Transit issues of LLDCs

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## Impact of COVID-19 on global supply chains

- Border closures and travel restrictions
- Lockdowns and closures of businesses
- Social distancing requirements
- Port congestions
- Rising shipping costs
- Exponential growth of e-commerce
What Customs and the WCO can do

- Trade facilitation
- Digitalization and use of advanced technologies
Trade facilitation

What is key
• Transparency and predictability
• Border agency cooperation
• Freedom of transit
• Coordination through the NCTF

What the WCO can offer:
- Overall track – RKC and a myriad of other tools
  - Tailor-made track
- The tools and guidance material developed in response to COVID-19, including the WCO Guidelines on disaster management and supply chain continuity
Transit

What is key
- Efficient exchange of information
- Efficient guarantee system
- Efficient security measures

Some good practices:
- EU NCTS
- Interconnectivity of transit systems in West and Central Africa – SIGMAT project
- TIR system
- COMESA Guarantee scheme
- RECTS of Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and DRC

What the WCO can offer:
- Transit Guidelines
- Compendium of best practices in the area of transit
- NEW Railway Guidance
- Capacity Building support
Digitalization and use of advanced technologies

What is key

- Automation of Customs processes
- Deployment of advanced technologies
- Interoperability of solutions
- Use of global standards

What the WCO can offer:
- International standards – WCO Data Model, UFF
- Study reports – WCO-WTO paper, Study report on disruptive technologies
- Annual Technology Conference and Exhibition
- DMPT, TEG-NII
- Capacity Building support
What is key
- Advance electronic data for risk management
- Fair and efficient revenue collection
- Safety and security
- Cooperation with e-commerce stakeholders

What the WCO can offer:
- E-Commerce FoS and Package
- Immediate Release Guidelines
- WCO-UPU Postal Customs Guide
- Joint WCO-UPU Guidelines on the exchange of AED between Post and Customs
- Awareness raising activities
- Capacity Building support
For further reading


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Thank you

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