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DELIVERY OF RKC RELATED ACTIVITIES

(Item IX on the Agenda)

I. Background

1. Since the 14th Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) Management Committee meeting held in October 2015, the WCO Secretariat conducted several workshops related to accession and implementation of this Convention, both at regional and national level. The support requested by Members of the WCO was provided by accredited experts from Members Customs Administrations and staff of the Secretariat.
2. Worth highlighting is the support provided related to national accession and implementation of the RKC and/or how to conduct a gap analysis and to use the RKC Toolkit. The table below shows a break-down by region of the assistance provided. This type of support aims to raise the awareness and understanding of the rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties to the RKC, the necessity to comply with the RKC provisions and the observance of the Convention principles, as well as help Customs officers develop the ability to analyse the compatibility of their national legislation, practices and standards with the RKC. Support for non-Contracting parties also includes support in the development of a roadmap of accession to the Convention.

| Region | National Support | Regional Workshops |
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| Far East, South and South East Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands | 1 | 0 |
| West and Central Africa | 2 | 1 |
| Europe | 3 | 0 |
| South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean | 1 | 0 |
| East and Southern Africa | 0 | 0 |
| North of Africa, Near and Middle East | 1 | 0 |

3. Also worth noting is that in September 2016 the Secretariat conducted an Accreditation Workshop for Technical and Operational Advisers (TOAs) on the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC). The event was attended by English and French speaking Customs officials from all six WCO regions. The workshop was an initial step in the process of accreditation, to be followed by evaluation during an in-field mission. Upon completion of the RKC accreditation programme, the successful participants will become part of the pool of WCO Accredited Experts.
4. For the WCO calendar year 2016 - 2017 (i.e. 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017), the Secretariat received, amongst other, several Capacity Building requests related to the RKC. The delivery of assistance in response to these requests will depend on the availability of funds provided by development partners to the WCO as well as on the availability of experts from Members for missions. Three requests received are related to national implementation of the RKC and/or how to conduct a respective gap analysis. Furthermore, one regional workshop on the RKC has also been requested.
5. In addition, the Secretariat received 15 national, 1 sub-regional and 3 regional requests related to risk management and 17 national and 4 regional requests related to post clearance audit. Both topics are related to Chapter 6 (Customs Control) of the General Annex of the RKC.
6. On Authorized Economic Operators (AEO), 12 national support activities and 3 regional workshops are envisaged to be delivered. Although the AEO is a figure of the SAFE Framework of Standards, the RKC General Annex sets out, in Transitional Standard 3.32, special procedures for 'authorized persons', being natural or legal persons who meet criteria specified by the Customs, including having an appropriate record of compliance with Customs requirements and a satisfactory system for managing their commercial records.
7. On Single Window, 8 requests for national delivery of Capacity Building were received and 1 regional request. Although the RKC does not explicitly refer to Single Window, the RKC Guidelines cover the operation of Single Window (Standard 3.25). On information technology, 1 national request has been received, as well as 4 requests for regional workshops. This topic relates to Chapter 7 (Application of Information Technology) of the General Annex of the RKC.
8. On Coordinated Border Management, 5 national support and 1 sub-regional workshop requests were received by the Secretariat. Transitional Standard 3.35 of the General Annex of the RKC lays down the principle that Customs inspection of goods should take place in coordination with other competent authorities. Six national requests were received on pre-arrival processing (Standard 3.25).
9. In addition, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, including RKC-related assistance, will be provided to WCO Members in the East and Southern Africa, the West and Central Africa and the Asia-Pacific regions under a number of projects funded by development partners.
10. During the current financial year the Secretariat plans to conduct, subject to availability of funds, global or regional workshops for accreditation of TOAs in the following areas: Risk Management, Post Clearance Audit, Authorized Economic Operators, Single Window and Coordinated Border Management.

II. Actions requested

11. On the basis of the foregoing, the Management Committee is invited to:
- Take note of the Capacity Building activities related to RKC implementation delivered prior to this meeting and of the requests received for the current WCO financial year;
 - Discuss/ provide further guidance whether one or several of the topics raised as Capacity Building requests are of such common concern in the RKC context that they should be included in the agenda of one of the next meetings of the RKC Management Committee for further detailed discussion.
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