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Impact of WCO support on TFA Implementation

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WCO's support in TFA Implementation

Long-standing support

Over the years, the WCO has been supporting TFA implementation through its tools and instruments

Customs reform & modernization

The WCO has supported various Customs administrations in their reform and modernization

WCO's support in TFA implementation



- Through the Mercator Programme
- Based on various WCO tools and instruments that support TFA implementation;
- Pool of accredited experts (peer-to-peer learning)

- Free for Customs officers
- TFA related courses on : TFA (3984), RM (10468), Transit (2629) , CBM (3590), TRS (1265), SW (335)

- Focused on thematic areas that reinforce TFA implementation
- EGs: Integrity, gender equality and diversity, HR management, performance measurement

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| Africa (ESA, MENA, WCA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 36 TACB activities conducted to support the implementation of Advance Rulings systems in several countries in Africa, including support in drafting AR legislation- 6 AR systems launched (Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Madagascar, Namibia, Tunisia) |
| Africa (ESA) Article 3 - AR | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- e-Advance Rulings platforms launched in 2 African countries (Eswatini, Namibia) |
| Africa (ESA, MENA, WCA) Article 1 – Publish & avail info. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On going support to develop an e-tariff tool in 28 African countries, covering 2 RECs (EAC, ECOWAS)- e-tariff tool launched in 4 countries (Eswatini, Lesotho, Liberia, Zimbabwe including a rules of origin module. |

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| Armenia | Article 7.6 – TRS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TRS programme for Central Asia and the Caucasus</u> • Training to date has covered all TRS phases—planning, , questionnaire development, date entry, collection, analysis, and reporting—as well as use of the WCO TRS software. • Pool of experienced Customs officials in the field of TRS. • To develop recommendations for improving connectivity along the Trans-Caspian route / Middle Corridor based on the outcomes of their national assessments. |
| Azerbaijan | | |
| Georgia | | |
| Kazakhstan | | |
| Kyrgyzstan | | |
| Tajikistan | | |
| Turkmenistan | | |
| Uzbekistan | | |
| Fiji | Article 3 – AR Article 7.4 – RM; Article 7.5 – PCA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Trainer Programme (MTP) on HS and Customs Valuation; refresher courses are ongoing • MTP on Risk Management and PCA |

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| Tanzania Article 7.7 AEO | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening of the AEO Programme; advisory support to enhance inter-agency cooperation and promote consistent application of AEO benefits at operational level.• Increase in the number of accredited AEOs from 22 (March 2023) to 36 (March 2024). Currently standing at 63 |
| Malawi Article 7.4 RM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duty Waiver process Automation and Risk Management• Support to pilot automation of the duty waiver procedure, a foundation for future application of risk management. |

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Nigeria

Article 7.7- AEO **AEO**

- Technical support from pilot to launch in setting up an AEO programme: A reduction of at least 66.9% in clearance times for Pilot companies
- Per November 2025, 96 AEOs were certified

Zambia, Namibia, Article 7.6- and end-to-end TRS TRS between

- Zambia: CB support for its 1st TRS in 2019, 3rd TRS at the Chirundu and Kazungula OSBPs shows a 60% drop-in average clearance times, from over 48 hours in 2022 to under 14 hours in 2024.

South Africa & Eswatini
and South Africa (SA) & Lesotho

- Namibia: First TRS in 2022. Launched the Walvis Bay TRS report with nine recommendations in 2023. Concluded its 2nd TRS at the Trans-Kalahari Border; TRS report launched in March 2025, together with the National CBM Strategy.
- End-to-End TRS: SA & Eswatini, and SA & Lesotho

The Philippines Article 7.4 RM

- Fact-finding mission followed by recommendations and subsequent validation of implemented recommendations.
- The WCO Cargo Targeting System (CTS) operationalized. Risk Management Office established. Digitalization rate of 96.99% achieved. Increase in seizure volume and value.

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| El Salvador Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua | 10.3- Use of international standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accession support to the international Convention on the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures, known as the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) Became Contracting Parties to the RKC |
| Serbia | 2- Consultations 7.4- Risk Management 7.7- AEOs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release times for cross-border operations reduced by 45% on average Increased Risk Management effectivity by 6.5% Increased private sector cooperation by: ✓ Enlarging the number of trusted trade operators enrolled in the AEO Programme ✓ Establishing a Business-Customs Round Table |
| Jordan | 7.8- Expedited shipments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the national framework for Custom modernization and streamlining digital procedures |

Multi-Year (MY) Mercator Support

Tailor-made support regarding TFA implementation

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| Solomon Islands | Holistic diagnostic support | Feb 2024: Diagnostic assessment to assess progress with TFA implementation and identify areas that require further support A road map with key focus areas identified. |
| Moldova | Holistic diagnostic support | July 2024: Mercator Diagnostic carried out - Selected and agreed on the TFA articles to be tackled through an agreed Action Plan. |

Integrity The Philippines

- Anti-Corruption and Customs Integrity Development Action Plan (Integrity Action Plan) + revision of the Code of Conduct
- More than 96% of Customs processes digital.
- Establishment of the Customs–Industry formal consultative mechanism

Gender Equality and Diversity

- Peer-to-peer exchanges Eg, Botswana drew lessons from Ghana's NTFC, particularly its Trade and Gender Sub-Committee, as a model for adoption
- Challenges faced by women-owned/led enterprises engaged in cross-border trade

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