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PTC WORK PROGRAMME

Progress Report on the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025

(Item XIX 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 with the Implementation Plan for financial year 2022-2023, as well as the revised template for the work programmes of WCO working bodies.

As indicated in the template for the work programmes, a progress update should be completed and presented to the working bodies. Therefore, in April 2023, the PTC took note of progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025. Now, the PTC will again be invited to take note of progress with implementation of this ongoing Work Programme.

Moreover, the PTC will also have an opportunity to review and endorse the proposed adjustments to the Revised Work Programme.

Action required of the Permanent Technical Committee

The Permanent Technical Committee is invited to:

- take note of progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025, and
- review and endorse the proposed adjustments.

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 with 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 with 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 financial year 2022-2023, and the revised template for the work programmes of WCO working bodies.
7. As indicated in the template for the work programmes, a progress update should be completed and presented to the working bodies. Therefore, in April 2023, the PTC took note of progress with the implementation of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025.

II. Further revision of the Revised PTC Work Programme 2022-2025

8. During the October 2022 PTC sessions, a delegate recommended adopting outcome-oriented terminology for some activities in the Work Programme. To this end, some adjustments have been proposed to the wording of activities, as well as to Key Performance Indicators in the draft Revised PTC Work Programme (appended to this document). There are also further adjustments proposed in other columns of the WP (such
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as “Team resources” or “Timeline”) for some activities, to better reflect the current status of those activities.

9. Furthermore, the Secretariat proposes adding new activities to the Work Programme and deleting a few activities in order to align the Work Programme with the current Implementation Plan, as well as ongoing activities of the Secretariat.
10. All proposed adjustments to the Work Programme are reflected in “track changes” format in the attached document, to facilitate the review process.
11. 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.
12. The current version of the Work Programme includes 81 activities – 29 activities in Part I and 52 in Part II.
13. The draft Revised PTC Work Programme includes a total of 94 activities:
 - 42 activities in Part I (29 activities from the current Work Programme, 14 new activities proposed to be added, and one activity proposed to be deleted); and
 - 52 activities in Part II (52 activities from the current Work Programme, two new activities proposed to be added and two activities proposed to be deleted).

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

14. In line with the rule included in the template for the work programmes, a progress update should be completed and presented to the working bodies. Therefore, following the previous report in April 2023, the PTC will again be invited to take note of progress with implementation of the Work Programme.
15. The “Progress” column in the draft 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 April 2023.
16. 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”).
17. It should be noted that out of the 42 activities to be undertaken within a specific timeframe (i.e. the activities in Part I), 26 are in progress, 11 are completed and five have not yet been started.
18. 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 Permanent Technical Committee

19. The Permanent Technical Committee is invited to:

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