



**World Customs
Organization**

The WCO Mercator Programme

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World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)



WTO TFA and WCO “Key developments”



WCO Working Group on the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation

- WCO Members (Customs Administrations)
- Other Relevant Ministries
- Private Sector
- Donors
- Geneva Based Embassies
- Other standard setting organizations



1st Meeting:
11-12 March 2014

13th Meeting:
8-9 March 2021

Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)



WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement; 3 sections

TFA

Section I

Articles regarding Trade Facilitation
and Customs Cooperation

Article 1 to Article 12

Section II

Special and Differential Treatment for
Developing Countries and Least
Developed Countries

Article 13 to Article 22

Section III

Institutional Arrangements and Final
Provisions

Article 23 to Article 24

TFA - Section I

12 Articles, 40 provisions



Article 1
Publication & Availability
of Information



Article 5
Measures to Enhance
Impartiality, Non-Discrimination
& Transparency



Article 9
Movement under
Customs Control



Article 2
Comment
and Consultations



Article 6
Disciplines on Fees
and Charges



Article 10
Import, Export
& Transit Formalities



Article 3
Advance
Rulings



Article 7
Release and Clearance
of Goods



Article 11
Freedom
of transit



Article 4
Procedures for
Appeal or Review



Article 8
Border Agency
Cooperation



Article 12
Customs
Cooperation

TFA - Section III - 2 Articles



Article 23

23.1 Committee on Trade Facilitation

23.2 National Committee on Trade Facilitation

“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.”

