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**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

(From Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 October 2022, from 09:30 to 18:00 Brussels  
time)

I.	<b>Opening</b> (To take note) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks by Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO</li></ul>	
II.	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b> (For decision)	PC0698E
III.	<b>Update and reports</b> (For information only)  a. Report from the 29th Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (RKCMC), 30 May – 03 June  b. Report from the 86th Session of the Policy Commission, 20-22 June 2022  c. Minutes from the 139th-140th Session of Council, 23-25 June 2022  d. Oral report from the 30th Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (RKCMC), 26 – 30 September	PO0169Ea  SP0791Eb  SC0212Eb SC0212EAE1b

	<p>Update and reports is a standing PTC agenda item which groups all “A”-items, namely reports from different WCO working bodies or from the Secretariat. These reports are being submitted to the PTC for information only.</p> <p>(To take note)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Report from the 26th/27th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group, 11-13 April 2022</li> <li>f. Report from the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Performance Measurement (WGPM), 13-14 April 2022</li> <li>g. Report from the 3rd Meeting of the Passenger Facilitation and Control Working Group (PFCWG), 20-21 April 2022</li> <li>h. Report from the 63rd Meeting of the Data Model Projects Team (DMPT) , 9-13 May 2022</li> <li>i. Executive Summary Report from the 64th Meeting of the Data Model Projects Team (DMPT), 5-7 September 2022</li> <li>j. Oral report from the 28th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group, 5-7 October 2022</li> <li>k. Oral report from the 4th Meeting of the Passenger Facilitation and Control Working Group (PFCWG), 10-11 October 2022</li> <li>l. Oral report from the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Performance Measurement (WGPM), 12 - 13 October 2022</li> </ul> <p>Update and reports is a standing PTC agenda item which groups all “A”-items, namely reports from different WCO working bodies or from the Secretariat. These reports are being submitted to the PTC to take note of. If required, delegates may raise any issue or launch a relevant discussion.</p>	<p>LF0258Ea</p> <p>HP0032Ea</p> <p>PF0021Ea</p> <p>PD0089Ea PD0089EAE1a PD0089EAE2a PD0089EAE3a PD0098Ea</p>
IV.	<b>Green Customs</b>	

	<p>To take note)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Customs</li> </ul> <p>During its 235th/236th Sessions, the PTC was supportive of the opportunity to take action in the field of the Circular Economy and Green Supply Chains. Relevant actions were incorporated into the PTC Work Programme 2022-2025 covering business process mapping and data exchanges on the transboundary movement of waste in the context of CBM and Single Window implementation and the consideration of potential guidelines/tools to enhance collaboration with other regulatory agencies to ensure environmental compliance under Pillar III of the SAFE FoS. The 86th Session of the Policy Commission, held in June 2022, highlighted that the concept of “Green Customs” will need further exploration and will continue to grow in importance, thus requiring a strengthening of the work of the WCO in this area. In this context, the PTC will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the WCO Green Customs Global Conference, the results of the Annual Survey and the preliminary finding of the Study Report on the implications to Customs administrations of the transition to a Circular Economy, already presented at the PC in June.</p>	<p>PC0699Eb PC0699EAE2b</p>
<p>V.</p>	<p><b>Role of Customs in fragile and conflict-affected situations</b> (To take note)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the progress and upcoming events</li> </ul> <p>During its 235th/236th Sessions, the PTC had an initial discussion on Customs role in fragile and conflict-affected situations and also requested that the topic be placed on the agenda of the next PTC.</p> <p>The PTC will be invited to take note of the progress made since 235th/236th Sessions of the PTC and also of the upcoming events in this regard.</p>	<p>PC0700Ea</p>

<p>VI.</p>	<p><b>E-Commerce</b> (To take note, for discussion and guidance)</p> <p>a. E-Commerce Package Progress Report</p> <p>b. E-Commerce Framework of Standards update/maintenance mechanism</p> <p>The PTC will be provided with a report outlining the progress of work in the area of cross-border e-commerce since the 235th/236th PTC sessions. The report will cover information on capacity building and awareness raising activities, activities related to cooperation with e-commerce platforms, as well as information on the proposals compiled by the Secretariat in the context of the 2022/2023 annual review of two annexes forming part of the WCO E-Commerce Package.</p> <p>As agreed by the PTC at its 235th/236th Sessions, the Committee will be invited to consider the frequency of reviews under the current E-Commerce Framework of Standards update/maintenance mechanism based on a document prepared by the Secretariat and the proponents of this proposal.</p>	<p>PC0701Eb</p> <p>PC0702Eb</p>
<p>VII.</p>	<p><b>Role of Customs in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</b> (For guidance, discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the progress of the COVID-19 Project in developing a 'WCO Guide to Stress Tests' for Customs administrations.</li> </ul> <p>The PTC will be updated on the progress achieved by the COVID-19 Project since the last PTC in April.</p>	<p>PC0703Ea PC0703EAE1a</p>

	<p>The PTC will also be invited to discuss and if appropriate, endorse the new “WCO Guide to Stress Tests” developed to help Customs administrations in enhancing their level of preparedness to tackle challenges stemming from infectious diseases, natural disasters and other disruptive events.</p>	
VIII.	<p><b>Customs Data Exchange</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data set for the Global Customs Data Exchange Platform</li> </ul> <p>The Policy Commission and Council in June 2022 approved a four-track approach and timeline for the proposed Feasibility Study for establishing a global trade platform managed by the WCO. While the Policy Commission provided guidance and input on the preliminary draft selection of a data set, it was agreed that additional time should be provided for Members’ feedback on the proposed data set. As such, the PTC is invited to provide feedback on the proposed data set.</p>	<p>PC0710Ea PC0710EAE2a</p>
IX.	<p><b>Customs - Post Cooperation</b> (To take note, for guidance and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstitution of the WCO-UPU Contact Committee and recent progress of its work</li> </ul>	<p>PC0704Eb</p>

