

THE WCO PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP (PSCG)

The Role and Focus of the PSCG





WCO Council Meeting 2005

- SAFE Framework of Standards was adopted at the WCO Council meeting, 2005
- Capacity building program introduced to support implementation
- Council set up a “business committee” – the Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG) to advise on the SAFE Framework



Membership of the PSCG

- Limited to private sector associations and those companies which have a financial or ownership interest in manufacture or delivery of goods
- A member may choose to authorize as its representatives, third party companies and organizations (such as consultants, legal firms, software providers)



Membership of the PSCG

13 Associations

- American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)
- Business Alliance for Secure Commerce (BASC)
- Global Express Association (GEA)
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
- International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)
- International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)
- Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment
- Moscow International Business Association
- SITPRO
- World Shipping Council

Membership of the PSCG

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17 Companies

- Barloworld Logistics Africa
- BAE Systems
- Boeing Co.
- BP
- COSCO Container Lines
- Deutsche Post World Net
- FedEx
- General Motors Corporation
- Hutchison Port Holdings
- IBM Corporation
- Limited Brands
- Microsoft Corporation
- Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Philips International
- Siemens AG
- Thales Group

Values of the PSCG

Definition of AEO (Authorized Economic Operator)

- common understanding by both Customs and trade of what is required to achieve AEO status
- physical security requirements (SAFE Framework) versus trade compliance (EU Customs Code)
- AEO inclusive of entire supply chain

Recognition of Other International Standards

- when standards are “identical or comparable”

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Implementation Measures

- AEO programs must be voluntary, not mandatory
- recognition of various business models (such as differences in modes of transport)
- recognition of various corporate risk assessment procedures
- endorse and encourage pilot programs and other capacity building initiatives



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Benefits

- tangible
- clearly defined
- measurable and reportable
- in addition to normal levels of service provided to non-AEOs
- mutual recognition

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Single Window

- allow for single transmission by supply chain operators, including AEOs, of all relevant data required for official purposes through a single designated point

Validation and Accreditation

- agree to use of qualified third parties
- option must remain to be validated by Customs directly



Values into Action: The PSCG Road Map

- Mutual Recognition
- Benefits
- Appeal Process
- Amendment Process



Values into Action: The PSCG Road Map

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- Trade Integrity
- Risk Management
- Single Window
- Private Sector Outreach
- Small and Medium Enterprises



And If All That Wasn't Enough

- 100% scanning
- "10 + 2"



The Way Forward

- Committed to widespread, harmonized implementation of national AEO programs, and mutual recognition
- Challenge is to drive implementation of SAFE



The Way Forward

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- Commitment of governments to partnership with business is uneven
- Significant global resources have been mobilized
- Need for outreach
- Issues beyond SAFE/AEO
- What will happen to security and trade facilitation if we do nothing