



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

# **World Customs Organization**

## **Customs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- Contributing to economic competitiveness -

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# World Customs Organization (WCO)

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- ✓ **Only International Organization exclusively focused on Customs matters**
- ✓ **The international house of Customs...**
- ✓ **Our partners are also welcome!**



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## Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)



**Inaugural Session CCC**

# 2013

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

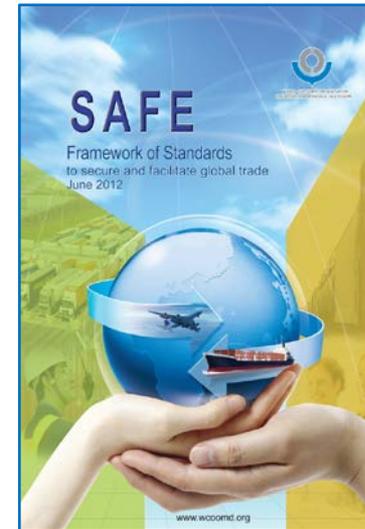
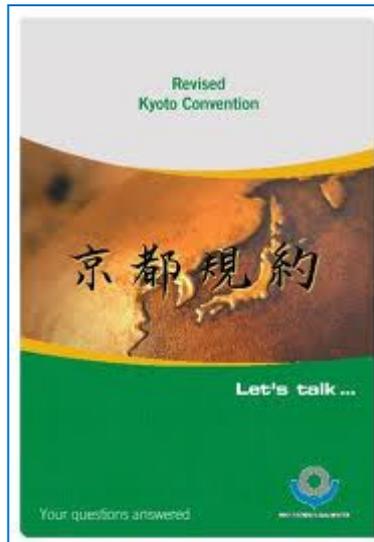
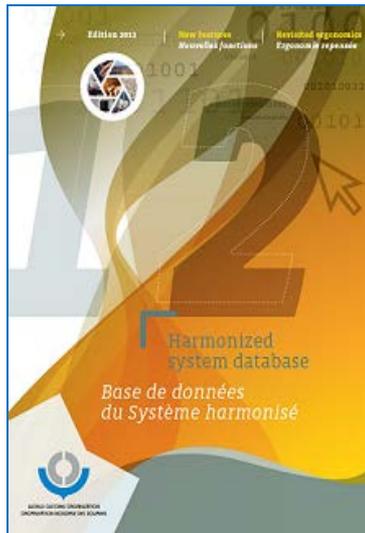


