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PTC WORK PROGRAMME

- Progress Report on the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025 -

(Item XV on the Agenda)

SUMMARY

Purpose of document

At its October 2022 sessions, the PTC endorsed the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, which is in line with the three-year WCO Strategic Plan and the Implementation Plan for the current financial year, as well as the revised template for the work programmes of WCO working bodies.

The PTC is invited to take note of this progress report on its Revised Work Programme 2022-2025.

Action required of the PTC

The PTC is invited to take note of progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025.

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I. Introduction

1. In the past, the facilitation activities of the WCO were planned and monitored through a number of different mechanisms, including the Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP) Action Plans and PTC Work Programmes.
2. In December 2021, the Policy Commission discussed the way forward for the planning and monitoring of the activities of the various WCO Directorates and working bodies. Specifically, it reflected on a proposal to replace the Action Plans associated with the various WCO Packages by work programmes to be used by each WCO working body, and endorsed a proposed template for these new work programmes.
3. A draft PTC Work Programme for 2022-2025 (which, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Policy Commission in December 2021, would also replace a future ECP Action Plan) was submitted to the PTC in April 2022. The draft PTC Work Programme was aligned on the draft WCO Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and draft Implementation Plan 2022-2023; it also reflected the relevant activities of the working bodies that had been discontinued during the course of the previous PTC Work Programme, namely the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC), the Trade Facilitation Agreement Working Group (TFAWG) and the Working Group on E-Commerce (WGEC).
4. The PTC Work Programme was tentatively endorsed by the PTC in April 2022. It was expected to be further refined, as required, after the Council had approved the WCO Strategic Plan for 2022-2025.
5. In June 2022, the Council approved the Strategic Plan 2022-2025, as well as the Implementation Plan (IP) 2022-2023 and the PTC Work Programme 2022-2025. Furthermore, the template for the work programmes of the WCO's working bodies was revised based on discussions held by the Policy Commission in June 2022. Subsequently, the draft Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, including information about the progress made with its implementation, was submitted to the PTC for consideration in October 2022.
6. At its October 2022 sessions, the PTC endorsed the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, which is in line with the three-year WCO Strategic Plan, the Implementation Plan for the current financial year, and the revised template for the work programmes of WCO working bodies.
7. The PTC is invited to take note of this progress report on its Revised Work Programme 2022-2025.

II. Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025

8. The Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025 (appended to this document) is divided into two parts:
 - I. Activities undertaken within a specific timeframe; and
 - II. Activities undertaken continuously.

9. The Work Programme includes 81 activities – 29 activities in Part I and 52 in Part II.

III. Progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025

10. The “Progress” column in the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, which is appended to this document, contains information about the progress achieved with the various activities since the cut-off date for the progress report submitted to the PTC in October 2022.
11. Moreover, the “Completion status” column in Part I of the Work Programme aims to reflect the state of play of each activity at the time of reporting, using a colour code (green for ‘completed’, blue for ‘in progress’ and red for ‘postponed or not started’).
12. It should be noted that out of the 29 activities to be undertaken within a specific timeframe (i.e. the activities in Part I), 25 are in progress and four have not yet been started.
13. The progress achieved with the implementation of the activities being undertaken continuously is reported in the last column in Part II of the Work Programme.

IV. Action required of the PTC

14. The PTC is invited to take note of progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025.

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