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Agenda | Session 6

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Facilitating Trade - Moving forward – ensuring a holistic view of trade facilitation expertise today and for the future.

DESCRIPTION

This session will discuss key aspects of ongoing trade facilitation procedures, building on the topics covered during the Forum's Session 5, and focusing on future UN/CEFACT initiatives.

While goods enjoy transit freedom, their movement across countries is regulated for economic, financial, security, and safety reasons. For customs purposes, goods in transit undergo special procedures and various control measures, often relying on cumbersome paper-based processes. In the first part of the session, participants will review the challenges and constraints of current transit goods documentation.

Recent years have seen increased complexity in export control regimes, adding costs, uncertainty, and risks to global trade. Economic operators face greater reporting and documentation requirements, changing lists of controlled goods, sanctions, and varying permit procedures. The session will explore UN/CEFACT's upcoming projects within the Trade Facilitation Procedures (TFP) domain, focusing on the new project aimed at facilitating export control and compliance measures. This project seeks to leverage trade facilitation principles from the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) and UN/CEFACT recommendations to help economic operators comply with export controls. Additionally, experts will discuss the new project to revise UNECE Recommendation 18. This document has guided government reforms towards facilitating international trade procedures. Participants will be invited to provide input on updating this recommendation to meet modern digitalization needs.

SPEAKERS

- Mr. Nurbek Maksutov, Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT
- Mr. Kevin Atkinson, UN CEFACT Coordinator TPF Domain
- Mr. Aleksei Bondarenko, Export Control Project Leader, TF Expert
- Mr. Erik Bosker, UN/CEFACT co-coordinator for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Agri-food Domain
- Mr. Jon Walden, Principal Consultant in Customs and Trade Facilitation, Crown Agents