

Single Window Domain Workshop

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Core principles for the operation of SW

- White paper published in 2020
- Continue the development of the recommendation by adding some items:
 - Repository of Case Study
 - Protection of personal data requirements
 - Importance of systematically important SW during uncertain periods: Covid Pandemic,..
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INTEGRATED RISK ASSESSMENT

Single Window compendium by WCO

- The Single Window primarily serves as a platform for the regulatory reporting of import, export and transit goods for release and clearance.
- In Customs, goods are in general controlled selectively, based on risk.
- It is not possible for regulatory authorities to check each consignment.
- WCO recommend, in a Single Window Environment, that all participating agencies must apply a system of risk-based selectivity to better target consignments posing a potential risk, and to judiciously utilize resources for the effective application of the regulations.
- The principles of risk based selectivity apply to all participating government agencies, including Customs. As the lead agency, Customs must build the necessary features in the Single Window environment to facilitate risk-based interdiction.

Risk Assessment in a Single Window

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- With automated declaration-processing systems, customs have the facility to apply selectivity criteria for drawing regulatory attention to different declarations, based on an analysis of risk associated with those declarations.
- Where a Single Window is not implemented, the declarations are simply Customs declarations. However, in a Single Window, information required by all participating agencies for the regulatory clearance of goods is submitted at a single entry point.
- The common data requirements of various agencies are harmonized into a single integrated declaration, which may be submitted in different parts. Data received at the single entry point, is used to process the release and clearance of the goods. This arrangement offers an opportunity to all participating agencies to co-ordinate action in terms of inspection and controls based on risk.

Integrated Risk Management in SW

Advantages with a Single Window

- Common data requirements of various agencies are harmonized and available for better risk management
- The same commodity may attract Multiple Regulations Sustainable and Secure Trade
- Inclusive, co-ordinated process, resulting in convergence among border agencies when it comes to decisions on interdiction and selectivity
- Anticipated risk management based on anticipated submission of data through a single window
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Risk Assessment: WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

- Article 7: each Member shall, to the extent possible, adopt or maintain a risk management system for Customs control (paragraph 4.1 of Article 7). In designing and applying risk management, each Member shall avoid arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination, or a disguised restriction on international trade (paragraph 4.2 of Article 7).
- Paragraph 4.3 of Article 7: the risk management system may be applied beyond the realm of Customs, and states: “Each Member shall concentrate Customs control and, to the extent possible other relevant border controls, on high-risk consignments and expedite the release of low-risk consignments. A Member also may select, on a random basis, consignments for such controls as part of its risk management.”

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- Paragraph 4.4 of Article 7: “Each Member shall base risk management on an assessment of risk through appropriate selectivity criteria. Such selectivity criteria may include, inter alia, the Harmonized System code, nature and description of the goods, country of origin, country from which the goods were shipped, value of the goods, compliance record of traders, and type of means of transport.”
- Trade Facilitation Agreement recommends that the processes of release and clearance of goods be informed by a system of risk management. It clearly suggests that risk assessment may inform not just Customs clearance processes, but also other border agency controls.

SWD communication and promotion plan 2020

- Presentation of UNCEFACT recommendations related to Single Windows through 2 webinars: dates and experts to be agreed with the bureau.
- Organisation of 2 webinars on recent topics:
 - Ex: Standards for better resilience in uncertain times
 - Speakers and dates to be agreed with the bureau