**Council Session 2013**

# WCO Objectives

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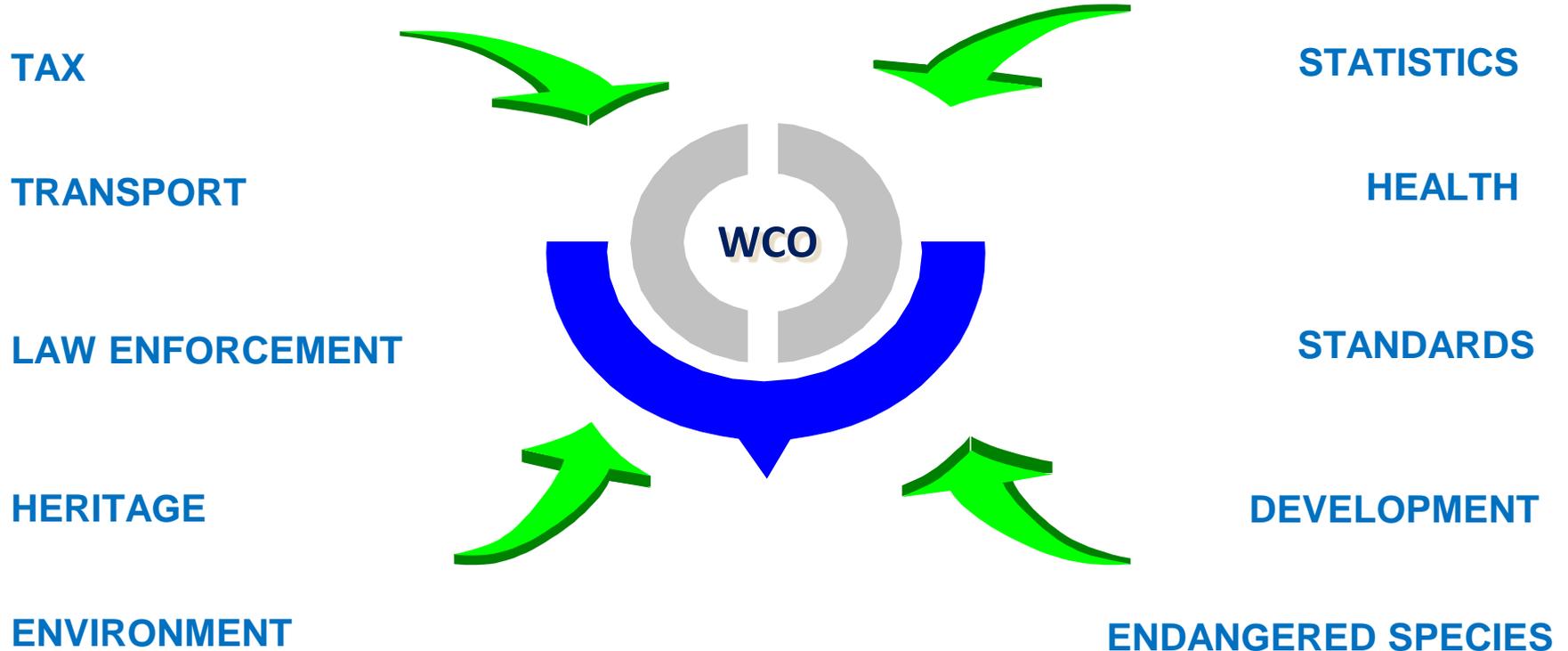
...to secure the highest degree of harmonization, standardization and simplification of Customs systems



# WCO Objectives

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...to provide a platform for international cooperation



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...to provide Capacity Building

