# WCO MAJOR **WORKING BODIES**

## COUNCIL

The Council is the supreme decision- making body of the WCO and convenes once a year. It is during this annual Council Session that final decisions regarding the Organization's work and activities are agreed upon.

## HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

The Harmonized System Committee interprets the HS legal texts to secure uniform classification of goods, including settlement of classification disputes between contracting parties, and amends the HS legal texts to reflect developments in technology and changes in trade patterns.

SCIENTIFIC **HS REVIEW** HS WORKING PARTY SUB-COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE (PRE-SESSIONAL)

## **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION**

The TCCV was established with a view to ensuring, at the technical level, uniformity in interpretation and application of the WCO Valuation Agreement.

## **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN**

The TCRO is a WTO body but operates under the auspices of the WCO. Its two major mandates are: to undertake the technical exercise of the work programme for harmonizing non-preferential rules of origin; and to assume its permanent responsibilities, such as examining specific technical problems.

## **ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Enforcement Committee contributes to the WCO's work on anti-smuggling, compliance, and intelligence in areas such as security, commercial fraud, mutual administrative assistance, illicit drug trafficking, and money laundering.

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ELECTRONIC CRIME EXPERT GROUP	GLOBAL INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY PROJECT GROUP			

## **POLICY COMMISSION**

The Policy Commission submits policy recommendations and the WCO Strategic Plan to the Council.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The Capacity Building Committee develops capacity building, technical assistance, and training strategies, standards, and tools, and provides a forum for co-operation and information exchange on development topics.

### **INTEGRITY SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Ingegrity Sub-Committee evaluates the WCO Integrity Plan and Integrity-related tools, ensuring that Members' needs and views are included, and acts as a focal point for all integrity related issues within the WCO and among its Members.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Private Sector Consultative Group informs and advises the WCO Secretary General, the Policy Commission and WCO Members on Customs and international trade matters from the perspective of the private sector, in addition to issues related to the implementation of the SAFE Framework of Standards.



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#### **PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PTC)**

The Permanent Technical Committee (PTC) discusses and shares information on international standards and best practices for Customs procedures. The PTC is particularly focused on trade facilitation-related activities.

TECHNICAL EXPERTS' GROUP ON AIR CARGO SECURITY	WCO/IATA/ICAO API-PNR CONTACT COMMITTEE	CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE ATA CONVENTION
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TECHNICAL EXPERTS' GROUP ON NON- INTRUSIVE INSPECTION EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION		DATA MODEL PROJECT TEAM
		WCO/UPU CONTACT COMMITTEE
		REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### WORKING GROUP ON THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

The Working Group confers on matters related to the TFA, with a particular emphasis on WCO trade facilitation instruments and tools, and decides upon TFA implementation strategies.

#### WORKING GROUP ON E-COMMERCE (WGEC)

The E-Commerce Working Group addresses cross-cutting issues in relation to e-commerce and proposes practical solutions to the management of e-commerce shipments, including appropriate duty/tax collection mechanisms and control procedures.

#### SAFE WORKING GROUP

The SAFE Working Group is responsible for the SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade.