



Customs' Role in Facilitating Greener Supply Chains

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“Shipping goods across borders with reusable containers and tracking systems is better for the environment, consumers and companies yet differential treatment by Customs authorities can be detrimental for business.”

ICC calls for global guidance on return-refill container systems

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Empty Container Returns

- Recycling of container systems: Opportunities and Challenges
- Inconsistent Customs clearance procedures for return of empty containers
- Imposition of duties on empty returning containers
- Need for international guidelines to drive
 - Predictability
 - Reliability
 - Consistency
- International Conventions

ICC / Business Recommends

- Proper implementation and compliance with the 1972 Customs Container Convention and with Annex B.3 of the 1990 Istanbul Convention on Temporary Admission
- WCO to develop guidance for Customs Administrations in partnership with the private sector to assist countries to harmonize their regulatory frameworks
- Return-refill systems and tracking and tracing systems should be allowed to cross borders without formal Customs declaration, without duties, taxes and Customs fees, and without the necessity of re-exportation



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