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DRAFT AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE
PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The meeting will be held from Monday 3 April at 10 a.m. to Friday 7 April 2017 at 4.30 p.m. at the latest. Day III will be devoted entirely to the e-commerce topic.
The PTC will be held in conjunction with the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) Management Committee and the ATA/Istanbul meetings which will take place on Thursday 6 April 2017. The PTC-proper meeting will continue on Friday 7 April in the morning, while the report-reading for the RKC Management Committee and the ATA/Istanbul meetings are scheduled for Friday 7 April in the afternoon. WCO Members who are non-contracting parties to the RKC and the ATA/Istanbul conventions may attend those meetings as Observers. WCO Observers may attend upon invitation.

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DAY I (3 APRIL 2017)	**I.**	**Opening and adoption of the Agenda** *(For guidance and decision)* a) Opening speech by Ms. Ana HINOJOSA, Director, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO b) Adoption of the Draft Agenda and the Summary Document	PC0463E1c PC0464E1b
	II.	**Integrated Supply Chain Management (ISCM)** *(For discussion and guidance)* a) Update of the ISCM Guidelines b) Panel discussion on the state-of-play and the future of ISCM *The PTC has been tasked to raise awareness of the ISCM Guidelines and explore further its key concepts, in particular, integrated Customs control, authorized supply chain, and connectivity among Customs administrations together with other stakeholders. In addition, the PTC Work Programme is*	PC0465E1a

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		expected to provide guidance on the potential update of the ISCM Guidelines to reflect new developments and opportunities, including the roles of different stakeholders along the supply chain. Further work on the standardization and usage of the Unique Consignment reference (UCR), especially in the context of the ISCM, is envisaged to support the connectivity and data exchange mechanisms between and among Customs administrations, for effective risk analysis and facilitation in a national/regional Single Window environment. *The agenda item will include a high-level panel discussion which will focus on the challenges and opportunities arising from the ISCM concept and its implementation and the PTC will be invited to discuss and provide guidance on the update of the ISCM Guidelines, for which the technical work will be carried out in the SAFE Working Group.*	
	III.	**Update and reports** *(For information and decision)*	
		a) Inter-sessional developments	PC0466E1a
		b) Performance measurement – results of the WCO survey	PC0467E1a
		c) Report from the 1st Meeting of the Technical Experts' Group on Non-Intrusive Inspection Equipment (21-22 September 2016)	PI0002E1a
		d) Report from the 16th SAFE Working Group (26-28 October 2016)	LF0134E1a
		e) Report from the 71st Meeting of the Information Management Sub-Committee (3-4 November 2016)	PM0414E1a
		f) Executive Summary from the 16th Meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Istanbul Convention and the 13th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the ATA Convention (14-15 November 2016)	PC_Executive_ Summary_ATA-Istanbul_E
		g) Report from the 15th Meeting of the RKC Management Committee (16-17 November 2016)	PO0093E1a
		h) Report from the 10th Meeting of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API-PNR Contact Committee (21-22 November 2016)	PS0067E1a
		i) Report from the 36th Meeting of the WCO/UPU Contact Committee (23-24 November 2016)	PU0162E1a
		j) Report from the 13th Meeting of the Counterfeiting and Piracy (CAP) Group (28-30 November 2016)	TR0050E1a
		k) Report from the 76th Meeting of the Policy Commission (5-7 December 2016)	SP0590E1a
		l) Report from the 11th Meeting of the Technical Experts' Group on Air Cargo Security (22-23 February 2017)	Oral report
		m) Report from the 16th Meeting of the Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972 (27-28 February 2017)	PB0064E1a