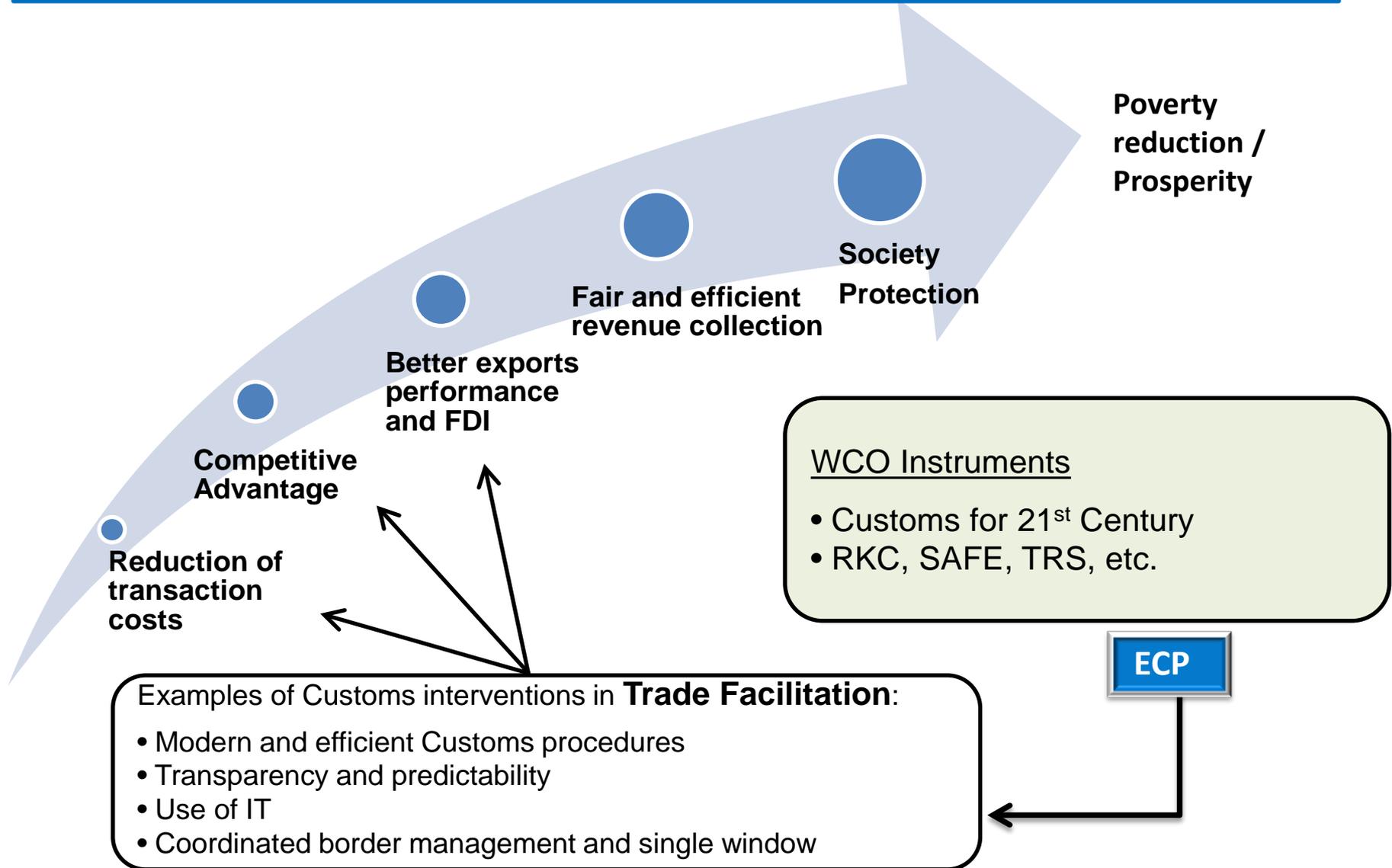


# WCO Strategic Plan

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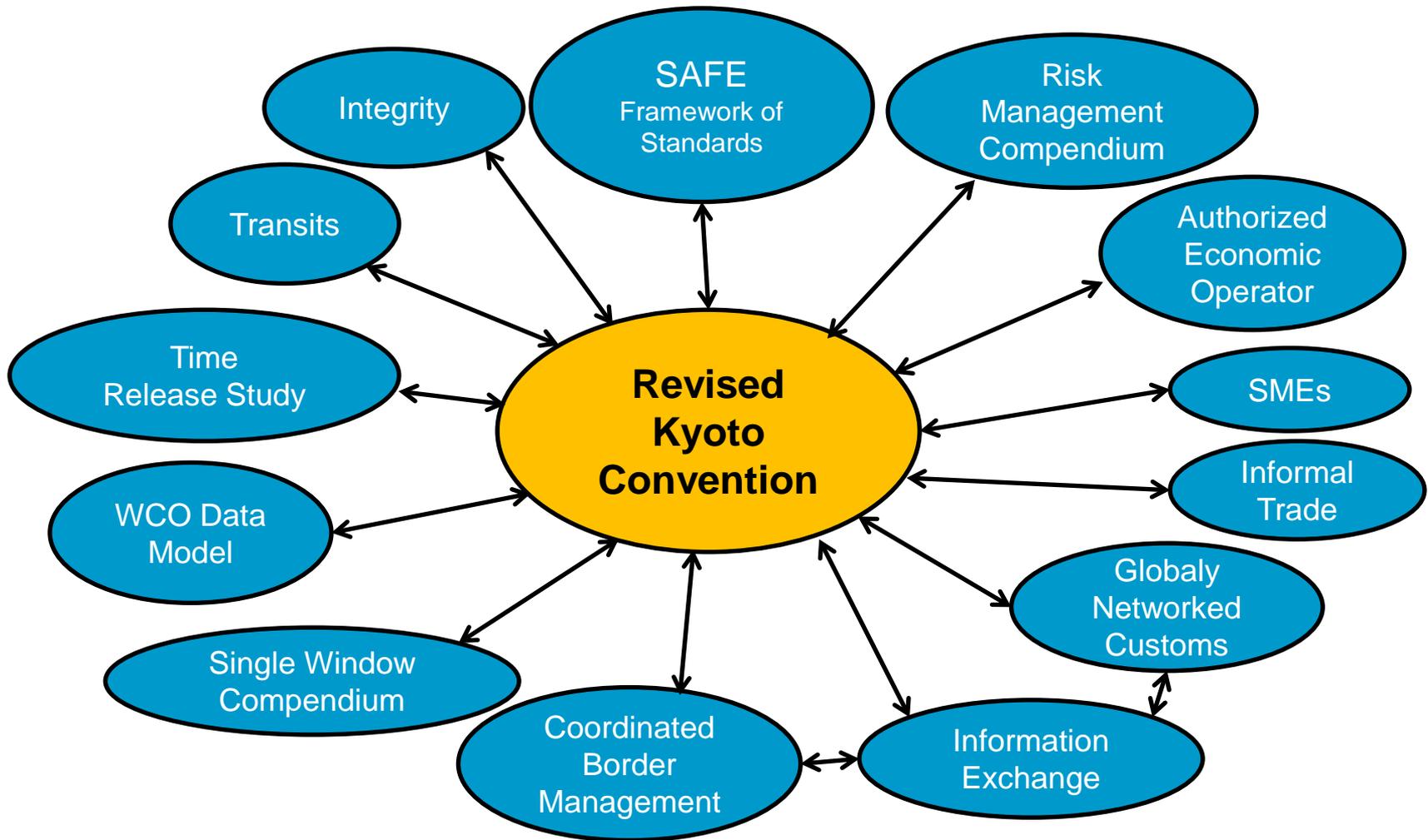


