



**“STEP 4” OF THE FOUR-STEP FRAMEWORK: CONSULTATION ON THE POTENTIAL
DRAFT TEXT RELATING TO THE SPECIFIC ANNEXES OF THE CONVENTION**

(Item III on the Agenda)

SUMMARY

Purpose of document

The 22nd Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (RKC/MC) decided to carry forward and continue the review process under a “four-step framework”, including “Step 4”. This document presents preliminary Potential Draft Texts (PDTs) for the Specific Annexes (SAs) of the RKC.

Action required

The RKC/MC is invited to:

- discuss and provide input on the PDT for the SAs of the RKC as set out in Annex I to this document; and
- decide on the envisaged PDT that would proceed for consideration at the next stage.

I. Background

1. Since September 2018, the Working Group on the Comprehensive review of the RKC (WGRKC) held a total of 8 meetings and discussed about 180 proposals concerning the RKC submitted by Members and external stakeholders. The 22nd Meeting of the RKC/MC decided to carry forward and continue the review process under a “four-step framework”. It was subsequently decided that the review work of “Step 2”, “Step 3” and “Step 4” of the “four-step framework” would be carried out by the RKC/MC.
2. The “four-step framework” is an approach comprising the 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 potential amendment proposals in line with Article 6 and 15 of the RKC as “Step 4”.
3. “Step 1” of the “four-step framework” was finalized by the WGRKC at its 8th Meeting that was held in October 2020 and a final report with the recommendations of the

WGRKC was submitted to and approved by the 23rd RKC/MC. “Step 2” was completed at the 25th Meeting of the RKC/MC while “Step 3” was finalized at the 26th Meeting of the RKC/MC. Upon conclusion of the 26th RKC/MC Meeting, the Secretariat, based on the agreed template, proceeded with the drafting of preliminary PDTs under “Step 4” of the four-step framework.

II. “Step 4” Progress: PDTs on Specific Annexes (SAs)

4. Based on the “four-step framework” and the current work plan of the RKC/MC, “Step 4” commenced at the 27th Meeting. Under “Step 4”, it was agreed that only those components/proposals that successfully passed “Step 3” would be considered as part of the consultations on PDT to be included in the Convention should the review process result in proposals to amend the RKC. It was further agreed to commence with the PDT of the General Annex (GA) of the RKC.
5. Considering the agreed template for “Step 4”, the RKC/MC started with the PDTs of the GA and covered twelve (12) concepts at the 27th RKC/MC Meeting and five (5) concepts at the 28th RKC/MC Meeting. As a result, by the end of the 28th RKC/MC Meeting, a way forward was suggested for each of the PDTs that were discussed.
6. Accordingly, for the 29th Meeting, the RKC/MC decided to commence discussions on the PDTs of the SAs. The PDTs to be discussed relate to the following concepts:
 - Concept number 26 – Processing of Goods
 - Concept number 34 – Postal Traffic
 - Concept number 33 – Relief Consignments
 - Concept number 35 – Express/Expedited Shipments
 - Concept number 27 – Travellers
 - Concept number 28 – Rules of Origin
 - Concept number 24 – Free Zones
7. The PDTs for the above indicated concepts are set out in Annex I to this document.
8. In addition, for ease of reference and for a historical background, the document containing the assessment that was conducted during the “Step 2” phase is set out as Annex II to this document.

III. Action required

9. The RKC/MC is invited to:
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 - o decide on the envisaged PDT that would proceed for consideration at the next stage.

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