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		n) Report from the 7th Meeting of the WCO Working Group on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (6-7 March 2017) *Update and reports is a standard PTC agenda item which groups all "A"-items, namely reports from different WCO working bodies or from the Secretariat. Most of them are for note taking or approval and don't require much discussion. However, delegates may raise any issue or launch a relevant discussion, if required. In addition, the PTC will be updated on inter-sessional developments and on the results of the survey on performance measurement.* *Having in mind the relevance of the recent entry into force of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), the Secretariat will provide an oral report from the 7th Meeting of the WCO Working Group on the WTO TFA. An oral report will also be provided on the outcomes of the 11th Meeting of the Technical Experts' Group on Air Cargo Security.*	Oral report
	IV.	**Data analysis – WCO theme of 2017** *(For discussion and guidance)*	
		a) Results of Secretariat's research on Big Data and how it can support risk management capabilities	PC0468E1b
		b) Break-out session on data analysis	PC0469E1b
		Improving capacities to analyze Big Data can potentially provide huge benefits to Customs. In line with the Digital Customs Work Plan, the PTC is expected to explore the Big Data topic further. This item will provide an opportunity to share the final results of Secretariat's research on Big Data, also in terms of its support to Risk Management capabilities, and will serve as an introduction to the break-out session that will follow. *Namely, Customs has a substantial amount of data at its disposal, such as data submitted for the Customs clearance process. It can also tap into data from other government agencies, commercially available databases and open source information platforms such as digitized global public records and multilingual news sources. The break-out session will provide an opportunity for the delegates to discuss and share experiences in collecting and analyzing data, including how the private sector and other stakeholders can support this process.*	
DAY II (4 APRIL 2017)	V.	**Future of Customs** *(For discussion, guidance and decision)*	
		a) The way forward for the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs	PC0470E1b
		b) Research on Global Value Chains (GVCs)	

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		c) Development of a Handbook on Inward and Outward Processing Procedures *Almost two years after its establishment under the PTC, the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs is taking stock of the work undertaken so far and seeking PTC's guidance on the way forward. The PTC will discuss the draft Report on the PTC's Future of Customs Agenda and the Virtual Working Group and is invited to provide strategic guidance focusing in particular on the future direction of the Group.* *Furthermore, as a result of the discussions which took place at the 2016 Autumn Sessions, the PTC will be updated on the research carried out on GVCs and a draft Handbook on inward/outward processing procedures will be discussed and approved, subject to any further improvements. It will include the results of a survey recently carried out and Members' experiences.*	PC0471E1a PC_Handbook_ &_Annexes_E
	VI.	**Single Window** *(For guidance and decision)* o Update of the Single Window Compendium *The Compendium on How to Build a Single Window Environment has been updated to include the latest developments in technology and legislation supporting paperless cross-border trade, as well as the relevant reference to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. The new and updated parts are based on the outcomes of the panel discussion organized during the 66th Session of the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) meeting in 2014 and on further inputs provided by Members. The update enhances the repository of Member case studies (encompassing a mix of developed and developing countries) and best practices to guide Members at different stages of Single Window implementation.* *The PTC will be invited to examine the updated Compendium and potentially approve it, subject to any further contributions by the IMSC.*	PC0472E1a PC_472_Annex _E
	VII.	**Blockchain** *(To take note and for discussion)* o Presentation by IBM *Blockchain, or the distributed ledger technology, is the new buzz word when it comes to emerging digital technologies.*	

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		The impact of blockchain's potential to fundamentally change the way markets and governments work is only now emerging. *This agenda item will provide an opportunity for PTC delegates to learn more about what blockchains are about, what are the benefits and how they can support Customs business.*	
	VIII.	**Transit** *(For guidance and decision)* o Transit Guidelines *At its last sessions, the PTC provided guidance to the development of the Transit Guidelines. The PTC will now be invited to examine the draft Guidelines and approve them, subject to any further improvements and recommendations raised by the delegates.*	PC0473E1a PC_473_Annex _b_EN
	IX.	**Customs-Tax Cooperation** *(For discussion and guidance)* a) Results of further research on cooperation between Customs and Tax administrations ▪ Presentation by Spain b) Presentation by Inter-American Development Bank *One of the recommendations stemming from the last PTC sessions was to explore cooperation between Customs and Tax entities within Revenue Authorities, noting their peculiar challenges and issues. The PTC will explore the results of the related research developed by the Secretariat, including in particular the use of joint databases. Spain will present its national experience* *In addition, the meeting will learn about IADB's experiences in Customs-Tax cooperation.*	PC0474E1b
	X.	**Glossary of International Customs Terms** *(For guidance and decision)* o New proposed terms for inclusion into the Glossary *According to the current PTC Work Programme, the PTC is required to provide guidance on the way forward for the definitions for Customs terms to be included in the Glossary, which were proposed by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Virtual Group, but do not form part of any WCO instrument. At least three new definitions are to be reviewed and approved on a yearly basis. The PTC will therefore be invited to discuss and if appropriate, approve a number of Customs terms.*	PC0475E1a