# Customs contribution to competitiveness



# ECP: Main instruments and tools

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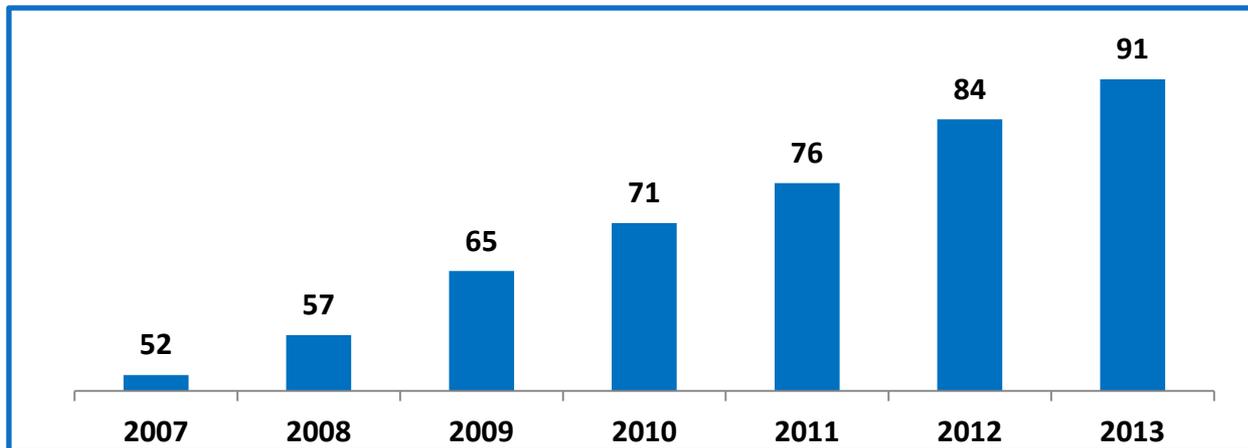
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▶ Best practices and innovations according to Members' needs

# 1. Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)

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✓ Significant increase in Contracting Parties

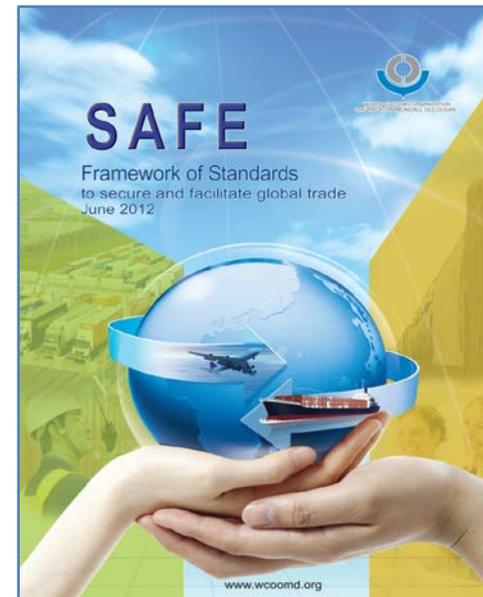


✓ Toolkit for quality implementation

## 2. SAFE Framework of Standards

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- ✓ The global trading system is vulnerable to terrorist exploitation
- ✓ Customs administrations well placed to provide increased security for the global supply chain
- ✓ SAFE adopted by WCO Council in June 2005
- ✓ 168 Members have signed letter of intention to implement SAFE



