



25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

7- 11 June 2021

Brussels, 22 April 2021.

**FINDINGS OF THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS AGAINST  
RKC AND EXISTING WCO INSTRUMENTS/TOOLS (STEP 2)**

**(Item III on the Agenda)**

**I. Introduction**

1. Underlining the importance of taking the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) review work forward in an inclusive way, the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (RKC/MC), at its 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting decided to continue the RKC review process under a “four-step framework”.
2. The “four-step framework” entails submission of proposals and development of recommendations as Step 1; assessment of developed recommendations against the RKC, its Guidelines and other existing WCO instruments and tools as Step 2; consideration of developed recommendations against agreed criteria for possible amendment to the RKC as Step 3, and development of amendment proposals in line with Article 6 and 15 of the RKC as Step 4.
3. At its 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, the RKC/MC agreed that “Step 2” should be concluded by 30 June 2021. In order to ensure efficient use of the virtual meetings with a maximum of three hours per day, the 29 concepts due for assessment were grouped into two categories for discussion at the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> RKC/MC meetings.

**II. Findings of the assessment**

4. At its 24<sup>th</sup> RKC/MC Meeting, 16 concepts with the priority to COVID-19 related proposals were discussed and assigned various categories:

Category	Types of conclusions
Category 1	RKC
Category 2	RKC Guidelines
Category 7	RKC + RKC Guidelines
Category 3	WCO other Instruments/Tools
Category 4	New Instruments/Tools

Category 5	No action (Already covered)
Category 6	More work required

5. The list of concepts already discussed during the 24<sup>th</sup> RKC/MC meeting is set out below.

Concept Number	Concept Name
4	Use of advance technologies
7	Data Issues
8	Electronic Declarations
9	Advance Cargo information
10	Advance Goods Declarations
11	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO)
13	Electronic Payments
14	Customs role in security
15	Customs Control
16	Post Clearance Audit
27	Travellers
28	Rules of Origin
29	Coordinated Border Management
33	Relief Consignments
34	Postal Traffic
37	Temporary Admission

6. Out of the 16 concepts discussed, some concepts' components were assigned under category 6 whereupon the Secretariat, in consultation with the respective proponents, was tasked to conduct a further assessment putting into consideration comments raised during the meeting and return the revised assessments to the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting for further consideration. The 4 concepts at issue are Electronic Declarations, Advanced Goods Declaration, Authorised Economic Operator and Customs Control.
7. Furthermore, the 24<sup>th</sup> RKC/MC agreed that Concepts 24 (Free Zones) and 35 (Express/Expedited shipment) would be also considered under "Step 2" of the agreed four-step framework at the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RKC/MC.
8. Considering the above, the concepts for discussion at the 25<sup>th</sup> RKC/MC Meeting are set out below.

Concept Number	Concept Name
8	Electronic Declarations
10	Advance goods declaration
11	Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)
15	Customs control
1	Future Proofing
2	Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation
3	Structure
6	Enrichment of Definitions
12	Perishable Goods
18	Publication and availability of information
19	Advance Rulings
20	Measures to ensure consistency in applying national legislation
21	Relationship with third parties
23	Warehouse
24	Free Zone
26	Processing of goods
30	Establishment and publication of average

	release Times (TRS)
35	Express/Expedited shipment
N/A	"OTHERS"

9. The assessments for all the concepts to be discussed are set out in Annex I to this document. The category proposed by the Chairperson for all concepts and each component to be discussed is set out in Annex II to this document.

**III. Action required**

10. The RKC/MC is invited to:
- o discuss the findings of the assessment on concepts listed in paragraph 7 and set out in Annex I to this document; and,
  - o decide which category should be assigned to each Component of the discussed concepts as set out in Annex II to this document.

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