



# **"Customs in ASEM Context"**

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**STREAMLINING OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURES  
AND  
ENHANCING THEIR TRANSPARENCY AND PREDICTABILITY**

**Risk management to focus on suspicious consignments**

**Pre-arrival declarations to expedite release of goods**

**Post-clearance audit to expedite Customs clearance**

**Introduction of Electronic Customs to benefit from Electronic Trade**

**Special facilities for reliable traders**

**Regular consultations and dialogue between Customs and traders**

**Relevant international Convention:**

**WCO Convention on Simplification and Harmonisation of Customs  
Procedures (Kyoto Convention as revised in 1999)**



## **ACTION AGAINST PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING**

**Severe economic losses for right holders**

**Serious threat to life and safety of citizens**

**Governments and business to unite efforts to combat piracy and counterfeiting**

**Co-operation between law enforcement agencies**

**Powers for Customs to stop pirated and counterfeited goods at importation stage**



## **SECURITY AND SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN**

**WCO Framework of Standards (SAFE) to secure and facilitate global trade:**

- pre-arrival and pre-departure declarations to answer better to demands for security, trade facilitation and logistical efficiency**
- advance electronic information**
- physical checks of suspicious consignments on request by another Customs administration**
- modern technology for inspection equipment**
- risk management**
- simplifications for Authorised Economic Operators**

**Importance of implementing the WCO SAFE has been emphasized by ASEM Directors General of Customs. ASEM Customs experts will examine such implementation at their meeting in Poland this month.**