# AEO Programme:

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## ✓ Definition:

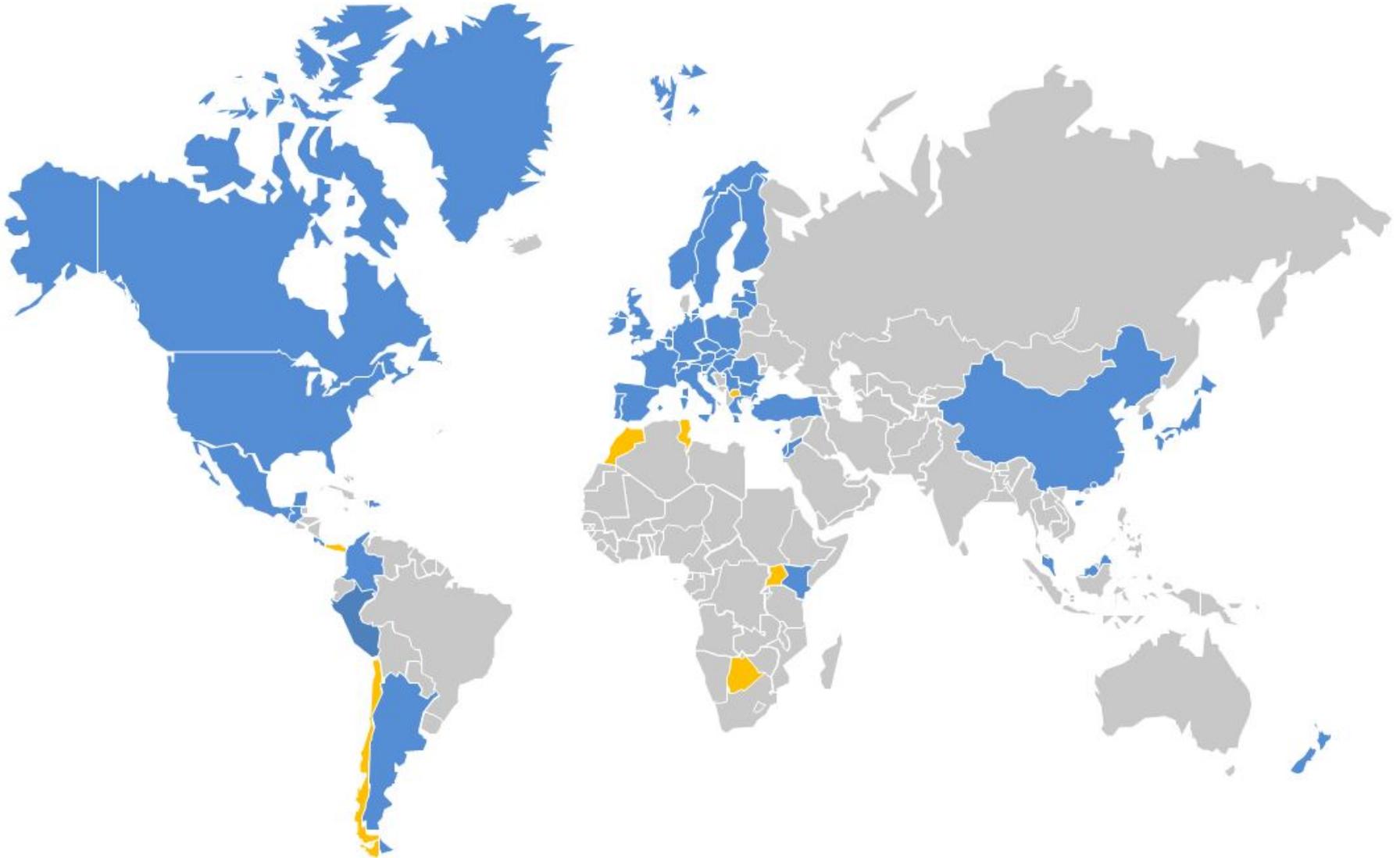
The Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) is a party involved in the international movement of goods in whatever function that has been approved by or on behalf of a national Customs administration as complying with WCO or equivalent supply chain security standards

