



An assessment of Ethiopian Customs Law Provisions of Trade Facilitation: through the lenses of the WCO's RKCs and the WTO TFA

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1. Introduction

 Ethiopia is a landlocked country which is found in Eastern Africans.
Most exports and imports enter through Djibouti (95%) and through the airport at Addis Ababa (5%)



PICARD 1. Introduction

- In 2014,
- Ethiopia ranking puts the country at 166th in the world trade across border.
- On average, sub-Saharan African customs delays was 12 days in the region, while the average delays in Ethiopia - more than 44 days

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After 2014, To address these challenges, the government of Ethiopia developed ESW and several legal provision for trade facilitation The goal of current Customs Laws are to expedient and modern customs legal framework





The objective of the study is to investigate the compatibility of Ethiopian Customs Law Provisions of Trade Facilitation to RKCs and TFA.



PICARD 2. Overview of RKCs and TFA

RKC is Convention for the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures Developed by the WCO and adopted in 1999 and entered into force in February 2006, Considered as the blueprint for Customs modernization and reform in 21st Century. □ The RKC consists of a Body, the General Annex and 10 Specific Annexes.



PICARD 2. Overview of RKCs and TFA

- The TFA is the first multilateral trade agreement to be concluded since the WTO was established 20 years ago.
- Once Trade Facilitation Agreement agreed by Members at the Bali Ministerial Conference in December 2013.
- The TFA consist of three sections; these are technical measures, SDT, and Committees and Final Provisions.

PICARD 3. Methodology



The study used the IRAC (Issue, rule, application, and conclusion) method.

Data that to carry out this assessment Ethiopia Customs Law Provision of Trade Facilitation, WCO's RKC's and WTO TFA are used.





4. The Relationship of Ethiopia Customs Laws with RKCs and TFA

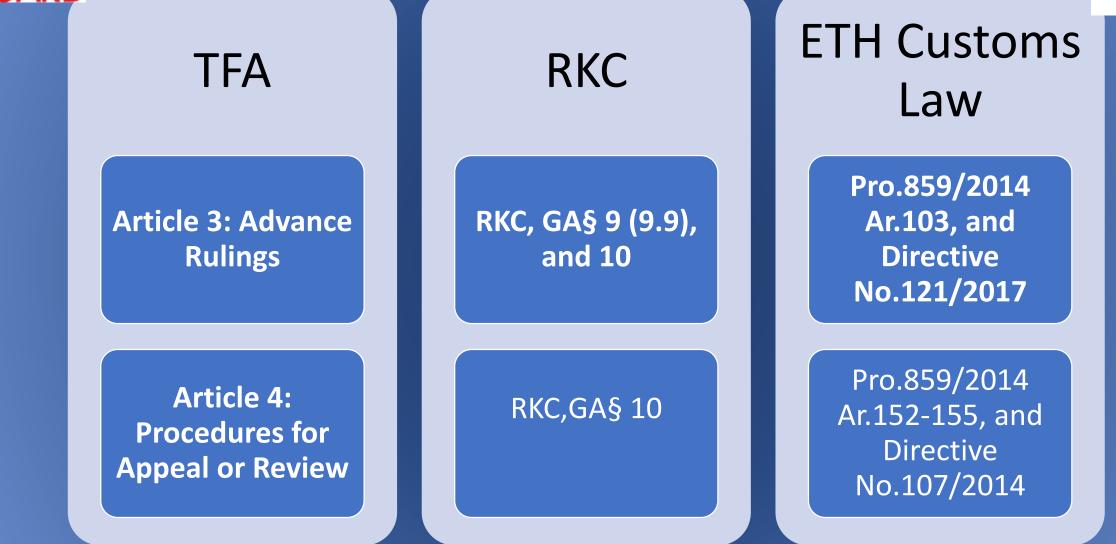




ETH Customs RKC TFA Laws RKC (GA) Chapter (§) 4 Article1. Publication and Pro.859/2014 Article 177 (4.4), § 9 (9.1, 9.2, Availability of Information and 178 9.3,9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8; RKC §§ 7 (Guidelines) Article2.Opportunity to RKC (GA) §§ 1 (1.3), 6 Comment, Information Pro,1183/2020 Article 7, before Entry into Force 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 16 (Guidelines), 7 and Consultations (Guidelines), and 9 Methodology

