

WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



Border and Port Controls, Transshipment
and Transit

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- **Established in 1952 as the Customs Cooperation Council**
- **An intergovernmental organization with 161 Members**
- **Headquarters : Brussels - Belgium**

Customs tasks:



- **Protection of Society**
- **Revenue**
- **Trade Policy**
- **Statistics**

WCO: Enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations

Customs & Terrorism



- **Multi-Agency approach**
- **Customs a law enforcement agency**
- **Present at Borders**
- **Special knowledge:**
 - Goods
 - Economic Operators
 - Transport Routes

Control & Facilitation



- **Balance & Interdependency**
- **Risk Management / Assessment**
- **Computerization**
- **Intelligence**
- **International Cooperation**

Supply Chain Security; WCO Resolution in June 2002



- Advance electronic transmission of “Customs Data”
- Partnership
- Capacity Building
- Modern technology
- International cooperation

- Container Security Initiative (CSI)

Control & Facilitation



- **Pre-arrival information**
- **Pre-export information**
- **Separation of Physical Release from Fiscal Clearance**
- **Track & Trace: Unique Consignment Reference (UCR)**

Some Initiatives



- **Initial response and consolidation of members views**
- **WCO Action Plan to improve security at the frontier in order to combat international terrorism**
- **Chemical, biological and nuclear weapons**

Cooperation & Partnership



- UN
- Interpol
- Europol
- IATA
- IAEA

- **BASC-like initiatives**

Integrity:



- **Arusha Declaration**
- **Integrity Action Plan**
- **Model Code of Conduct**
- **Self Assessment Guide**

The future



- **Partnership essential**
- **IT**
- **Real time - On-line**
- **Strategic, tactical and operational Intelligence**
- **Risk Management**
- **Speedy dissemination**
- **International cooperation**
- **Adequately equipped and empowered**