## ✓ Consistent with RKC and WTO



# AEO Map 2013:

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# Mutual Recognition Agreements:

## MRA concluded

Date	Country
June 2007	New Zealand – USA
May 2008	Japan – New Zealand
June 2008	Canada – USA
June 2008	Jordan – USA
June 2009	Japan – USA
July 2009	EU – Norway
July 2009	EU – Switzerland
June 2010	Canada – Japan
June 2010	Canada – Korea
June 2010	Canada – Singapore
June 2010	EU – Japan
June 2010	Korea – Singapore
June 2010	Korea – USA
January 2011	Andorra – EU
May 2011	Japan – Korea
June 2011	Korea – New Zealand
June 2011	Japan – Singapore
May 2012	EU – USA
June 2012	China – Singapore

## MRA under negotiation

China – EU
China – Japan
Japan – Malaysia
China – Korea
Hong Kong, China – Korea
India – Korea
Israel – Korea
New Zealand – Singapore
Norway – Switzerland
Singapore – USA
Mexico – Korea
Mexico – USA

# 3. WTO AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION (ATF)

The ATF deals almost entirely with Customs-related topics.

## Section I

Art.1 Publication and availability of information

Art.2 Consultation

Art.3 Advance ruling

Art.4 Appeal/Review procedures

Art.5 Other measures for transparency etc.

Art.6 Fee and Charges

Art.7 Release and Clearance of goods

Art.8 Border Agency Cooperation

Art.9 Movement of goods intended for import

Art.10 Formalities

Art.11 Transit

Art.12 Customs cooperation

Art.13 Institutional Arrangement

(TF Committee)

## Section II

### Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries

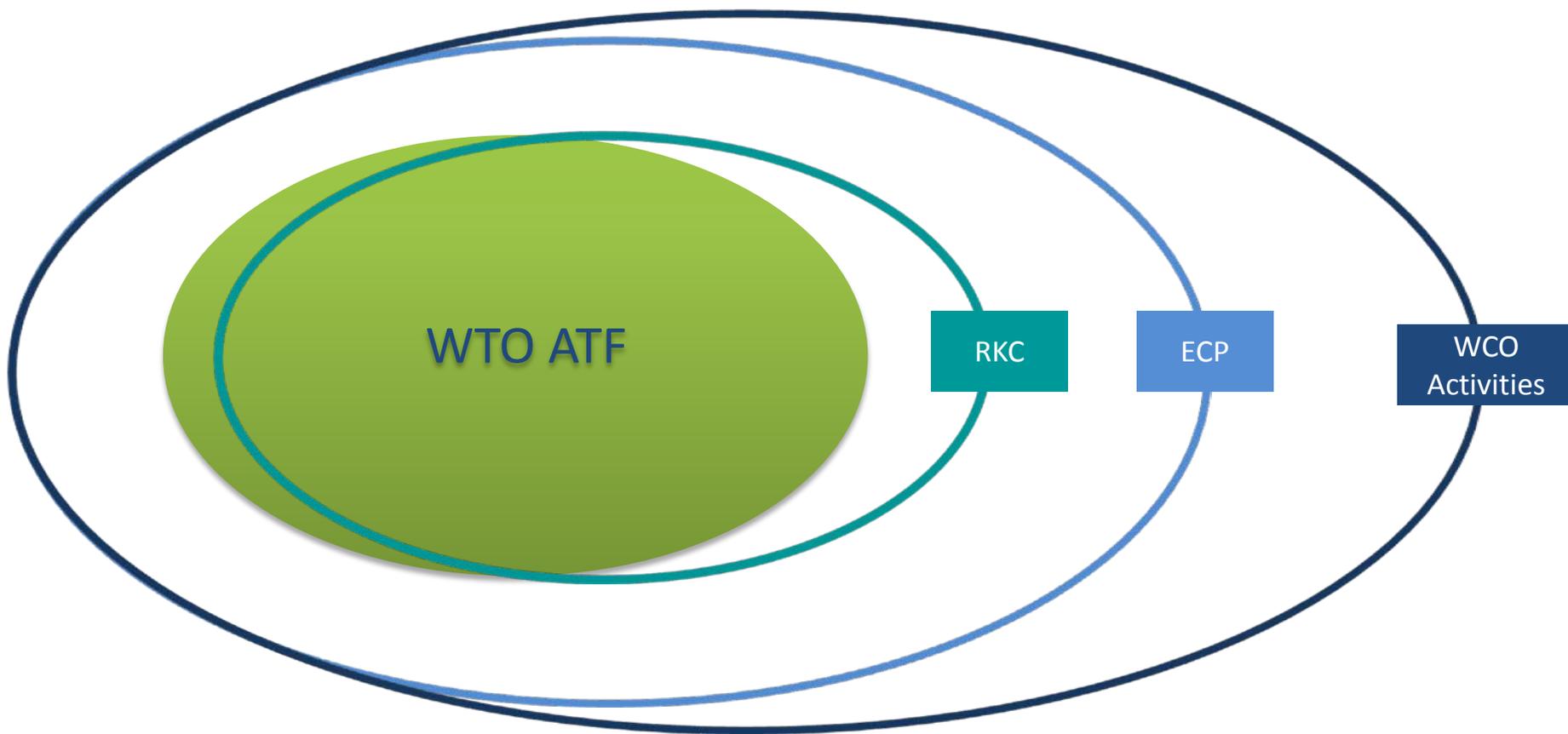
- Rules about Categories A, B and C
- Assistance for Capacity Building
- Information to be submitted to the TF Committee
- Final provision



