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# Transit issues of LLDCs

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# Impact of COVID-19 on global supply chains



# What Customs and the WCO can do

- Trade facilitation
- Digitalization and use of advanced technologies



# Trade facilitation



## What is key

- Transparency and predictability
- Border agency cooperation
- Freedom of transit
- Coordination through the NCTF

## What the WCO can offer:

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**Mercator Programme**  
A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

- Overall track – RKC and a myriad of other tools
  - Tailor-made track
- The tools and guidance material developed in response to COVID-19, including the WCO Guidelines on disaster management and supply chain continuity

# Transit

## What is key

- Efficient exchange of information
- Efficient guarantee system
- Efficient security measures

### Some good practices:

- ✓ EU NCTS
- ✓ Interconnectivity of transit systems in West and Central Africa – SIGMAT project
- ✓ TIR system
- ✓ COMESA Guarantee scheme
- ✓ RECTS of Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and DRC

### What the WCO can offer:

- Transit Guidelines
- Compendium of best practices in the area of transit
- **NEW** Railway Guidance
- Capacity Building support



# Digitalization and use of advanced technologies

## What is key

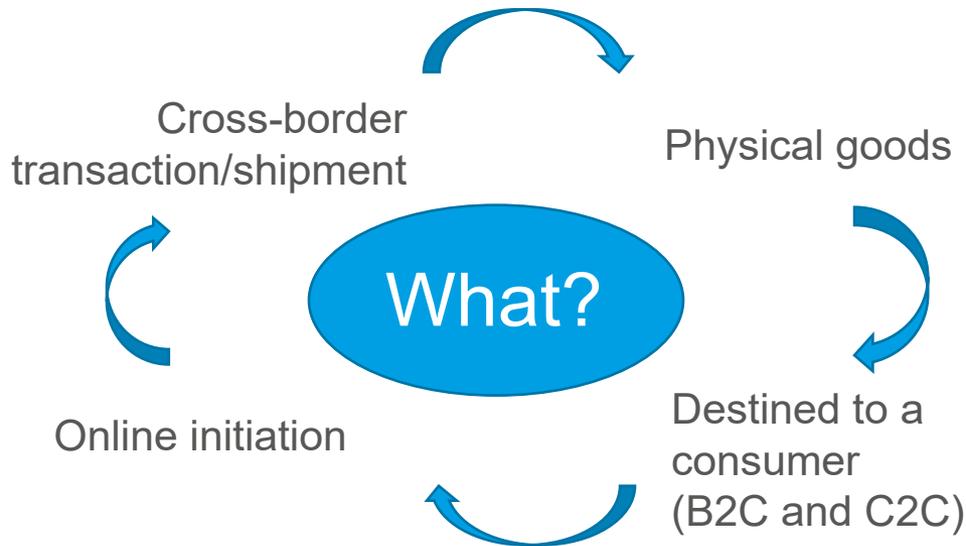
- Automation of Customs processes
- Deployment of advanced technologies
- Interoperability of solutions
- Use of global standards

## What the WCO can offer:

- International standards – WCO Data Model, UFF
- Study reports – WCO-WTO paper, Study report on disruptive technologies
- Annual Technology Conference and Exhibition
- DMPT, TEG-NII
- Capacity Building support



# E-Commerce



## What is key

- Advance electronic data for risk management
- Fair and efficient revenue collection
- Safety and security
- Cooperation with e-commerce stakeholders

### What the WCO can offer:

- E-Commerce FoS and Package
- Immediate Release Guidelines
- WCO-UPU Postal Customs Guide
- Joint WCO-UPU Guidelines on the exchange of AED between Post and Customs
- Awareness raising activities
- Capacity Building support

# For further reading



- WCO Mercator Programme - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/wco-implementing-the-wto-atf/mercator-programme.aspx>
- Revised Kyoto Convention - [http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/conventions/pf\\_revised\\_kyoto\\_conv.aspx](http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/conventions/pf_revised_kyoto_conv.aspx)
- Web-page on the response to COVID-19 - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/activities-and-programmes/natural-disaster/coronavirus.aspx>
- Web-page on COVID-19 vaccines distribution - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/activities-and-programmes/natural-disaster/covid19-vaccines-distribution.aspx>

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- WCO Compendium of best practices in the area of transit - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/tools/transit-compendium.aspx>
- WCO/WTO paper on advanced technologies - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/tools/wco-wto-paper.aspx>
- WCO Data Model - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/tools/data-model.aspx>
- WCO E-Commerce Package - <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/facilitation/instrument-and-tools/frameworks-of-standards/ecommerce.aspx>



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