



Ghana National Single Window in the context of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and WCO WCO Approach

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Ghana National Single Window



- WCO supports GNSW Programme – SG WCO attended launch of 2nd phase of GNSW in September 2015.
- GNSW automation extended to OGAs and logistic providers
- Reduce time and cost of cross border trade related procedures
- Make Ghana an economically complete economy regionally and globally

WTO TFA and RKC

- Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) - International convention on the simplification and harmonization of the Customs procedures
- The blueprint for modern and efficient Customs procedures in the 21st century
- RKC implementation provides international commerce with the predictability and efficiency that modern trade requires.
- RKC is the key instrument extensively used in TFA and it can be equally useful in the implementation of TFA measures together with other related WCO instruments and tools.
- RKC remains our flagship instrument in not only meeting the obligations stemming from the TFA but going beyond to meet wider Customs' responsibilities
- WCO Analysis of Section I of the TFA shows a high level of consistency between the TFA and RKC provisions.
- The RKC guidelines on Chapter 3 of the General Annex cover the operation of Single Window.

WCO Approach to Single Window

WTO TFA Article 10.4 - Single Window

Key elements of the TFA Measure

- A Single Window operates as a “single entry point” where a trader can submit data and/or documents required for import, export or transit by different border authorities.
- Participating authorities are required to share the information and documentation submitted by the trader.
- When the various authorities process the information and documents, they return their response to the trader through the same single window interface.

Implementing Authorities

- Customs
- Other border agencies

WCO instruments & tools for building Single Window Environment

WCO Compendium - How to Build a Single Window Environment	The Compendium provides information and guidance at all stages of development of a Single Window Environment.
WCO Data Model	The WCO Data Model is a set of carefully combined data requirements that are mutually supportive and which are updated on a regular basis to meet the procedural and legal needs of cross-border regulatory agencies controlling export, import and transit transactions.
Coordinated Border Management Compendium	The Compendium highlights electronic single window as the electronic manifestation of Coordinated Border Management.
IT Guide for Executives	The Guide provides information and insights into the strategic management process concerning the use of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in Customs.

Coordinated Border Management

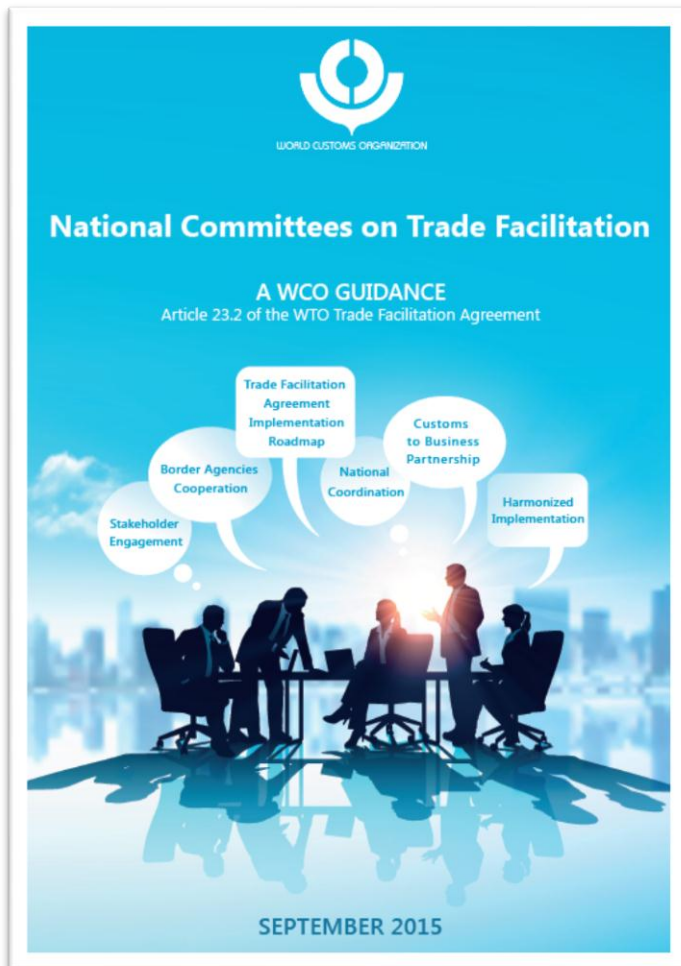
Key Elements of the TFA Measure under Article 8.1