	<p>The WCO-UPU Contact Committee works within the framework of its Terms of Reference (ToR), which has been amended from time to time to reflect new opportunities. More recently, the PTC permitted a change to the ToR removing the limit to the number of observers. The ToR envisages that the Committee will be usually reconstituted every four years. To this end, in July 2022 the WCO Secretariat sent a letter to the six regional Vice Chairs requesting them to nominate representative(s) from respective regions to take up the role of Customs member of the Committee. Based on the nominations received from the Vice Chairs, the list of WCO members of the Committee for the period 2022 - 2025 has been prepared for the approval of the PTC.</p> <p>Furthermore, the PTC will be invited to take note of the recent progress and provide guidance on the way forward, especially for the new Cooperation Agreement signed by the Secretary General of the WCO and the Director General of the UPU in May 2022 and the WCO-UPU Global Conference to be held in the second quarter of 2023 in Japan.</p>	
<p>X.</p>	<p><b>Data Strategy: WCO Data Model’s role in the harmonization of statistical data</b> (To take note, for discussion and for guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCO Data Model’s role in the harmonization of statistical data</li> </ul> <p>In June 2022, the Council adopted the WCO Data Strategy, recognizing the power of data for strategic planning and intelligence. The WCO Data Strategy emphasizes that statistics are a foundational layer of the transition to a data-driven organization and essential for evidence-based policymaking. The WCO aims to support and stimulate the production of statistics by Members, as well as their standardization and global dissemination.</p>	<p>PC0705Ea</p>

	<p>The PTC will be invited to take note and provide guidance on the role of the WCO Data Model as the basis for harmonized metrics of statistics on Customs transactional data.</p>	
XI.	<p><b>Customs - Port Cooperation</b> (To take note and for guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines on Cooperation between Customs and Port Authorities</li> </ul> <p>In October 2021, the PTC discussed, and supported a proposal made by the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) to jointly develop a set of Guidelines on Cooperation between Customs and Port Authorities to Strengthen Trade Facilitation and Supply Chain Security. Following the PTC support, interested members of IAPH and WCO convened in a Mini Group to discuss the topic and develop the planned Guidelines.</p> <p>The PTC will be invited to take note on the progress of the work in this area and provide necessary guidance.</p>	PC0706Ea
XII.	<p><b>World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)</b> (To take note)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mercator Programme Brochure</li> <li>b. Update of the Implementation Guidance for Section I of the WTO TFA</li> <li>c. Presentation by India</li> </ol>	PC0707Ea

	<p>Considering the last version was published in 2015, the WCO has developed a new Mercator Programme brochure that aims to provide Members with a summarized overview on the recent updates of the overall and tailor-made tracks. It also provides an update on the achievements of the Mercator Programme and on recent tools and instruments developed to support implementation of the TFA. The brochure encompass TFA implementation during the pandemic, challenges encountered, lessons learnt and the way forward. The latest trends as well as a brief summary of programmes and projects that offer support to Members on TFA implementation are also included in the brochure. The PTC will be invited to take note of the brochure.</p> <p>Furthermore, as part of the PTC Work Programme for 2022-2025 the WCO Implementation Guidance for Section I of the WTO TFA will be updated. The PTC will be invited to take note of the progress made on the update process.</p> <p>Moreover, India will share information with the PTC about national experiences related to TFA implementation. The PTC will be invited to take note.</p>	
<p>XIII.</p>	<p><b>Time Release Study (TRS)</b> (To take note)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on the TRS Project progress</li> <li>b. Presentation by Zambia</li> <li>c. Update on the WCO Accelerate Trade Facilitation Programme’s capacity building support on TRS</li> </ul> <p>The PTC, at its 235th/236th Sessions, approved the initiation of the development of the new TRS Online System Project based on the proposed approach and subject to funding availability. Thus, the PTC will be updated and invited to take note of the progress made on the TRS Project.</p>	<p>PC0708Ea</p>



	<p>Zambia will share their experience on the implementation of the TRS and the PTC will be invited to take note.</p> <p>The PTC will be updated on the capacity building support extended to Members in the area of TRS under the WCO Accelerate Trade Facilitation Programme. The PTC will be invited to take note.</p>	
XIV.	<p><b>PTC Work Programme</b> (To take note, for discussion and decision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025</li> </ul> <p>The PTC Work Programme 2022-2025 was tentatively endorsed by the PTC in April 2022 which would be further finalized after the approval of the WCO Strategic Plan 2022-2025, as required. The Council approved the Strategic Plan 2022-2025, the Implementation Plan 2022-2023 and the PTC Work Programme 2022-2025 in June 2022. Furthermore, the template of work programmes for WCO working bodies has been revised based on the discussions at the Policy Commission in June 2022. Therefore, the Draft Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, including the progress made in its implementation, will be submitted to the PTC to take note, for discussion and endorsement.</p>	<p>PC0709Ea PC0709EAE1a</p>
XV.	<p><b>Topics for the next meeting</b> (For decision)</p> <p>As is the current practice in every PTC meeting, delegates will be provided with an opportunity to suggest agenda items for the next PTC meeting. Ideally, delegates will put forward non paper(s) to support their proposal(s).</p>	
XVI.	<p><b>Upcoming events</b> (To take note)</p>	

	The Secretariat will provide an update on WCO events and meetings. Delegates are encouraged to share any information they have on upcoming workshops, seminars, conferences or other relevant meetings of interest.	
XVII.	<b>Any other business</b>	
XVIII.	<b>Closing</b>	