

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS PACKAGE TOOLKIT

I. Transparency and Predictability

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC ¹	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Publication and Availability of Information	Art. 1.1-2	GA 9	❖ Recommendation (1999) on the Use of World Wide Web Sites by Customs Administrations ❖ Revised Arusha Declaration ❖ Recommendation (2001) on the Application of HS Committee Decisions ➤ Australia
2	Enquiry Points	Art. 1.3	GA 7, 9	
3	Notification	Art. 1.4	GA 9	❖ Recommendation (1999) on the Use of World Wide Web Sites by Customs Administrations
4	Opportunity to Comment and Information before Entry into Force	Art. 2.1-2	GA 1, 9	
5	Consultations	Art. 2.3	GA 1, 7, 9	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ➤ New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States
6	Advance Rulings	Art. 3	GA 9	❖ Recommendation (1996) on the Introduction of Programmes for Binding Pre-Entry Classification Information ❖ Recommendation (1998) on the Improvement of Tariff Classification Work and Related Infrastructure ❖ Technical Guidelines on Binding Origin Information ❖ Practical Guidelines for Valuation Control ➤ European Union, United Kingdom
7	Appeal Mechanism	Art. 4	GA 10	➤ New Zealand, United States
8	Notification for enhanced controls or inspections	Art. 5.1	GA 6	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Risk Management Compendium ❖ Single Window Compendium
9	Detention	Art. 5.2	GA 6 SA H 1	❖ Risk Management Compendium
10	Test Procedure	Art. 5.3	GA 3	❖ Customs Laboratory Guide

¹ When reference is made to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) as a relevant WCO document, this includes both the legal texts and the guidelines. "GA" means General Annex to the RKC and "SA" means Specific Annex.

II. Modernized Procedures and Formalities

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Fees and Charges	Art. 6.1-2	GA 3, 9 SA A 1	❖ Revised Arusha Declaration
2	Penalty Disciplines	Art. 6.3	GA 3 SA H 1	
3	Pre-Arrival Processing	Art. 7.1	GA 3	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Immediate Release Guidelines
4	Electronic Payment	Art. 7.2	GA 7	
5	Separation of Release from Final Determination and Payment of Customs Duties	Art. 7.3	GA 3, 5	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Immediate Release Guidelines
6	Risk Management	Art. 7.4	GA 6	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Risk Management Compendium ➤ Argentina, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mauritius, United States
7	Post-Clearance Audit	Art. 7.5	GA 6	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Post-Clearance Audit Guidelines ❖ Risk Management Compendium ➤ Finland, Ireland, Italy, Peru, Romania, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey
8	Authorized Operators	Art. 7.7	GA 3	❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ SAFE Package
9	Expedited Shipments	Art. 7.8	GA 3	❖ Immediate Release Guidelines
10	Perishable Goods	Art. 7.9	GA 3	
11	Formalities and Documentation Requirements	Art. 10.1-2	GA 3	❖ Recommendation (2012) on Dematerialization of Supporting Documents
12	Pre-Shipment and Post-Shipment Inspections	Art. 10.5	-	❖ Practical Guidelines for Valuation Control
13	Use of Customs Brokers	Art. 10.6	GA 3, 8	
14	Common Border Procedures and Requirements	Art. 10.7	GA 3	
15	Rejected Goods	Art. 10.8	GA 3 SA C 1	
16	Temporary Admission of Goods	Art. 10.9	SA G 1	❖ Istanbul Convention ❖ ATA Convention
17	Inward and Outward Processing	Art. 10.9	SA F 1, 2	➤ European Union
18	Transit	Art. 9bis, Art.11	SA E 1, 2	❖ Customs Compendium on a Secure and Efficient Transit System
19	Free Zones and Customs Warehouses	-	SA D	

III. Use of Information and Communication Technology

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Use of International Standards	Art. 10.3	GA 3, 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Data Model ❖ Recommendation (2009) Concerning the Use of the WCO Data Model ❖ Recommendation (1990) Concerning the Use of the UN/EDIED ❖ Recommendation (1990) Concerning the Use of UN/EDIFACT
2	Single Window	Art. 10.4	GA 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Single Window Compendium ❖ Single Window Information Store ❖ Data Model

IV. Partnership and Cooperation

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Border Agency Cooperation	Art. 9	GA 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SAFE Framework of Standards ❖ Customs Compendium on Integrated Border Management ❖ Data Model
2	Customs Cooperation	Art. 12	GA 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Model Bilateral Agreement ❖ Nairobi Convention ❖ Johannesburg Convention ❖ Guide to the Exchange of Customs Valuation Information ❖ Globally Networked Customs Feasibility Study

V. Performance Measurement Tool

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Average Release Times	Art. 7.6	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Time Release Study (TRS) Guide ❖ TRS Online Software ❖ The Customs International Benchmarking Manual ➤ Australia, Cameroon, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Serbia, Uganda

VI. Miscellaneous

	Topic	WTO TF	RKC	❖ ECP Instruments and Tools ➤ Best Practices/Case Studies
1	Natural Disaster Relief	-	SA J 5	❖ Istanbul Convention ❖ Resolution of the Customs Co-operation Council on the Role of Customs in Natural Disaster Relief ❖ Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council to Expedite the Forwarding of Relief Consignments in the Event of Disasters
2	Rules of Origin	-	SA K	❖ Origin Database
3	Customs Technical Terms	-	GA 2	❖ Glossary of International Customs Terms
4	Trade Recovery	-	-	❖ Trade Recovery Guidelines
5	Intellectual Property Rights	-	-	❖ Interface Public-Members (IPM)
6	Informal Trade	-	-	❖ Informal Trade Practices (Research paper)
7	Small and Medium Enterprises	-	-	❖ The Authorized Economic Operator and the Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (AEO and SMEs) FAQ
8	Integrity	-	-	❖ Revised Arusha Declaration ❖ Integrity Development Guide ❖ Compendium of Integrity Best Practices ❖ Model Code of Ethics and Conduct