- **National border authorities and agencies:** required to cooperate and coordinate their activities with the goal of facilitating trade (customs, veterinary, sanitary, phytosanitary etc)
- **Forms of cooperation and coordination:** not indicated but brought up during the negotiations: harmonization of import/export data and documentation requirements, joint examinations, common risk management system, use of joint ICT systems (i.e. Single Window)
- **Cross-border authorities coordination:** not mandatory
 - Alignment of working days and hours
 - Alignment of procedures and formalities
 - Development and sharing of common facilities
 - Joint controls
 - Establishment of one stop border post control

WCO tools for CBM

WCO Instrument/tool	Importance to this TFA Measure
RKC, General Annex, Chapter 3 (Clearance and other Customs Formalities), Transitional Standard 3.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lays down the principle that Customs inspection of goods should be coordinated with other authorities and, if possible, carried out at the same time
RKC, General Annex Guidelines, (Clearance and other Customs Formalities) , Transitional Standard 3.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides guidance on benefits of coordinating inspections with other authorities Suggests modes by which such coordinated inspections may be implemented
Coordinated Border Management Compendium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides guidance for WCO Members in their attempts to develop and implement CBM in their countries by incorporating best practices on different areas of CBM that Members could take reference from.
WCO Data Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines combined data requirements that are mutually supportive and which will be updated on a regular basis to meet the procedural and legal needs of cross-border regulatory agencies such as Customs, controlling export, import and transit transactions.

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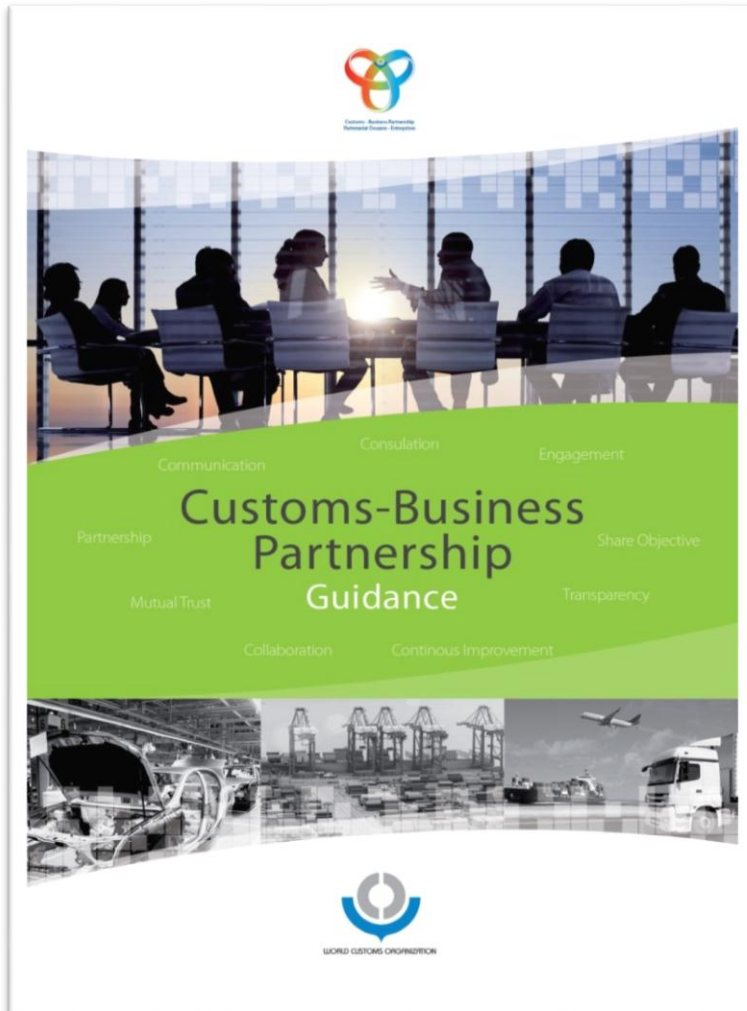


- Supports the implementation of Article 23.2 of the TFA
- **Country examples and case studies**

WCO Approach on Private Sector Engagement

- WCO promotes Customs – Business partnership to engage Private sector in harmonized and efficient implementation of the Trade facilitation.
- PSCG (established in 2005) for the purpose of informing and advising the WCO and Members on Customs and international trade matters from the perspective of the private sector.
- Key building block of C21
- Customs – Business partnership and is one of the pillars of SAFE Framework
- MoUs with private sector stakeholders
- Capacity Building

WCO Customs Business Partnership Guidance



- Jointly developed with the private sector
- Published in June 2015
- assist Members with the development of a regular consultation / engagement / partnership mechanism
- support Members in the implementation of relevant provisions of the WTO (TFA).
- Including Articles 2, 7.7, 12(1) and 23(2)

Thank You!

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