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WCO and its work on Air Cargo Security

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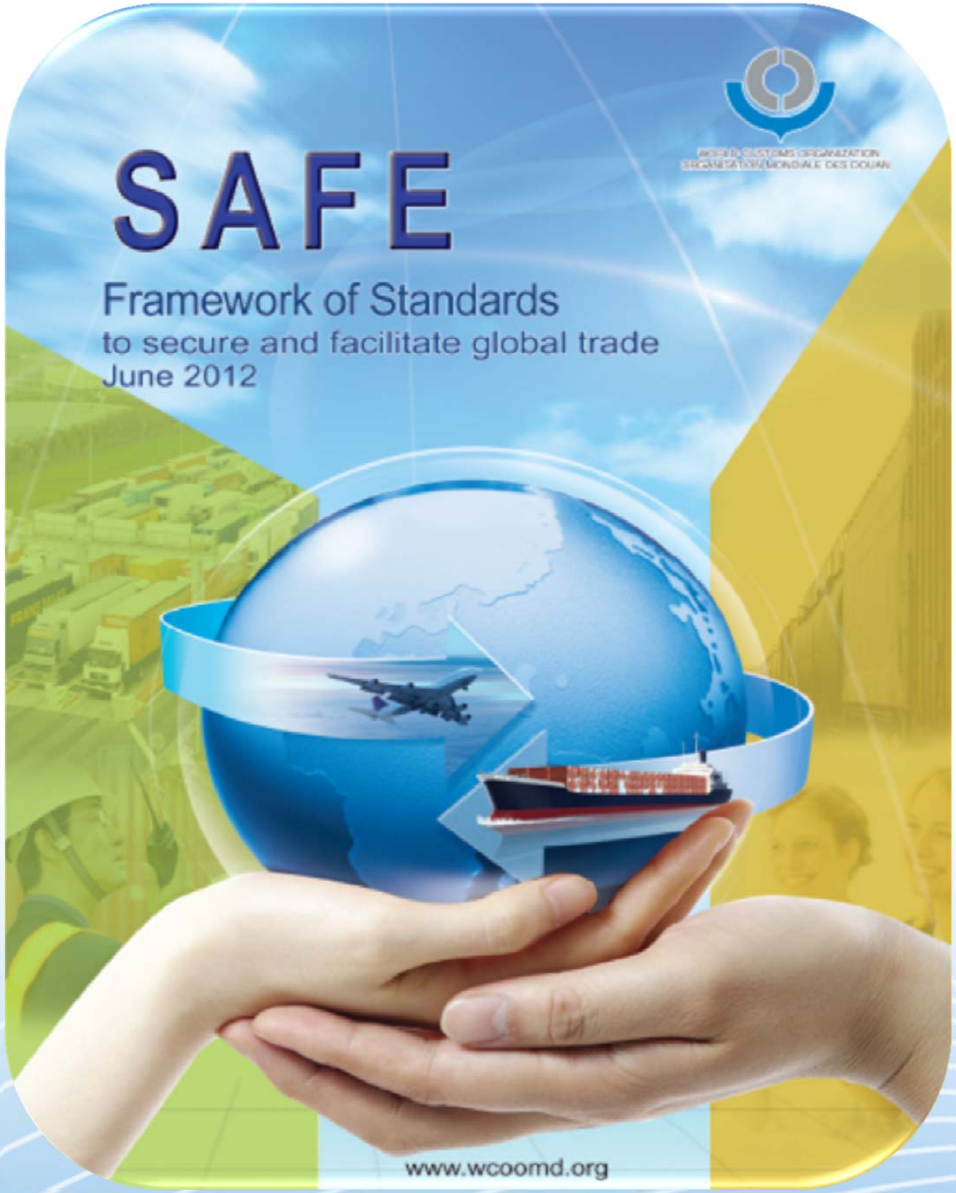
WCO in Brief

- **Sole Intergovernmental Organization specialized in Customs matters**
- **Established in 1952 as Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)**
- **Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium**
- **179 members (as of July 2014)**
- **Responsible for processing 98% of global trade**

WCO A/P Region (33 Members) as of July 2014

- Green :Vice Chair
- Blue: ROCB location
- Orange: RTCs

WCO's work on Air Cargo Security



- **2005 - Adopted**

  "To enable integrated and harmonized supply chain management for all mode of transport"

