



Innovative customs measures and practices for inspection and release of perishable goods

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Outline of the presentation

- WCO Strategy for Customs in the 21st Century
- Developments that positively impacted inspection and release of goods in general
- Specific standards for perishable goods
- How the WCO supports its Members



Customs in the 21st Century



- **Customs roadmap**
- **10 building blocks for C21**
- **Interlinked, integrated**



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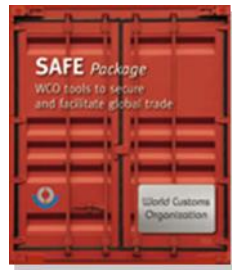


Blueprint for modern and efficient Customs procedures in the 21st century. Key principles:

- transparency and predictability of Customs actions;
- standardization and simplification of the goods declaration and supporting documents;
- simplified procedures for authorized persons;
- maximum use of information technology;
- minimum necessary Customs control to ensure compliance with regulations;
- use of risk management and audit based controls;
- coordinated interventions with other border agencies;
- partnership with the trade.



SAFE Framework of Standards



Secure and Facilitate Global Trade after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US.

Three pillars:

- Customs to Customs Cooperation
- Customs to Business Cooperation
- Customs to Other Government Agencies Cooperation

Four Key Elements:

- Advance Cargo Information
- Automated Risk Management
- Non Intrusive Inspection Technology
- Trade facilitation for Authorized Economic Operators



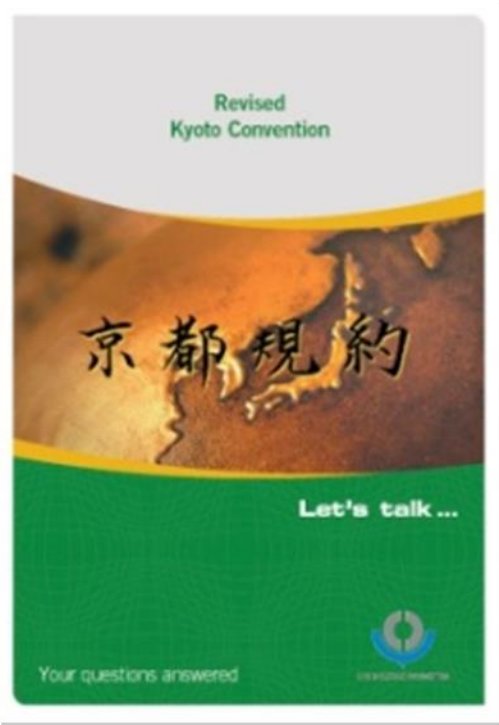
Major Developments due to RKC and SAFE



- Automation
- Advance Cargo Information
- Risk Management
- Partnership with Trade (Authorized Economic Operators)
- Coordinated Border Management



Revised Kyoto Convention, working together across borders



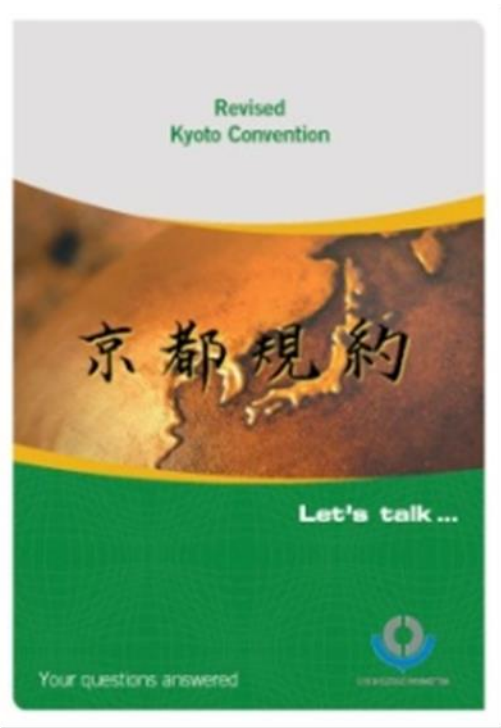
Correlation of business hours and
competences of offices

Joint controls

Juxtaposed offices



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Process perishables outside the designated hours of business or away from Customs offices

In case of examination, prioritize live animals and perishable goods

Co-ordinate inspections with other competent authorities and, if possible, carry them out at the same time



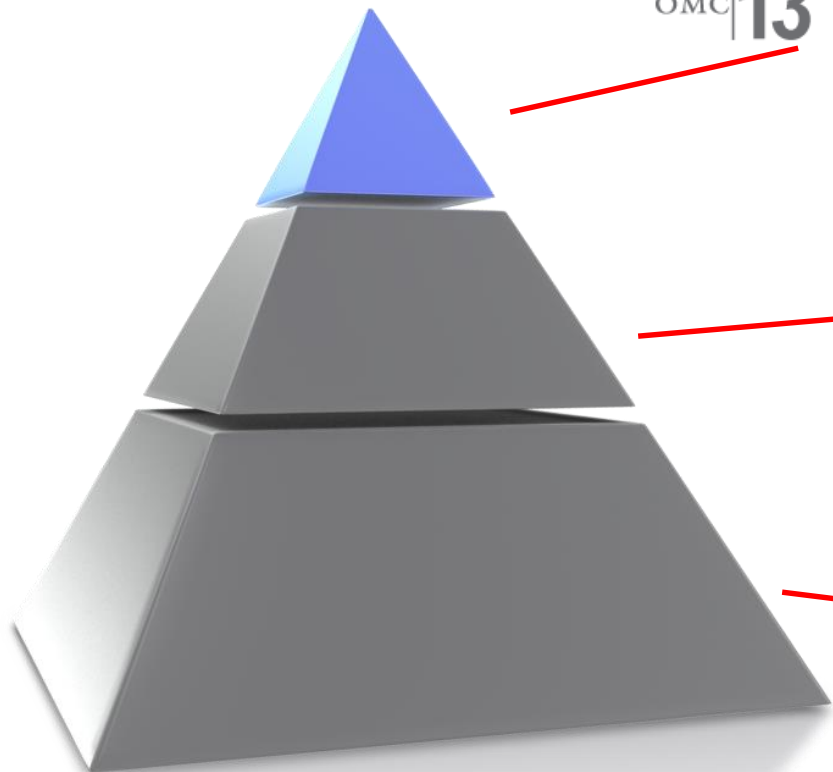
Support to WCO Members



The TFA obliges Members to use quick procedures for perishable goods.

The RKC sets out the basic principles and RKC Guidelines/ICT Guidelines offer guidance to implement the RKC standards.

Detailed Compendiums or Handbooks offer more detailed and technical information , e.g. on CBM and SW, based on practices and experiences of WCO Members.





WCO Support to Members



Mercator Programme

A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation



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