

# PPP-TF RECOMMENDATION PROJECT MEETING

CONFERENCE CALL  
12 NOVEMBER 2013

## Attendance

### Present:

Lance THOMPSON, CONEX (FR)  
Paloma BERNAL TURNES, Georgetown Univ (US)  
Gordon CRAGGE, UKTF (UK)  
Guillaume LAURENCY, Bureau Veritas (FR)  
Bill LUDDY, UNCITRAL  
Lauri RAILAS, KROGERUS (FI)  
Jari SALO, Tieke (FI)  
Rob VAN KUIK, Dutch Customs (NL)

### Absent interested parties:

Maurice DIAMOND, Crown Agents (UK)  
Josephine BAIAMONTE, CBP (US)  
Anna BELMONTE, ICE (IT)  
Giovanna CHIAPPINI CARPENA, ICE (IT)  
Pier Alberto CUCINO, ICE (IT)  
Norman ROSE, UKTF (UK)  
Timothy SCHNABEL, US Dept. of State (US)  
Bernardus SLOT, Netherlands Food and  
Consumer Product Safety (NL)  
Francesca ZADRO, Italian Trade Commission (IT)

*Points which may require your attention are in red below*

## Summary of the Project 12 Nov UN/CEFACT Conference Call

The project lead, Maurice Diamond had a meeting abroad and was unable to join the call. Lance Thompson stepped in to conduct the meeting.

It was decided to only concentrate on the questionnaire; Guillaume Laurency made a very good initial contribution which we further developed during the call.

Some of the key points from the call include:

- Several comments were made underlining the need to have a good cover letter to accompany this questionnaire (explaining the context, the scope of the PPP projects being considered, etc.)
- The desired outcome of the questionnaire should be considered: Are we looking for contributions to assist in the development of the recommendation? Are we looking to identify best practices which will be catalogued in a repository along with the recommendation?
  - The experts on the call agreed that both of these outcomes were our objective.
- The question was raised as to who this will be addressed to.
  - The normal process would be to present it to the Bureau and then have it distributed to the Heads of Delegations who would then send it on to relevant experts.
  - Experts within the project team could also distribute it to relevant parties once it has been approved by the group and the Bureau.
  - It was suggested that we target groups to request answers. Some ideas for this included:
    - UNECE Centre of Excellence on PPPs
    - World Bank
    - UNCITRAL (the participants at the two PPP colloquiums, for example – even if their main perspective is legal, they will be knowledgeable on the implementations...)
    - EU Commission, the Internal Market Directorate General (there will be the adoption of a new paper on PPPs within two months)
    - Other similar international organizations
- Since there are many PPPs in Single Windows, we should consider how this can be cross-referenced to Rec33 (but we should also keep in mind that SW is not the only type of TF PPP).
- The comment was raised that the responses may become quite lengthy.

- This is not necessarily a problem as a repository would be held directly on internet along with the recommendation.
- Concern was also raised as to the section of “outcomes” as intentions may differ from reality.

A number of other comments were raised, but integrated directly into the questionnaire during the conference call. These were added in red in the version 0.5

The next conference call should be mid-December. (Date will be sent out soon).

All experts are requested to prepare what they suggest as main topics for the guidelines section of the recommendation.

It would be best if these could be sent to the project lead or editor at least ten days before the next call so that they may be circulated to everyone prior to the call.