# RANGE OF WCO ACTIVITIES

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WCO activities cover a wide range of Customs matters, including the Economic Competitiveness Package, RKC and ATF provisions



# EXAMPLE: Risk Management



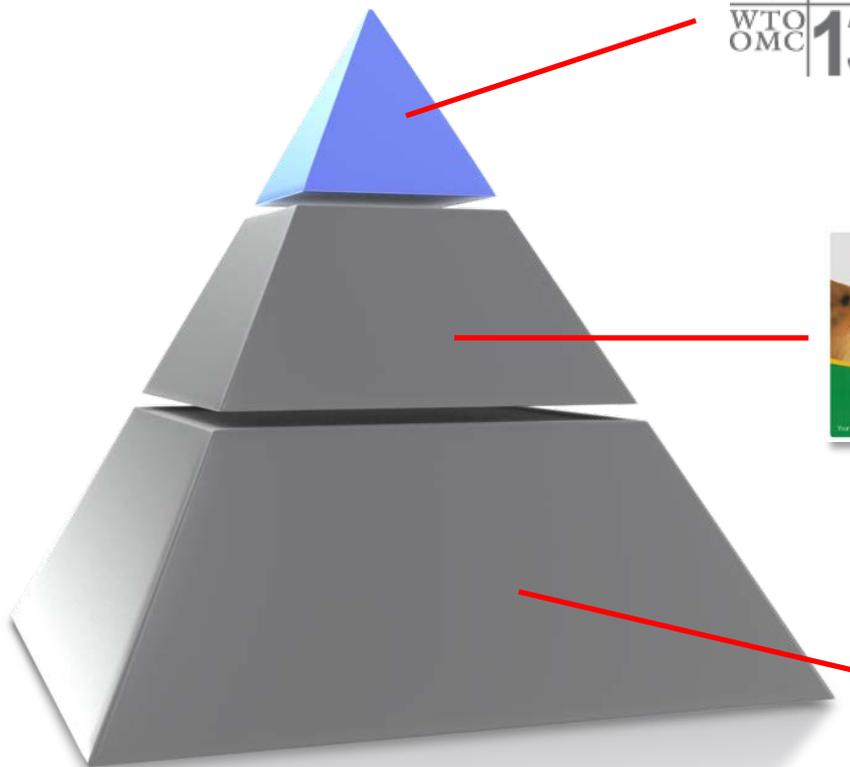
The WTO ATF obliges Members, to the extent possible, to adopt or maintain a risk management system for Customs control.



The RKC sets out principles of Customs risk management and the RKC Guidelines cover technical aspects of risk management and Customs control.



