

# **UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)**

**UNECE Trade and Timber Division**

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# UNECE Working Party 6

- Main Focus – Trans-National Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies
- Intergovernmental group of experts - elaborates recommendations and good practices regarding:
  - technical regulations
  - standardization
  - conformity assessment (testing, certification, inspection, etc.)
  - market surveillance
  - Metrology
- 13 Recommendations on Standardization Policies



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# Regulatory Cooperation

- ❖ International Model for Technical Harmonization - UNECE Recommendation “L” (Development of Common Regulatory Objectives)
- ❖ Sectoral Projects
  - Telecoms Equipment
  - Earth Moving Equipment
  - Equipment for Explosive Environments



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# Good Regulatory Practices

- **Recommendation “M” on Market Surveillance and Counterfeiting - “Use of Market Surveillance Infrastructure as a Complementary Means to Protect Consumers and Users Against Counterfeit Goods” - adopted by WP.6 in November 2007**
- ***International Seminar on Product Safety and Counterfeiting – November 2007***
- ***Working on Best Practice/Guide and Definitions for Market Surveillance***



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# Cooperation with CECI

- The WP.6 working with CECI Groups
  - Counterfeiting issues - the IPR Group helped to identify speakers who took part in the UNECE International Forum on Market Surveillance and Consumer Protection in 2005.
  - IPR Group contributed to the discussions on the text of Recommendation “M” which was approved in November 2007



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# WP.6 Cooperation with CECI

- WP.6 has found this cooperation to be very useful and would like it to continue to ensure consumer safety and market efficiency.
- We would especially welcome the input of CECI in the work of WP.6 MARS Group on Counterfeiting and Market Surveillance



# UN/CEFACT Cooperation with CECI

- UN/CEFACT has also had input from the PPP Alliance on the preparation of a study on PPPs in Trade Facilitation.
  - UN/CEFACT Secretary has a specific request ....



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# Statement from UN/CEFACT Secretary

*"We welcome the publication of CECI's new Guidebook on Promoting Public Private Partnerships. This is indeed a timely publication for our work in advancing the PPP organization to develop trade facilitation and e-Business standards as it can be challenging to develop standards in a transparent and accountable manner. The principles identified in the Guidebook are very relevant to the activities by UNECE- CEFACT. In this regard we would seek the guidance of your experts on enhancing PPP in support of trade facilitation and e-business standards activities and the good governance modalities that they would recommend us to follow in this exercise. The format of this guidance could be a presentation to a forthcoming Conference jointly sponsored by IEC, ISO, ITU-T, OASIS, UNECE-UN/CEFACT, UPU on Advancing PPP for e-business standards in Autumn 2008"*



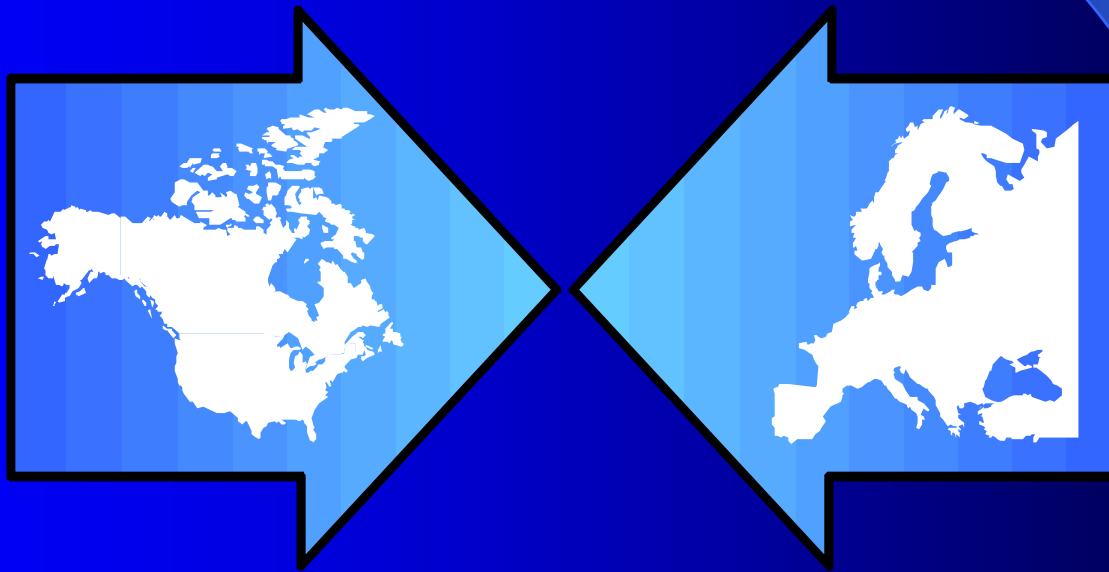
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