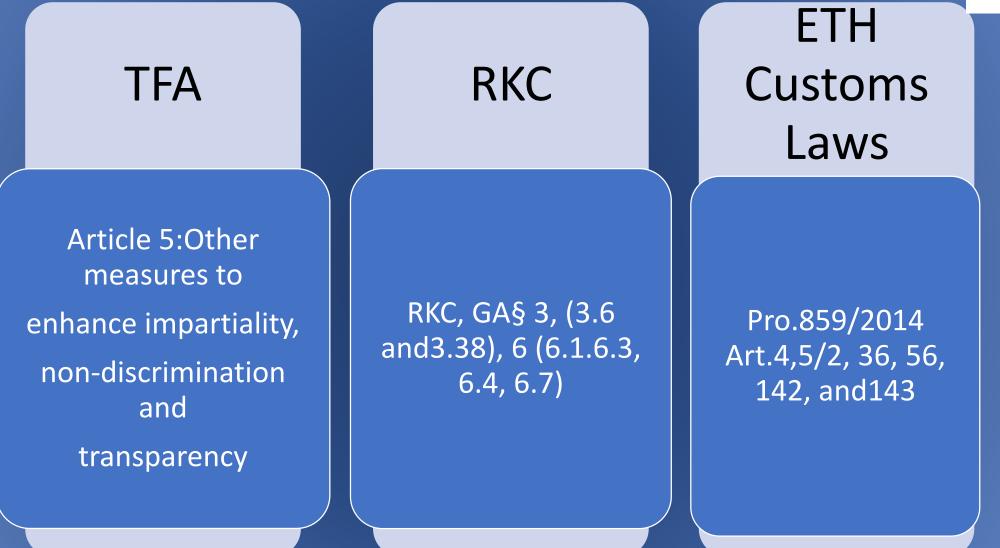
















ETH Customs RKC TFA Laws Article 6:Disciplines on RKC, GA §§ 3 (3.2, 3.39, fees 3.43) and 9 Pro. 859/5014 Art.122 and charges imposed and 148 (9.1, 9.7); SA A § 1 (19) on or in connection SA H §1 (19, 20, 21, 22, Directive No. 112/2015 with importation and 23, 24, 25 exportation

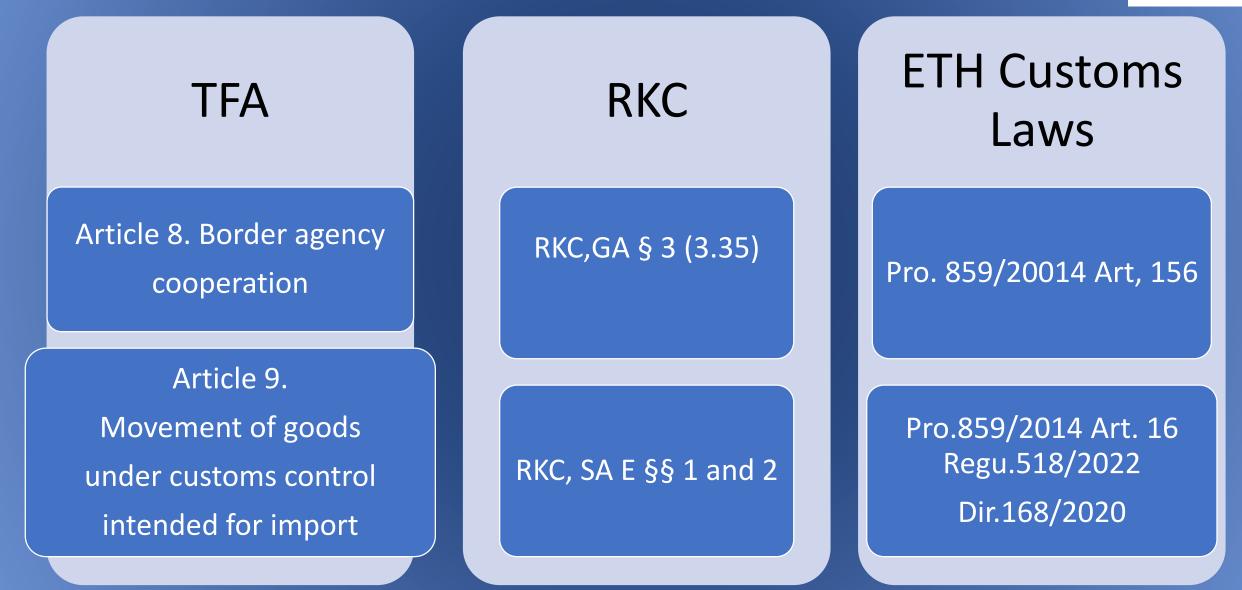




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ETH Customs RKC TFA Laws Pro.859/2014 Art. RKC, GA § 3 (3.6, 3.7, 3.11, Article 10. 78, 65, 66, 71, 80, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, Formalities and 142 3.17, 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.25), connected with 4 (4.19), 8 (8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, Regu. No. 518/2022 importation, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7) and § 7 (7.1, Art. 16 and 17 Dir. exportation and 7.2), RKC SA G § 1, RKC SA F No. 153/2019 Art. 8 transit §§1, 2 and 3 and 10 Dir. No. 28





TFA	RKC	ETH Customs Laws
Article 11. Freedom of Transit	RKC, GA § 5; SA E §§ 1 and 2	Pro. 859/2014 Art. 16, 17. 18, 19, 20
Article 12: Customs Cooperation	RKC, GA §§ 1 (1.3), 3 (3.27, 3.28, 3.29, 3.31, 3.32, 3.39), 6 (6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10) and 9 (9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5); SA H § 1. (Standard 20, 23, 24 and 25)	Pro. 859/2014 Art, 139





5. Conclusion and Policy Implication **RKCs and WTO TFA are the guiding principle** that consists of best practices for trade facilitation Despite being in line with Ethiopia customs laws and provision' TFA and RKCs, there are also uncovered customs laws





5. Conclusion and Policy Implication

Government can consider using RKCs and TFA as a reference to improve Customs legislative
For Example, Customs Cooperation and border agency cooperation are often recommended as policy measures to improve border procedures





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