The Risk Management Compendium introduces detailed and technical information on risk management, based on practices and experiences of WCO Members.

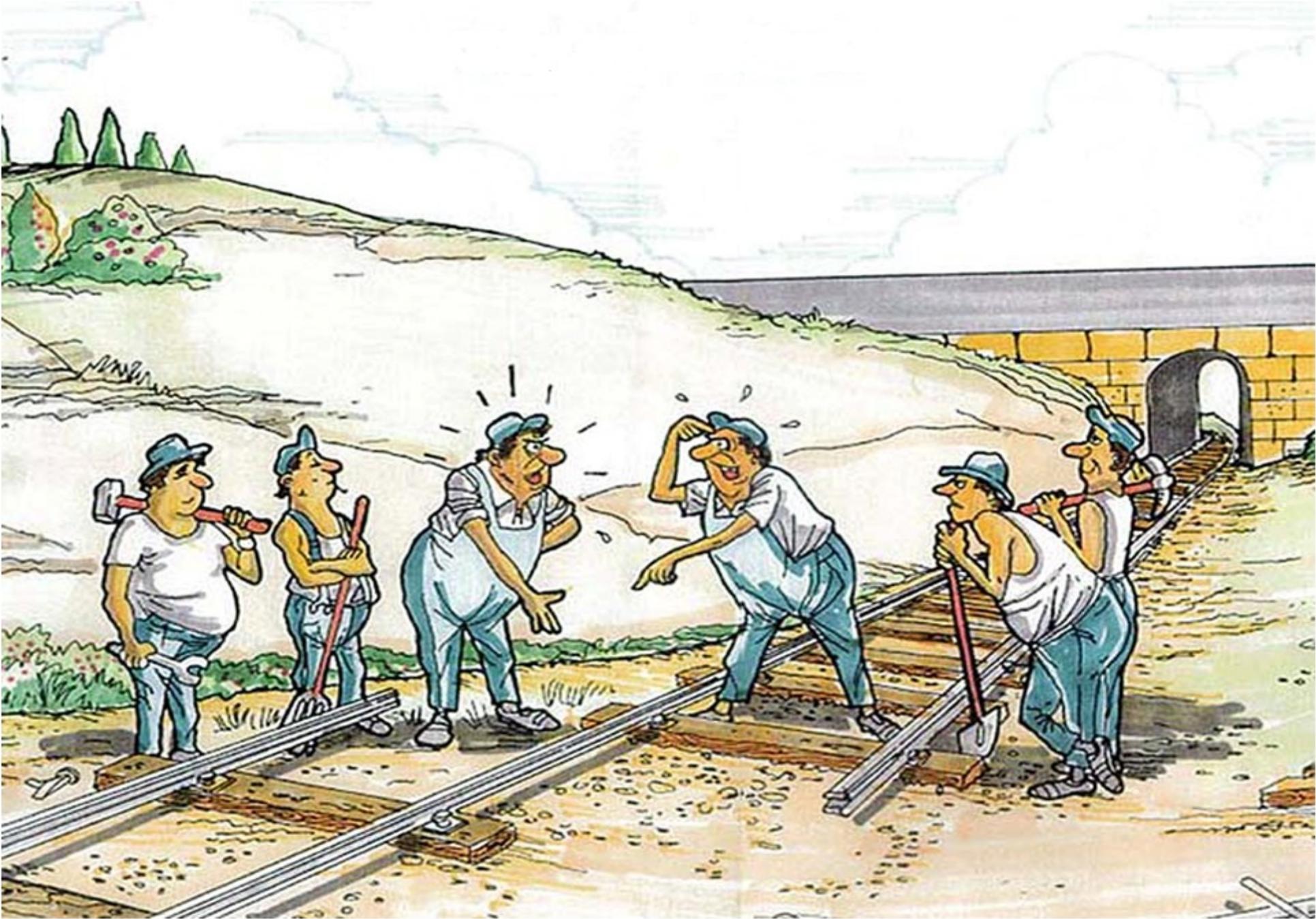


# 4. Customs-Business Partnership

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- ✓ Priority recognized by main WCO instruments
- ✓ Build a working relationship
- ✓ Build partnership, recognizing our different roles
- ✓ Build trust





**Thank you.**

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