

# 27<sup>TH</sup> FORUM OF UN/UNCEFACT

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## Maintenance of the IMO Compendium

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- FAL 38 had approved FAL.5/Circ.40 on "Revised IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business"
- FAL 39 agreed that the technical maintenance of the compendium would be made by WCO, with the FAL Committee remaining the competent body for policy-making.
- FAL 39 recognized that the participation in the DMPT was open to all interested parties and agreed to include in the compendium the WCO Data Model references relating to FAL forms.
- The technical maintenance of the Compendium is carried out by the WCO's Data Model Project Team (DMPT) and the Information Management Sub Committee (IMSC).

- FAL 40 has agreed that the IMO Compendium should not be reformatted at this stage, and that the definitions for data in FAL Forms contained in the IMO Compendium should be reviewed or clarified to address possible misinterpretations by relevant users of the Compendium and other stakeholders, such as ISO, UNECE and WCO, and to harmonize as much as possible with the underlying data models.
- FAL 40 has agreed that the existing FAL Forms should be reviewed for possible mistakes and Inconsistencies,
- FAL 40 has invited WCO to establish an informal correspondence group under its DMPT group to receive input from all the stakeholders for further progress of its work for the maintenance of the Compendium based in the discussions held in the working group held in FAL 40.

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- The delegation of the United States has offered to be focal the point of the IMO's contributions to the WCO's informal correspondence work, and invited interested Member States and international organizations to participate in this work.
  - The Committee noted that further work on data mapping would be conducted in parallel by UNECE, WCO, ISO and private sector stakeholders (such as the Shipping Message Development Group (SMDG) and the PROTECT group).