

Progress in Implementing the ECP Action Plan for Phase III

1. The main areas of progress made with the implementation of the ECP Action Plan for Phase III, running from January 2017 to December 2018, are outlined below.
2. The following new and updated tools and instruments were developed under the Action Plan for Phase III with a view to enhancing the economic competitiveness of WCO Members.
 - Transit Guidelines;
 - Customs Brokers Guidelines;
 - 2018 edition of the SAFE FoS and SAFE Package;
 - Framework of Standards on Cross-Border E-Commerce;
 - Handbook on Data Analysis;
 - Updated WCO IT Guide for Executives;
 - Updated Guide for the Time Release Study;
 - Updated Integrated Supply Chain Management Guidelines;
 - Updated Immediate Release Guidelines;
 - Guidance on the use of ICT in the TFA implementation;
 - Updated Coordinated Border Management Compendium;
 - Recommendation and Guidelines for the Trader Identification Number;
 - WCO Data Model release, Version 3.7.0;
 - Handbook on Inward and Outward Processing Procedures;
 - Survey Tool as part of the WCO TFA Implementation Guidance (October 2017, TFAWG);
 - AEO Validator Guide;
 - MRA Strategy Guide and MRA Implementation Guidance;
 - Advance Cargo Information (ACI) Implementation Guidance; and
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on linkages between the SAFE AEO Programme and Article 7.7 of the WTO TFA.
3. As part of the WCO's supporting and promotional activities, the following activities under the Action Plan for Phase III, relevant to the growth of economic competitiveness of Members, are highlighted :
 - Global Transit Conference in July 2017;
 - Third round of Regional TFA Workshops;
 - IT Conference & Exhibition in Tbilisi, June 2017;
 - Regional Transit Workshops for the ESA, WCA and AMS regions;
 - WCO session on trade facilitation and e-commerce at the Sixth Global Review of the WTO Aid for Trade in Geneva, July 2017;
 - WCO session on e-commerce in the margins of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires, December 2017;
 - Regional Transit Workshop in Baku in November 2018 for selected Members of the EUR and AP regions;
 - Regional Workshop for WCA (August 2017), ESA (March 2018) and AMS (May 2018) on Digital Customs and E-Commerce;
 - Fourth WCO Global Conference on AEO in Kampala, Uganda in March 2018;

- WCO Data Model workshops in El Salvador and Cuba in February 2018, and in the Bahamas in March 2018;
- National Time Release Study workshops in Burkina Faso in February 2018, the Bahamas in April 2018, Burundi in April 2018, Union of Myanmar in April 2018, Ukraine in June 2018, Lebanon in July 2018 and Nigeria in July 2018;
- Regional TRS Accreditation Workshop in Peru in May 2018;
- Action Plan for Special Customs Zones/Free Zones;
- Support on processes for accession to the RKC (Republic of the Congo, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Georgia are the RKC's 113th, 114th, 115th and 116th Contracting Parties);
- Workshop on Coordinated Border Management in Samoa in March 2018;
- National Single Window Workshop in Malawi in March 2018;
- IT Conference & Exhibition in Lima, June 2018;
- WCO session on Customs and latest technologies at the WTO Public Forum 2018 in Geneva, October 2018;
- A one-day Workshop on Data Analytics in Belgium in January 2018;
- WCO conducted or participated in several events related to Single Window, including Accreditation Workshops;
- WCO attended relevant meetings organized by other international organizations, and international organizations and regional bodies attended WCO meetings;
- A number of MoUs have been signed (GCC, SACU, CARICOM, OSJD, IOM);
- WCO signed Memoranda of Understanding with OSJD and OTIF (Railway Organizations).