



DELIVERY OF RKC RELATED ACTIVITIES

(Item VI on the Agenda)

1. Since the 19th Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) Management Committee, held in November 2018, the WCO Secretariat conducted one training workshop and one seminar related to the accession and implementation of the Convention. The support requested by Members of the WCO was provided by an accredited expert from a Member Customs Administration and by staff of the Secretariat.
2. A regional workshop held in Saint-Lucia from 26 to 30 November 2018 was aimed at enhancing the knowledge of the Customs officers in the Caribbean Sub-Region on the RKC, its accession process, implementation and benefits. Many Members of the sub-region are not Contracting Parties to the Convention. The Workshop's objective was to raise awareness and deepen the understanding of the strategic and operational aspects of the key provisions and standards of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC). It also assisted towards developing the capacity to analyse compatibility of the RKC provisions with national legislation and national practices in order to support conducting the Gap analysis and developing a clear roadmap towards the accession to and implementation of the RKC.
3. The Secretariat supported the delivery of a seminar for the Customs administration of the Comoros aimed at raising awareness of the importance of the RKC provisions in the implementation of the WTO TFA and providing deep insight on the content of the Convention, its accession process, implementation and benefits. It also enhanced the capacity to analyse compatibility of the RKC provisions with national legislation and national practices in order to assist the Comoros Customs in conducting the Gap analysis and planning the accession process to the RKC.
4. Under the Mercator Programme, the Secretariat also conducted numerous activities on other RKC-related topics such as Authorized Economic Operators, Single Window, Transit, Risk Management, Post-Clearance Audit and the implementation of other trade facilitation measures.

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5. For the WCO financial year 2019/2020 (i.e. from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020), the Secretariat already 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 Member administrations. Additionally, since the Secretariat was asked by Members to consider the need to hold regional seminars to ensure regional approaches towards the comprehensive review, regional seminars during the next financial year are being considered.
6. In addition, the Secretariat received, from both CPs and non-CPs, requests for capacity building activities related to the implementation of different provisions of the RKC.

Action required

7. 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 next WCO financial year
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