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National Committee on Trade Facilitation: Benchmarking and strategy development

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Each Member shall establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.



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Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation

AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION*

Preamble

Members,

Having regard to the negotiations launched under the Doha Ministerial Declaration;

Recalling and reaffirming the mandate and principles contained in paragraph 27 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(01)/DEC/1) and in Annex D of the Decision of the Doha Work Programme adopted by the General Council on 1 August 2004 (WT/L/579), as well as in paragraph 33 of and Annex E to the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(05)/DEC);

Desiring to clarify and improve relevant aspects of Articles V, VIII and X of the GATT 1994 with a view to further expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit;

Recognizing the particular needs of developing and especially least-developed country Members and desiring to enhance assistance and support for capacity building in this area;

Recognizing the need for effective cooperation among Members on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues;

Hereby agree as follows:

SECTION I

ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

1 Publication

1.1 Each Member shall promptly publish the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner in order to enable governments, traders, and other interested parties to become acquainted with them:

- (a) procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;
- (b) applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;
- (c) fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;
- (d) rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;
- (e) laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

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Customs strategic environment

Vision

We are the UK's tax, payments and customs authority, and we have a vital purpose: we collect the money that pays for the UK's public services and help families and individuals with targeted financial support.

Objectives

1. Maximise revenues due and bear down on avoidance and evasion
2. Transform tax and payments for our customers
3. Design and deliver a professional, efficient and engaged organisation

1. Maximise revenues due and bear down on avoidance and evasion

- raise an additional £5 billion a year by 2019 to 2020 by tackling tax avoidance and tax planning, evasion and compliance, and by addressing imbalances in the tax system





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Customs Vision for 2020

January 2016



Foreword from Jim Harra, Director
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Vision Statement

About UK Customs

How we are doing

Why we need a Vision for 2020

Achieving our Vision

Customs vision

Foreword

International trade is key to the growth and productivity of the UK economy. Facilitating the UK's international trade, supporting export led growth, ensuring the safety of our borders and citizens, collecting the tax and duties due and keeping pace with changes in the way goods are purchased and shipped around the world is the mission of UK customs.

Vision Statement

By 2020 the UK will be recognised globally as having the world's leading Customs authority for facilitating legitimate trade whilst protecting our society and growing our economy.



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Doing business

‘We aim to be number one in Europe and in the top five worldwide in the World Bank’s Doing Business rankings by 2020...’



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Indicator sets

- Starting a business
- Dealing with construction permits
- Getting electricity
- Registering property
- Getting credit
- Protecting minority investors
- Paying taxes
- **Trading across borders**
- Enforcing contracts
- Resolving insolvency
- Labor market regulation



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Trading across borders measures

Table 9.2 Summary of export and import time and cost for trading across borders in Ukraine

	Ukraine	Europe & Central Asia
Time to export: Border compliance (hours)	26	28
Cost to export: Border compliance (USD)	75	219
Time to export: Documentary compliance (hours)	96	31
Cost to export: Documentary compliance (USD)	292	144
Time to import: Border compliance (hours)	52	23
Cost to import: Border compliance (USD)	100	202
Time to import: Documentary compliance (hours)	168	27
Cost to import: Documentary compliance (USD)	292	108

Source: Doing Business database.



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Thank you

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