



**World Customs
Organization**

WCO Railway Project and Implementing WCO transit guidelines

“Consultations on the next steps in the operationalization of Euro-Asian transport corridors”

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WCO Instruments and Tools supporting international transit



Transit Compendium with
Members Case studies

Transit Guidelines



Revised Kyoto Convention
(Specific Annex E)

Specific Annex E 1 to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)



□ Responsibility of persons and Authorized Economic Operator

4. Standard

National legislation shall specify the persons who shall be responsible to the Customs for compliance with the obligations incurred under Customs transit, in particular for ensuring that the goods are produced intact at the office of destination in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Customs.

5. Recommended Practice

The Customs should approve persons as authorized consignors and authorized consignees when they are satisfied that the prescribed conditions laid down by the Customs are met.

□ Acceptance of commercial documents

6. Standard

Any commercial or transport document setting out clearly the necessary particulars shall be accepted as the descriptive part of the Goods declaration for Customs transit and this acceptance shall be noted on the document.

7. Recommended Practice

The Customs should accept as the Goods declaration for Customs transit any commercial or transport document for the consignment concerned which meets all the Customs requirements. This acceptance should be noted on the document.

http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/conventions/pf_revised_kyoto_conv/kyoto_new/spane.aspx

WCO Transit Guidelines



❑ Customs to Customs Cooperation

14. An anticipated arrival record should be shared with the office of destination and other relevant Customs offices immediately after the office of departure accepts the transit declaration.

16. When a Customs office inspects transit goods, the results of the inspection and any other useful information should be shared immediately with all other relevant Customs offices of transit.

❑ Use of data

25. To enable efficient data exchange between and among relevant government agencies and other stakeholders, a common dataset for transit should be developed using relevant international standards such as the WCO Data Model.

73. Customs administrations and other governmental agencies (OGAs) should reduce the data required for the transit declaration to the data necessary to identify the goods and means of transportation, and to ensure that the requirements of the Customs administration and OGAs are met.

❑ Use of ICT

27. Governments should establish a robust ICT infrastructure to ensure connectivity between stakeholders involved in the transit process at the national, regional and international levels.

<http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/facilitation/instruments-and-tools/tools/transit/transit-guidelines.pdf?db=web>



WCO Railway Project -Backgrounds



WCO Railway project –Main Activities



Collect Practical experiences (Survey /field studies) (2019)

Discussion in Data Model Project Team (2020)

WCO railway workshop (October 2020)

WCO Guidelines on Railway Customs procedures with harmonized datasets (June 2021)

Capacity building activities (2021 – 2022)

WCO Railway project – Discussion topics



- Customs transit declaration for railway transportation:
 - Standardization and harmonization of data elements based on WCO Data Model

- Use of pre-arrival Advance Electronic Information (AEI)

- Customs control in railway transportations:
 - Joint control and joint facility with neighboring countries
 - Merit/demerit of using electronic seals
 - Use of other technologies(Non intrusive inspection equipment (NII), X ray etc.)

- Customs transit procedures in respect of postal items

- Passenger control



WCO Response to COVID 19

Joint Statement with OTIF and OSJD

- ❑ The heads of the WCO, the OTIF and the OSJD issued a joint statement on 15 May 2020, agreeing to coordinated efforts for the continued facilitation of railway supply chains and to mitigate the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our societies.

- ❑ Some railway companies are confronted with challenges in preparing and collecting paper-based documents required for Customs procedures in international railway transport.

- ❑ The three heads encourage Customs administrations to facilitate railway transport by temporarily accepting electronic documents and deferring the requirement for paper-based documents until a later stage, if necessary, as stipulated in the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC).

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2020/may/joint-wco-otif-osjd-statement-on-responding-to-the-impacts-of-covid-19.aspx>



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