



**World Customs
Organization**

WCO Railway Project and Implementing WCO transit guidelines to support railway transportations

The UIC Freight & RAME Webinar on International Freight Corridor

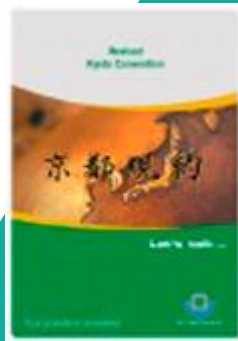
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WCO Instruments and Tools supporting international transit



Transit Compendium with
Members Case studies

Transit Guidelines



Revised Kyoto Convention
(Specific Annex E)

Specific Annex E to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)



4. Standard

National legislation shall specify the persons who shall be responsible to the Customs for compliance with the obligations incurred under Customs transit, in particular for ensuring that the goods are produced intact at the office of destination in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Customs.

5. Recommended Practice

The Customs should approve persons as authorized consignors and authorized consignees when they are satisfied that the prescribed conditions laid down by the Customs are met.

Formalities at the office of departure

6. Standard

Any commercial or transport document setting out clearly the necessary particulars shall be accepted as the descriptive part of the Goods declaration for Customs transit and this acceptance shall be noted on the document.

7. Recommended Practice

The Customs should accept as the Goods declaration for Customs transit any commercial or transport document for the consignment concerned which meets all the Customs requirements. This acceptance should be noted on the document.

http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/conventions/pf_revised_kyoto_conv/kyoto_new/spane.aspx

WCO Transit Guidelines



Customs to Customs Cooperation

14. An anticipated arrival record should be shared with the office of destination and other relevant Customs offices immediately after the office of departure accepts the transit declaration.

16. When a Customs office inspects transit goods, the results of the inspection and any other useful information should be shared immediately with all other relevant Customs offices of transit.

Use of data

25. To enable efficient data exchange between and among relevant government agencies and other stakeholders, a common dataset for transit should be developed using relevant international standards such as the WCO Data Model.

73. Customs administrations and other governmental agencies (OGAs) should reduce the data required for the transit declaration to the data necessary to identify the goods and means of transportation, and to ensure that the requirements of the Customs administration and OGAs are met.

Use of ICT

27. Governments should establish a robust ICT infrastructure to ensure connectivity between stakeholders involved in the transit process at the national, regional and international levels.

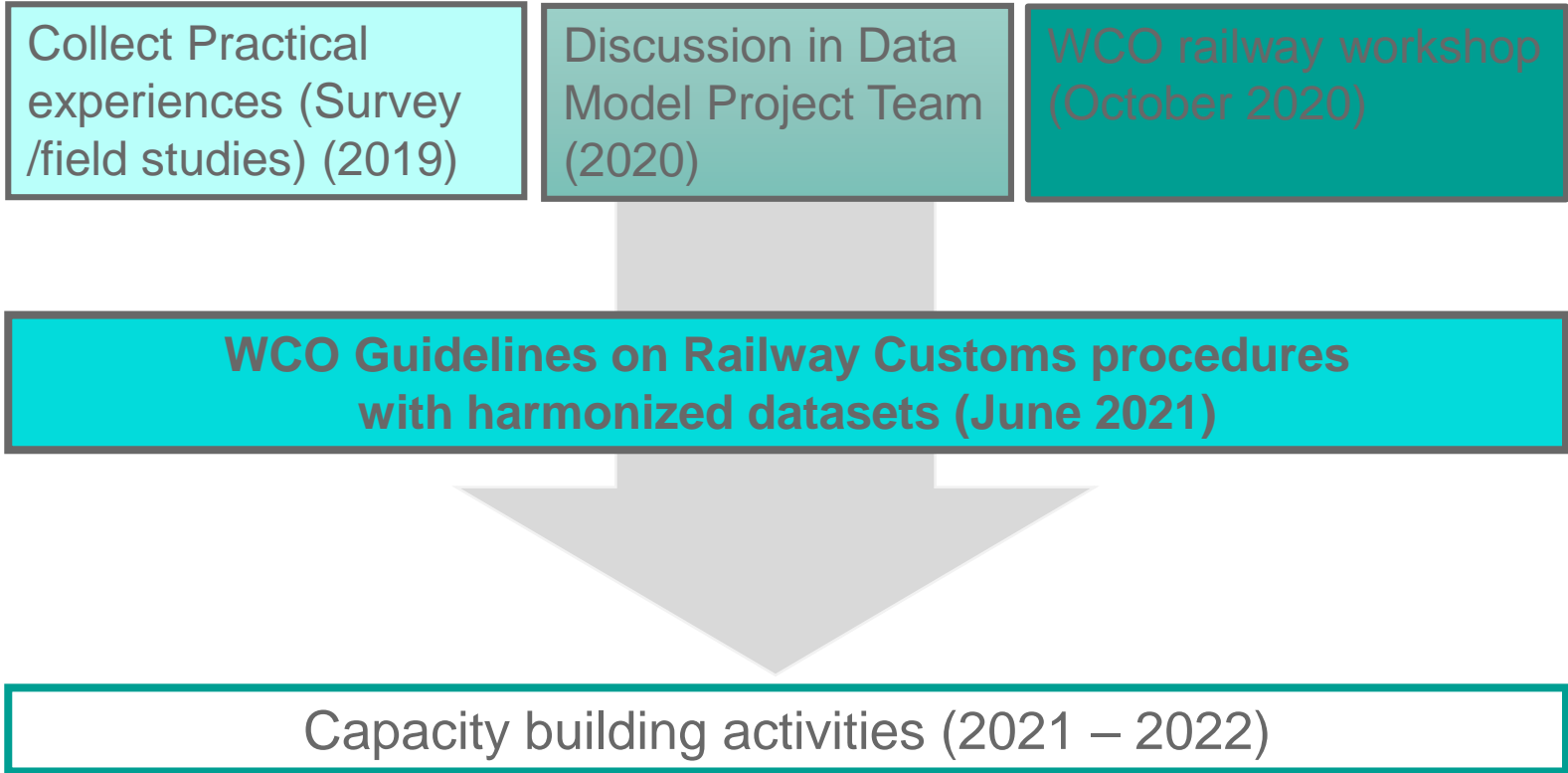
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WCO Railway Project -Backgrounds



WCO Railway project –Main Activities



WCO Railway project – Discussion topics



- Customs transit declaration for railway transportation:
 - Standardization and harmonization of data elements based on WCO Data Model

- Use of pre-arrival Advance Electronic Information (AEI)

- Customs control in railway transportations:
 - Joint control and joint facility with neighboring countries
 - Merit/demerit of using electronic seals
 - Use of other technologies(Non intrusive inspection equipment (NII), X ray etc.)

- Customs transit procedures in respect of postal items

- Passenger control



WCO Response to COVID 19

Joint Statement with OTIF and OSJD

- ❑ The heads of the WCO, the OTIF and the OSJD issued a joint statement on 15 May 2020, agreeing to coordinated efforts for the continued facilitation of railway supply chains and to mitigate the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our societies.

- ❑ Some railway companies are confronted with challenges in preparing and collecting paper-based documents required for Customs procedures in international railway transport.

- ❑ The three heads encourage Customs administrations to facilitate railway transport by temporarily accepting electronic documents and deferring the requirement for paper-based documents until a later stage, if necessary, as stipulated in the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC).

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2020/may/joint-wco-otif-osjd-statement-on-responding-to-the-impacts-of-covid-19.aspx>



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