



KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY FOR CUSTOMS AND TRADE 2013

Trade Facilitation and the Economic Competitiveness Package 2-5 July 2013

Day 1 – Tuesday, 2 nd July 2013	
Trade Facilitation and the WCO Economic Competitiveness Package What is Trade Facilitation for customs; role of the WCO and the Permanent Technical Committee; key WCO instruments and tools and the WCO Economic Competitiveness Package as a means of invigorating implementation of trade facilitation measures; the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures - its principles, structure, accession process and implementation challenges; more about other WCO instruments and tools critical for achieving improved facilitation: the Data Model, Single Window Compendium, Time Release Study Guide and others; what is Coordinated Border Management and how does it contribute to trade facilitation; how does the WCO respond to the Members needs in terms of the on-going WTO Trade Facilitation negotiations, etc.	
10:00–10:15	Introductory Remarks and Welcome Address
Speaker	Ms. Susanne Aigner, Deputy Director, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
10:15– 10:30	Program Overview
Speaker	Ms. Milena Budimirovic, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
10:30– 11:00	Benefits of Trade Facilitation – How can Customs Contribute to Economic Competitiveness
Speaker	Mr. Robert Ireland, Head, Research and Strategies Unit, WCO
11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
11:30–12:30	WCO Economic Competitiveness Package – An Overview
Speaker	Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:40	WTO Trade Facilitation Negotiations
Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current state of play <p style="text-align: right;">WTO Secretariat (tbc)</p>
14:40–15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU perspective <p style="text-align: right;">Mr. John Malone, DG TAXUD (tbc)</p>

15:20–16:00 Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of WCO Ms. Milena Budimirovic, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
16:00–16:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
16:30–17:00 Speaker	The industry perspective on trade facilitation ICC (tbc)
17:00–17:30 Speaker	Trade Facilitation in Regional Trade Agreements Mr. Tadashi Yasui, Technical Officer, Research and Strategies Unit, WCO

Day 2 – Wednesday, 3rd July 2013	
09:30–11:00 Speaker	Overview of trade facilitation instruments and tools and the role of the WCO Permanent Technical Committee Ms. Milena Budimirovic, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
11:30–12:30 Speakers	Revised Kyoto Convention and its Benefits Mr. Samson Bilangna, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO Mr. Santos Mussamo, Technical Attache, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–16:00 Speakers	Revised Kyoto Convention, continued including RKC Toolkit Mr. Samson Bilangna, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO Mr. Santos Mussamo, Technical Attache, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
16:00–16:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
16:30–17:30 Speaker	ECP Development – Action Plan and the ECP Toolkit Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO

Day 3 – Thursday, 4th July 2013	
09:30–11:00 Speaker	Coordinated Border Management Mr. Theo Hesselink, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
11:30–12:00 Speaker	Coordinated Border Management, continued Mr. Theo Hesselink, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
12:00–12:30	National experience on CBM – Germany

Speaker	Ms. Nadja Kammerzel, Brussels-based Customs Attache (tbc)
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:30	Globally Networked Customs and Electronic Exchange of Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Trade Standards
Speaker	Mr. Mats Wicktor, Technical Attache, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO
14:30–16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Globally Networked Customs and the Proof-of-Concept Pilot Projects
Speaker	Mr. Satya Prasad Sahu, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
16:00–16:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
16:30–17:30	Single Window
Speaker	Mr. Donald Tan, Technical Attache, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO

Day 4 – Friday, 5th July 2013	
09:30–10:15	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
Speaker	Canada (tbc)
10:15–11:00	Natural Disaster Relief
Speakers	Mr. Georges Cantone, Technical Attache, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO Mr. Oluimo Diai Tavira Da Silva, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
11:00–11:30	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
11:30–12:30	Informal Trade
Speaker	RSU (tbc)
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:40	Transit – A National Experience
Speaker	India (tbc)
14:40–15:30	Performance Measurement and the Time Release Study
Speaker	Mr. Samson Bilangna, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO
15:30–16:00	Coffee/Tea/Networking Break
16:00–16:30	Closing and Summary
Speakers	Ms. Susanne Aigner, Deputy Director, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO