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 CO, 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
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.
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 Administration]

  ★ **Feature**: Learning expertise in management & customs
  ★ **Eligible Officers**: 10 officers from developing countries at Director level
  ★ **Duration of Course**: 7 weeks

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- 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
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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