their strategic objectives of collecting all revenues for which they are responsible and facilitating compliant international trading activities.”*

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
<u>Preferential rules of origin</u>	a) <u>Give guidance on maintenance on the work, including the Origin Database and the Comparative Study, as well as the tools developed under the Revenue Package Phase 4</u>	b) <u>Update the Members on the work related to procedural aspects of preferential rules of origin and request the Members to propose future work</u>	e) <u>Ongoing</u>
	d) <u>Discuss and approve the tools to be developed</u>	e) <u>WCO Guidelines on Origin Certification</u>	f) <u>June 2014</u>

	<u>under the Revenue Package Phase 2</u>	<u>approved</u>	
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7.6. Tasks to support Strategic Activity 5.1 Implement Globally Networked Customs (GNC)

*“The challenges of the 21st Century require new approaches for cooperation between Customs administrations and all relevant stakeholders for purposes of applying Customs controls while facilitating legitimate trade. Most WCO activities are linked to information exchange and close cooperation, and therefore the requirement is to create a global Customs network in support of international trade and Customs controls. The term “-network-” does not apply to a single system, but to a systematic approach which aims to deliver seamless, real-time and paperless flows of information between Customs administrations.”*

Topic	Tasks	Performance Indicators	Timeline	Progress
Globally Networked Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Monitor progress of proof-of-concept for Utility Blocks being developed</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del><u>Prepare progress report to PC June 2014</u></del></li> <li><u>Monitor progress of Utility Blocks developed</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>December 2014</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In all its meetings in 2013 and 2014 the PTC discussed the Utility Blocks developed by various Members.</u></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Based on PC guidance, further work on GNC Governance to inform PC December 2014 and Council in June 2015</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>June 2015</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>A paper is being submitted to the March 2015 PTC.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Establish a GNC UB Repository for the sharing of completed Utility Blocks</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Establish GNC UB Repository on member site</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>March 2014</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Five Utility Blocks have been collected in the Repository so far.</u></li> </ul>