- **2007 - incorporated AEO Guidelines**

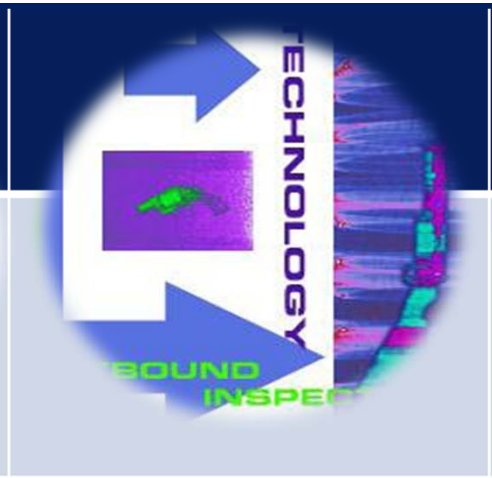
- **2010 – SAFE Package**

  Compilation of pertinent implementation guidelines

- **2012 – Updated**

  Addition of CBM, Trade Continuity and Resumption

SAFE Framework
(4 Core Elements)



Advance electronic information	Risk management	Outbound inspection	Business partnerships
▪ Harmonize the advance electronic information requirement on inbound, outbound and transit shipments.	▪ Commit to employing a consistent risk management approach to address security threats.	▪ Outbound inspection of high risk consignments being exported, preferably using non-intrusive inspection methods.	▪ Customs will provide benefits to businesses that meet minimal supply chain security standards and best practices.

SAFE Framework
(2 Pillars)

- **Pillar 1 = Customs to Customs**
- **Pillar 2 = Customs to Business**

Standards were drawn from the existing WCO Security and facilitation measures and programs

(BENEFITS of 2-pillar strategy)

- Consolidate standards for easy understanding

- Rapid international implementation

WCO's work on Air Cargo Security

- October 2010 - Yemen incident
- December 2010 - WCO Policy Commission – Communiqué
- February 2011 – **T**echnical **E**xperts **G**roup on **A**ir **C**argo **S**ecurity ("**TEGACS**") was formed to promote synergies with WCO, ICAO and UPU's instruments, tools and programs
  - ✓ Examine commonalities and differences between aviation and Customs approaches and find complementarity to each other
  - ✓ Aims at harmonization and cross-border recognition of AEO/KC
  - ✓ Explore best utilization of advance electronic information

"TEGACS" and SAFE Framework

- Advance cargo information – data elements, time limits
- Harmonization of ICAO & WCO security regimes
  - i.e. Regulated Agent/Known Consignor & AEO
- To ensure processes are harmonized to the extent possible
- Roles & responsibilities of the stakeholders
- To ensure no gaps between the efforts of the groups involved
- To **avoid any unnecessary burden on trade**

ICAO – WCO Collaboration

Joint Conference on Enhancing Air cargo Security and Facilitation

1st Conference in July 2012 in Singapore

more than 350 delegates from over 40 countries

Joint Communiqué ~ Synergy through cooperation~

- Need for cooperation at international and state levels between competent authorities
- Reinforced principle of security control at **the point of origin**
- Use of **electronic** cargo information to support risk management
- Promote **capacity building** to support implementation of air cargo **security and facilitation** measures

Joint Conference on Enhancing Air cargo Security and Facilitation

2nd Conference in April 2014 in Bahrain

Over 300 participants representing 42 states, 50 international /regional organizations and industry

Joint Communiqué

~ Collaborative Solution for Future Challenges~

- Coordinated implementation of risk-based, outcomes-focused **air cargo and mail** security measures
- Air cargo and security measures and initiatives from a facilitation perspective for **sustainable implementation**
- Promotion of **joint validation of entities**, **technical assistance**, **capacity building** and training of supply chain personnel

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➡ **An opportunity to review the progress of the works and identify further way forward**

(Work accomplished by ICAO and WCO)

- Publication of a Joint **Brochure**
  (Available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Russians and Spanish)
- Development of a Joint **Training Module**
- Development of Joint **AEO/Regulated Agency (RA) Pilot** Program
- Creation of a Joint **Working Group on Advance Cargo Information**

Way Forward

SAFE Framework Review Process 2015

- ✓ Review every 3 years to maintain Standards are relevant to countering threats
- ✓ SAFE Review Sub-Group discussing various proposals
- ✓ Incorporation of **Pillar 3** (Cooperation between Customs and other Governmental Agencies)
- ✓ Linkages to Conventions and other instruments of ICAO and UPU in the Pillar 3 of SAFE Framework
- ✓ A drafting group is working on the texts to be incorporated, including the **use of "pre-loading Advance Cargo Information"**

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- ✓ Good balance between security and facilitation
- ✓ Further promotion of AEO and Mutual Recognition of the respective AEO Programs
- ✓ Harmonization of AEO and RA/KC
- ✓ Greater focus on capacity building
  - ➡ *Joint Workshop in mid-December 2014 in Bangkok to exercise **Joint Training Module***
- ✓ Joint Working Group on Advance Cargo Information ***("7+1" data elements)***
- ✓ Joint Security Pilot Program, etc.

Thank you for your attention!

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