A FRAMEWORK OF STANDARDS TO SECURE AND FACILITATE GLOBAL TRADE

World Customs Organization

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Recognition of risks to the security and facilitation of the international trade supply chain led the WCO to take bold action.


WCO High Level Strategic Group (HLSG) formed to take work forward. Led to the adoption of the WCO Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade (SAFE in June 2005)
SAFE

- Twin Pillars
- Pillar 1, Customs-to-Customs network arrangements
- Pillar 2, Customs-to-Business partnerships
- Seal Integrity Programme for Secure Container Shipments (Appendix to Annex I)
- SAFE is a comprehensive instrument that covers all areas of Customs controls
- Gives equal importance to revenue collection, trade facilitation, and security
- Incorporates modern Customs principles (complements Revised Kyoto Convention)
SAFE - FOUR CORE ELEMENTS

1. Advance electronic manifest information
2. Risk management
3. Inspection of high-risk cargo
4. Enhanced trade facilitation for legitimate trade
Two pillars

- Customs-to-customs network arrangements
  - 11 standards
  - Encourage cooperation among Customs administrations on the basis of common and accepted standards
  - Use of advance electronic information to identify high-risk cargo

- Customs-to-business partnership
  - 6 standards
  - Establish partnership
  - Identify business with a high degree of security guarantee as “Authorized Economic Operator” (AEO)
  - Tangible benefits to AEO
    - Quicker movement of low-risk cargo, uniformity and predictability, etc.
A party involved in the international movement of goods in whatever function that has been approved by or on behalf of a national Customs administration as complying with WCO or equivalent supply chain security standards. Authorized Economic Operators include inter alia manufacturers, importers, exporters, brokers, carriers, consolidators, intermediaries, ports, airports, terminal operators, integrated operators, warehouses, distributors.
WCO SAFE Framework of Standards
Integrated Supply Chain Management

- Partnership with Trade
- Authorized Economic Operator
- Customs Data Model
- Selectivity
- Single Window
- Advance Information
- Risk Management
- Co-operation
- Information Technology
- Single Submission
- Mutual Recognition
- Single Window

UCR = UCR

Expoport
Import
Kyoto Convention
Origin-Destination
Sharing Information
- Certainty and predictability at a global level
- Integrated supply chain management for all transport modes
- Allow Customs to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century
- Closer cooperation among Customs administrations
- Stronger Customs-to-Business cooperation
- Tangible benefits for businesses
- Seamless movement of goods