

# Korea's Efforts for Operation of CCF-K & Implementing TFA



**Korea Customs Service**

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# 1. Support for Developing Countries

## 1) Support for Customs Modernization

- BPR/ISP Projects for Developing Countries
- Export of UNI-PASS (e-Clearance System)

## 2) Capacity Building Programs by KCS

- Int'l workshops and seminars for customs officers
- KCS CBCTC : Official training center of WCO, UNEP/UNESCAP & GTI

## 3) CCF-Korea (WCO Customs Cooperation Fund)

- Financial Support for WCO capacity building activities

## 4) Technical assistance (Dispatch of experts)

- Technical Officers/Attaches in WCO and UNEP
- WCO ACE, Virtual Tutors, KCS ACEs as instructors of int'l CBPs

# 2. Introduction to CCF-Korea

## 1) Overview of CCF-KOREA

- Financial Support for WCO capacity building activities (AEO & TFA)
- Annual sum of; (Year 2011) USD1 mil. → ... → (Year 2015) USD 2.6 mil.

## 2) Recent CCF-K Projects by WCO

- A/P region : Greatly expanded projects for Financial Year 2014-15  
(5 projects → 13 projects)
- National/Regional workshops & seminar on AEO/SW/RM
- WCO Global AEO Conference (2012, Seoul)
- Joint workshops with int'l organizations such as UNESCAP, UPU etc.
- WCO Spanish Language Fund, PMDB, Virtual Customs Orientation Academy, etc.

# 2. Introduction to CCF-Korea

## 3) Future CCF-K Projects by WCO

- **AP Region** : Supports for trade facilitation Oceania, AEO Consulting, EPCBA, etc.
- EPCBA : Scholarship program for high-level officers in customs  
[Executive Program in Customs & Business Aministration]

★ **Feature** : Learning expertise in management & customs

★ **Eligible Officers** : 10 officers from developing countries at Director level

★ **Duration of Course** : 7 weeks

Finalizing WCO tender → Selecting university (during March) →  
Sending out WCO invitation (late March) → Selecting students (late April)  
→ Initiating program (May–July, 7weeks)

- WTO TFA Workshops (2015~2016) : For Europe, the Latin America, etc.
- WCO IT Conference (May, 2015) : For Bahamas

# 3. Arrangements for Implementing TFA

## 1) Korea's Role in the TFA Negotiations

- Actively supported the TFA from the early stage of the negotiations
- Participated in the Colorado Group which consisted of countries strongly supported negotiations on Trade Facilitation.

Submitted & adopted several proposals on Single Window, risk management, measuring and publicizing release time on goods, etc.

## 2) TFA Implementation Commitments (May 2014)

- Korea notified that it will undertake all commitments of the TFA immediately upon entry into force (Category A).

## 3) 2015 Amendment of Customs Act (January 2015)

- Introduced provisions on review programs customs valuation and classification

# 3. Arrangements for Implementing TFA

## 4) Created an applicable law for setting up TF Committee

- Set up TF Committee in Ministry of Strategy and Finance of Korea  
Responsible for coordination & supervision between clearance-related ministries and agencies

Outsourced study on specific functions & roles of TFA Committee is underway and setting up TFA Implementation Committee is also under review.

## 5) Published WTO TFA Compendium

- Aiming to enhance understanding of the TFA contents by domestic stakeholders
- Key contents of the Compendium

- Implications of conclusion of TFA & envisaged impacts
- Comparison of 24 TFA provisions with domestic laws

# 4. TFA Implementation Plan

## 1) Undertaking Domestic Arrangements

- To be ready for official entry into force of TFA, undertaking relevant procedures including complimenting unimplemented areas of TFA.

## 2) Supports for Capacity Building Workshops & Seminars

- To host an invitational seminar in May 2015 to support the Latin America region in trade facilitation
- To continue to build a pool of Korea ACEs (Accreted Customs Experts), and support with facilitators and Virtual Tutors





# Thank You

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