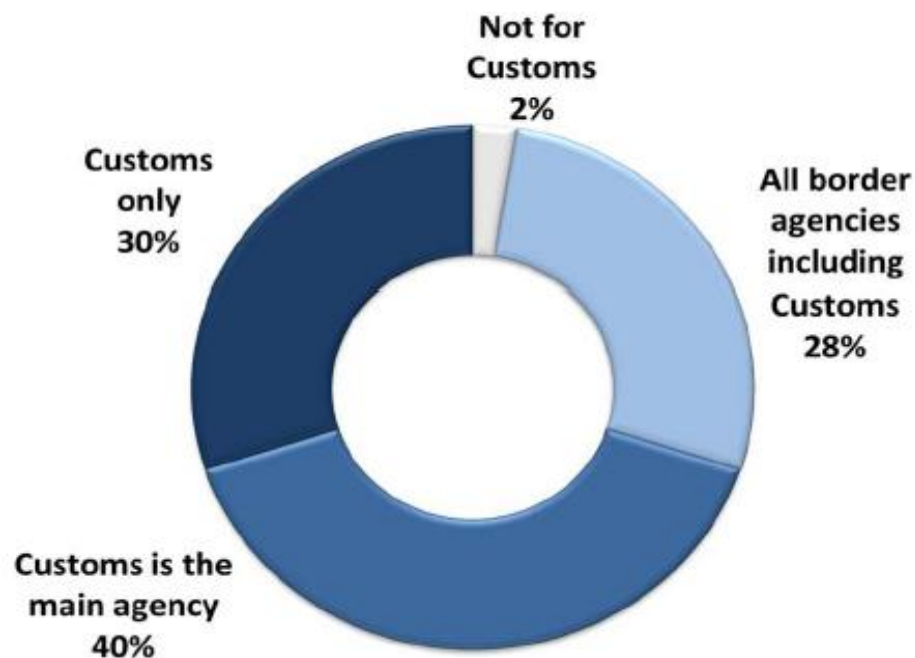
Article 24

Final provisions

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement



Entered into force on 22 Feb 2017



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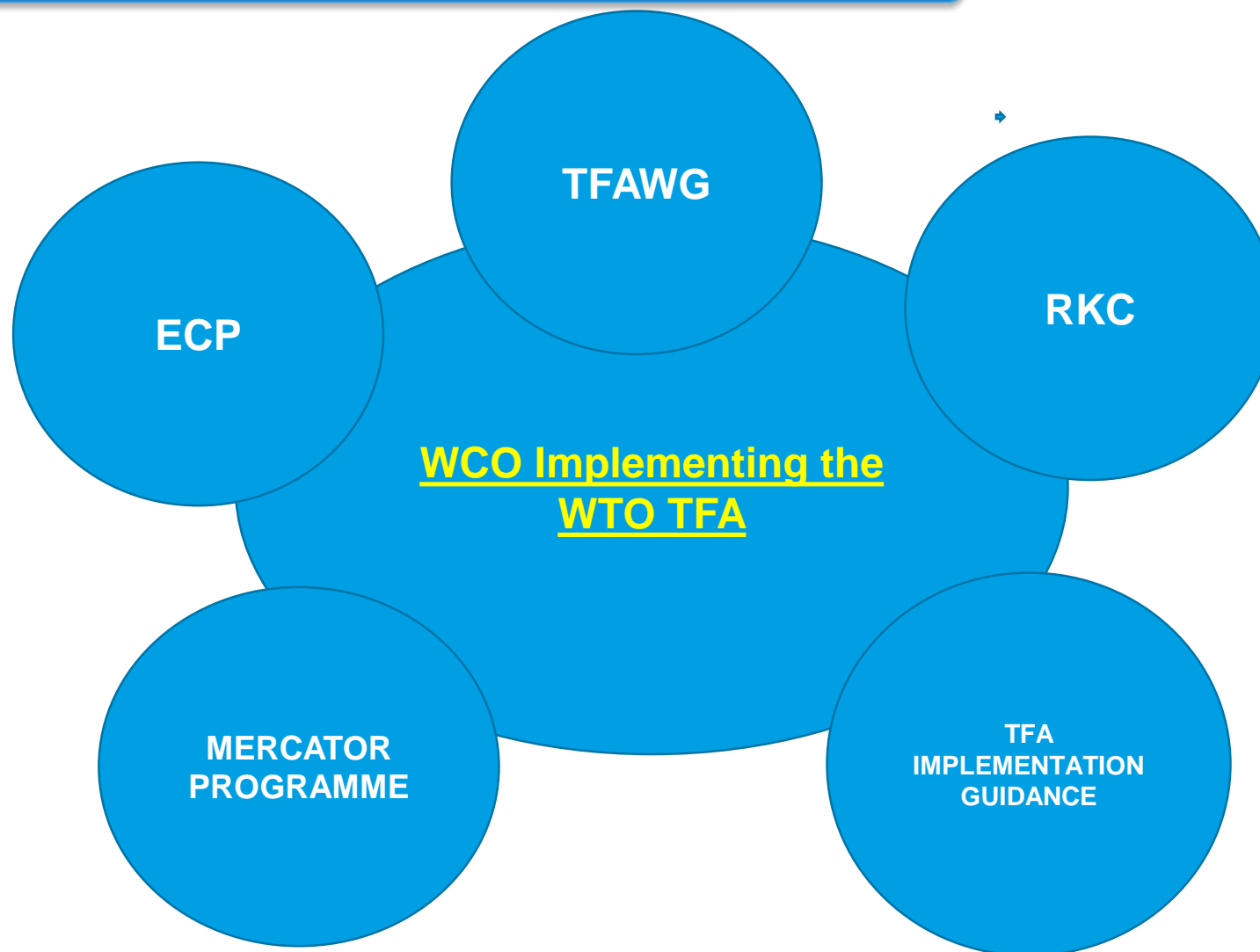


Members can choose how to implement the Agreement

Harmonized implementation approaches

→ RKC Principles

WCO Approach and interplay



WCO MERCATOR PROGRAMME



Mercator Programme
A Navigational Map for Trade Facilitation

WCO MERCATOR PROGRAMME



Multi-Year (MY) Mercator Partnerships

- 57 beneficiary Members in total
- Over 50 Mercator diagnostic assessments since 2017
- Over 600 strategic recommendations for reform
- Development of Mercator Implementation Plans
- Effective implementation monitoring - Maturity Modelling

