



World Cargo Symposium 2012

Customs Track

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Thursday – 15 March 2012

08:30 – 10:00

Chairman's opening remarks

Dietmar Jost, Advisor Customs and Security, Global Express Association (GEA)

Welcome address

Dato' Shaharuddin bin Ibrahim, Deputy Director General, Customs and Internal Taxes, Royal Malaysian Customs

Customs Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs – What are the challenges and benefits

AEO programs are a cornerstone of the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate trade. Does it bring benefits, improve security and is there any equivalence existing or foreseen with the Regulated Agent and Known Consignors certification?

Mutual Recognition of AEO programs between Customs Administrations is also foreseen in the SAFE Framework and this is a perceived benefit for supply chain parties. However, only a few have been put in place to date. What are the challenges to Mutual Recognition implementation?

The panelists will respond to questions in respect to their AEO experience and draw on their lessons learnt and future expectations.

Moderator:

Axel Klein, Responsible for Customs Matters, Lufthansa Cargo

Panelists:

Tomas Kucirek, Head of Unit, Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD), EU Commission

Andy Miller, Global Customs Compliance Manager, British Airways

Gareth Lewis, Senior Technical Manager, World Customs Organization (WCO)

10:00 – 11:00 **Networking coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Customs advance electronic information for security risk analysis – what are the current and emerging requirements?**

The provision of Customs advance electronic information for security risk analysis purposes is growing at a rapid rate as Customs administrations seek to implement the requirements of the WCO SAFE Framework and react to the shipment of explosives concealed in cartridges from Yemen in 2010. Whilst the industry supports and understands the reasons for such measures, careful consideration has to be given economic impact on the parties in the supply chain. Some challenges remain, specifically the ability of supply chain partners to provide new data elements and time limits moved from pre-arrival to before loading.

The speakers will give an overview of country or regional requirements and provide information on challenges and solutions implemented or under consideration. A short Q & A will follow the presentations.

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Gareth Lewis, Senior Technical Manager, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Speakers:

Tomas Kucirek, Head of Unit, Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD), EU Commission

Jos Nuijten, Vice President of Network Implementations, Descartes

Elisabeth Shaver, Director Cargo, Airlines for America (A4A)

Customs - Business Forums – What role do they play?

It is clear that both the Customs Administrations and the Business Community involved in cross border activities are inter-reliant. The Business Community is best placed to assist Customs develop procedures and regulations to reach their end goals and minimize the detrimental impact on their core activities. This is why the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention mandates its signatures (WCO Member States) to set up a Customs-Trade forum in order to cooperate on Customs related issues. The speaker will give details of the topics considered by the forums and attest to their importance. Furthermore, questions and answers will be taken at the conclusion of the speech.

Keynote speaker: Allen Bruford, Deputy Director, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Chairman's closing remarks

Dietmar Jost, Advisor Customs and Security, Global Express Association (GEA)

12:30 – 14:00 **Networking lunch**