



# The WCO SAFE Framework of Standards

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# Customs Responses to the Challenging Environment

- **SAFE Framework of Standards**
- **Revised Kyoto Convention**
- **Istanbul/ATA Convention**
- **Time Release Study**
- **WCO Data Model**
- **Immediate Release Guideline**
- **ISCM Guidelines**



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# Core Elements of SAFE

- **SAFE Framework is a comprehensive instrument that covers all areas of Customs controls**
- **Advanced electronic cargo information**
- **Common risk-management approach; 27 Key data elements**
- **Inspection of high-risk cargo at port of origin; export controls**
- **Enhanced trade facilitation for legitimate trade; AEO concept**



# Structures: 2 Pillars / 17 Standards

- **Pillar 1: Customs-to-Customs Cooperation; Using Commonly Accepted Standards to both Secure and Facilitate Trade (11 Stds).**
- **Pillar 2: Customs-to-Business Partnership; Identify Secure Business Partners / Offer Benefits (6 Stds)**



# 11 Standards of Pillar 1

- **Integrated Supply Chain Management**
- **Cargo Inspection Authority**
- **Modern Technology in Inspection Equipment**
- **Risk-Management Systems**
- **High-Risk Cargo or Container**
- **Advance Electronic Information**
- **Targeting and Communication**
- **Performance Measures**
- **Security Assessments**
- **Employee Integrity**
- **Outbound Security Inspections**



## 6 Standards of Pillar 2

- **Partnership**
- **Security**
- **Authorization**
- **Technology**
- **Communication**
- **Facilitation**





# SAFE and AEO

- A Revised and Consolidated Version of SAFE (SAFE FoS + AEO Guidelines) was Authorized at the 2007 WCO Council.
- Serving as a Starting Point for National AEO Programme Implementation;
- Supporting Effective Application of the Standards Outlined in Pillar 2 (C2B Partnerships).



# Mutual Recognition of AEO Status

- AEO status granted to an economic operator in one country by Customs in another country without having to repeat the validation procedure yet again
- Mutual recognition of AEO status is certainly a principle long term goal of SAFE FoS
- However, MRAs signed between US and NZ (June 2007); US and Jordan; US and Canada ; NZ and Japan (June 2008)
- EU-US have a target of 2009
- A number of other countries and Customs Union such as APEC Members are actively negotiating MRAs



## Recent Progress

- 2008 WCO Council approved an appellate procedure for AEOs who are refused AEO status or have their AEO status suspended or revoked.
- Several new data elements for risk management approved by the Council
- 154 of 174 WCO Members have signed a “letter of intent” to implement the SAFE FoS to date
- SAFE FoS is cited in recent US security legislation and the principles of SAFE are found in the new EU Customs legislation.



## Cooperation with IOs: Pillar 3

- A draft third pillar to SAFE was introduced at the October 2008 SAFE WG
- WCO Policy Commission recognized the importance of a new Pillar 3 for the SAFE Framework to cover cooperation between Customs and other border agencies, thus supporting Co-ordinated Border Management and the Single Window concept
- The draft foresees cooperative Coordinated Border Management among all national entities with border control responsibilities



# Way Forward

- **SAFE Framework principle – risk-management systems and non-intrusive equipment (Pillar 1, Standard 3)**
- **Revised Kyoto Convention – requires that Customs shall use risk management control (Standards 6.3 & 6.4)**
- **Great focus made on the WCO Capacity Building programme**
- **Promotion of MRA and AEO to enhance collaboration between Customs and Traders who secure their supply chain**



**Thank you for attention**

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