



SCREENING CHAPTER 29 CUSTOMS UNION

AGENDA ITEM 15: CUSTOMS UNION AND INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS COOPERATION

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TURKEY-EC CUSTOMS UNION

Legal Framework

- **Ankara Agreement**

signed: 12 September 1963, entry into force: 1 December 1964

- **Additional Protocol**

signed: 23 November 1970, entry into force: 1 January 1973

- **Customs Union** (EC – Turkey Association Council Decision No. 1/95)

signed: 6 March 1995, entry into force: 1 January 1996



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- Revised “Kyoto” Convention
- Harmonised System Convention
- Istanbul Convention
- TIR Convention
- Others



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“Revised Kyoto Convention”

- Law No. 5426
(Official Gazette (OG) No. 25985, dated 06.11.2005)
- Body of the Convention, Protocol of Amendment
and General Annex



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“Harmonised System Convention”

- Law No. 3501
(OG No. 19997, dated 22.11.1988)
- Decree No. 88/13527
(OG No. 20006, dated 01.12.1988)
- Entry into force: 01.01.1989



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“Istanbul Convention”

- Law No. 5108
(OG No. 25426, dated 07.04.2004)
- Decree No. 2004/7905
(OG No. 25620, dated 21.10.2004)
- Body of the Convention and Annexes A, B.1. to B.9.,
C, D and E



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“TIR Convention”

- Decree No. 84/8457 (entry into force: 12.05.1985)
- Decree No. 85/8993 (OG No. 18711, dated 31.03.1985)
- Decree No. 99/1263 (OG No. 23717, dated 06.06.1999)
- Decree No. 2001/3005 (OG No. 24558, dated 19.10.2001)



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods”

- Law No. 5099
(OG No. 25376, dated 17.02.2004)
- Decree No. 2005/9638
(OG No. 26024, bis, dated 15.12.2005)



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“Customs Convention on the temporary importation of private road vehicles ”

- Decree No. 7/14975
(OG No.16299, dated 28.5.1978)
- Law No. 5099 (ratified the amendments to the Convention)
(OG No. 25376, dated 17.02.2004)



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

“Customs Convention on the temporary importation of commercial road vehicles ”

- Law No. 5287
(OG No. 25704, dated 18.01.2005)
- Decree No. 2005/8513
(OG No. 25750, dated 09.03.2005)



CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

- Bilateral Agreements on Mutual Administrative Assistance (MAA) and Cooperation in Customs Matters with 43 Countries
(12 EU Members + 31 non-EU Members)
- Negotiations on MAA Agreements with 26 countries are in progress (3 EU Members+ 23 non-EU Members)



Agreements with EU Countries

- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- Latvia
- Italy
- Spain
- Slovak Republic
- Lithuania
- Czech Republic
- Greece
- Poland
- Estonia
- United Kingdom

Negotiations are in progress

- France
- Hungary
- Slovenia



Present Situation for EC Customs Cooperation Agreements

- Canada: negotiation in progress
- South Korea: negotiation in progress
- United States: 15.10.2002
- India: negotiation in progress
- China: 01.08.2002



CUSTOMS COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

- Protocol with Bulgarian Customs regarding some facilitated procedures for vehicles passing through border crossing points between Bulgaria and Turkey (2004)
- Two joint declarations were signed with German Customs Administration
- Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia to enhance the co-operation (26.01.2005)
- Container Security Initiative (CSI): Implementation in İzmir port is under negotiation with US (2004)



CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

Legal Framework (Turkey-EC)

- EC - Turkey Association Council Decision No.1/95 and its Annex 7 on MAA in Customs Matters
- Agreements with the EU Members concerning Mutual Administrative Assistance
- Joint declarations with certain Members on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance (drugs issues included)



CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

Legal Framework (International)

- WCO (World Customs Organisation) Instruments
- Nairobi Convention
- Membership to the CEN (Customs Enforcement Network)
- Signatory to the letter of intention on the implementation of the WCO's "Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade"
- Protocol D of the Free Trade Agreement between Turkey and EFTA States on MAA in Customs Matters
- SECI (Southeast European Cooperative Initiative)
- ECO (Economic Cooperation Organization)



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