DAY III (5 APRIL 2017)		**E-COMMERCE DAY** *E-commerce is one of the topics at the focus of attention of the WCO Members and the private sector today, whether from a facilitation, security or revenue perspective. In order to address the needs of Members to further explore this topic, the PTC will devote the whole day III of the PTC to E-commerce. This will include an update of the four sub-groups of the Working Group on E-Commerce (WGEC) and a number of workshops.*	
	XI.	**Update on the work of the sub-groups under the Working Group on E-commerce (WGEC)** *(To take note and for guidance)* *The WGEC has been set up for the purpose of addressing cross-cutting issues in relation to growing e-commerce, from both a facilitation and a control perspective. The WGEC is guided by and reports to the PTC, the Enforcement Committee and the Policy Commission.* *At its previous sessions in October 2016, the PTC discussed the outcomes of the 1ˢᵗ Meeting of the Working Group on E-commerce and suggested a few additional items for inclusion in the work packages for the four sub-groups, as well as requested the inter-sessional work commence by refining and prioritizing the sub-group work items with a view to developing practical policies and programmes involving all stakeholders. The PTC will now be updated on the work undergone within the four sub-groups and will be invited to provide guidance.*	PC0476E1a
	XII.	**E-commerce workshops** *(For discussion)* *The PTC delegates will be able to attend a number of different workshops that will focus on different aspects of the e-commerce topic.*	
	XIII.	**Closing plenary discussion** *(For guidance)* *The PTC will hear about the results of the discussions in the different workshops and will have an opportunity to provide any further guidance on the way forward.*	
DAY IV (6 APRIL 2017)		***17ᵀᴴ MEETING OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND 14ᵀᴴ MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE ATA CONVENTION (9 A.M. – 10 A.M.)*** ***16ᵗʰ MEETING OF THE REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (10 A.M. – 6 P.M.)***	

DAY V (7 APRIL 2017) - MORNING	**XIV.**	**Customs brokers**
		(For guidance and decision)
		
		   a) Outline of the draft Guidelines on Customs Brokers
		
		   b) Presentation by Mexico
		
		Under this item, the PTC will discuss the outline of the draft Guidelines on Customs Brokers which is envisaged to be developed under the Action Plan for Phase III of the Economic Competitiveness Package. In addition, a Member will present its national experience on the migration from mandatory to optional use of Customs brokers.
			PC0477E1a

	XV.	**Elections** *(For decision)* o Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the PTC for financial year 2017/2018 *In line with its Rules of Procedure, the PTC will be invited to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the following financial year.*	

	XVI.	**Any other business**
		(To take note)
		
		   a) Hightlights from discussions of the 16th Meeting of the RKC Management Committee and the 17th Meeting of the Istanbul Convention /14th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the ATA/Istanbul Conventions (tbc)
		
		   b) Proposals for agenda ítems for the next PTC meeting
		
		   c) Upcoming events
		
		Subject to approval by their respective committees, the highlights from the discussions of the RKC Management Committee and the ATA/Istanbul meetings will be shared with the PTC delegates. The PTC will be provided with an opportunity to suggest agenda items for the next PTC meeting. Lastly, the Secretariat will provide an update on the WCO events and meetings. Delegates are encouraged to share any information on upcoming workshops, seminars, conferences or other relevant meetings of interest to PTC delegates.	

	XVII.	**Closing**	

DAY V (7 APRIL 2017) - AFTERNOON	***17TH MEETING OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND 14TH MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE ATA CONVENTION - READING OF THE REPORT (3 P.M. – 3.30 PM.)*** ***16th MEETING OF THE REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE- READING OF THE REPORT (3.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.)***	

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