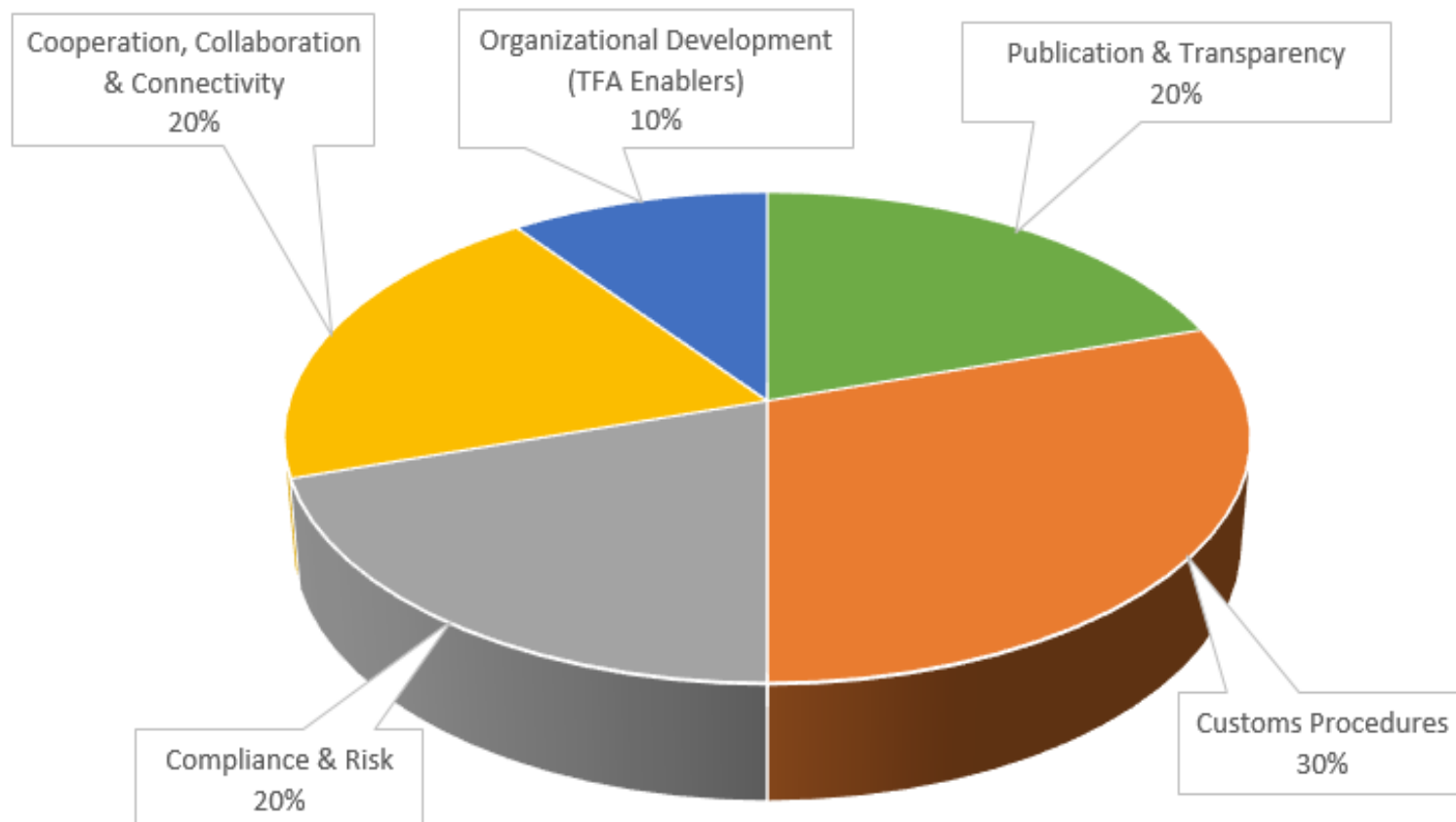


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Mercator diagnostic recommendations

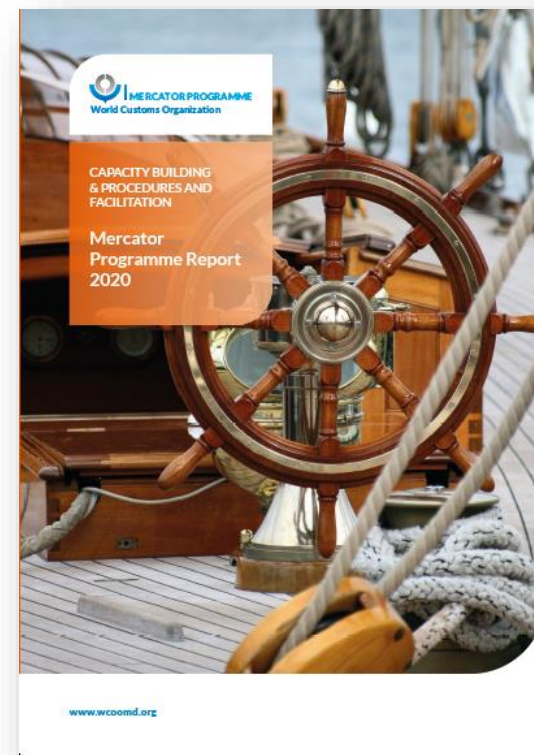
A whole of Customs perspective



Mercator Programme Reports



- WCO TFA implementation support
- Our Approach
- Our People
- Our Instruments and Tools
- Our Partners
- Our Achievements
- Case Studies
- Lessons Learned / Way Forward



Lessons Learned / The Way Forward



- Strong political will, leadership, ownership and commitment;
- Holistic development, across the whole of Customs;
- Realistic diagnostics based on international standards / real-world experiences;
- Strong change management competencies and empowering enablers of change;
- Results-based CB with concrete targets / sound project management techniques;
- Integrity and organizational development as an integral part of capacity building;
- Strong partnerships between with trade, development partners and academia.



Mercator – Adaptable Approach



- The Pandemic
- The need to be Responsive / Resilient
- Virtual Delivery – the new “normal”
- Post Pandemic
- My Mercator Mapping
- Expert
- Refinement



WCO Implementing the WTO TFA

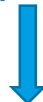


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