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Customs & Trade Facilitation

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Our Annual Report

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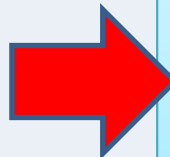
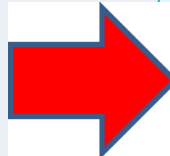
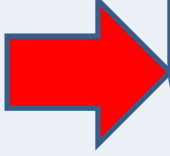
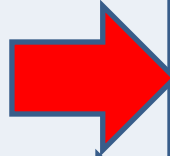
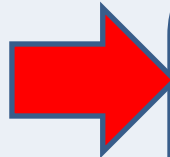
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON EUBAM



- ❑ **Launched on 30 November 2005 at the request of Presidents of Moldova and Ukraine**
- ❑ **EUBAM is a technical, advisory body. No executive powers.**
- ❑ **Works with Moldova and Ukraine to harmonise border control, customs and trade standards with those in EU Member States**
- ❑ **Main partners are border guard and customs agencies of Moldova and Ukraine**

Why Trade Facilitation?

- Response to the global & national economy needs
- Investment stimulus
- JIT – Just In Time Logistic Model (used often by the global companies)
- Economic growth = Development = improvements in living standards



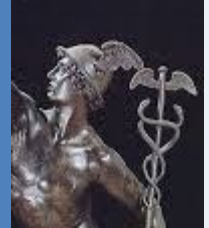
CUSTOMS

Customs supervision and control of IM/EX/Transiting goods

Fiscal role = BUDGET

Fight against violation of customs legislation; law enforcement;

Compliance with trade regulations on the prohibitions and restrictions



TRADITION
+
NEW ROLE

Support the trade facilitation with minimal controls and smooth movement of goods

Simplification of customs rules and procedures

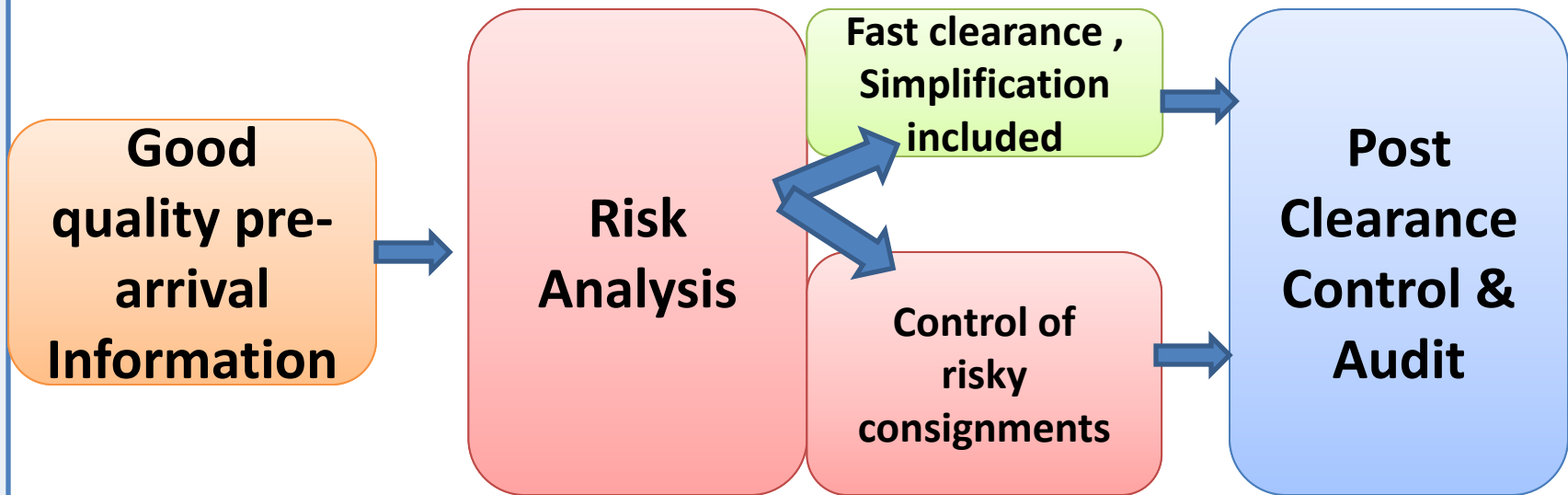
Facilitation of efficient customs transactions in line with modern-day needs

Protection of the security, safety and fiscal interests of the state and citizens



Customs Clearance Model

- A balance between smooth flow of goods and appropriate controls



CLEARANCE

Drivers of Change

WTO Trade
Facilitation
Agreement

WCO
Revised Kyoto
Convention

EU
AA-DCFTA
Blueprints

IMF
Strategic
Benchmarks

WB
Doing Business
report

- **Modernization of Customs Services**
- **International customs best practice**
- **Improved Professionalism & Integrity**
- **Increased supply chain security**
- **Simplification and transparency of procedures**
- **Targeted, Risk Management based practices**
- **Effective Post Clearance Audit**
- **Authorised Economic Operator status with tangible benefits**



Association Agreement/DCFTA



Objective - balanced approach to effective control, security, prevention of fraud & support facilitation of legitimate trade.

Approximation of customs legislation *(Art. 84)*

- AA/DCFTA Art. 84 & Annex XV: Gradual approximation to the EU customs legislation as laid down in the EU and international standards shall be carried out... within three years following the entry into the force;



Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)



- **Publication of existing import-export regulations on the Internet**
- **Stakeholder consultation on new draft regulations (prior to their finalization)**
- **Advance publication/notification of new regulation before their implementation**
- **Advance Ruling (e.g. tariff classification)**
- **Risk management**
- **Pre-arrival clearance**
- **Post-clearance audit**
- **Independent appeal mechanism**
- **National Single Window**
- **Separation of Release from final determination of Customs duties, taxes, fees and charges;**
- **Establishment and publication of average release times;**
- **Trade facilitation measures for authorized operators; and**
- **Expedited shipments (direct delivery or next day service).**



Customs Blueprints

Blueprint 8. 'Trade facilitation'

To develop and implement measures to minimise the costs, data and documentation requirements and the time necessary for the trading community to complete customs and other border formalities.

To develop a close partnership between customs (and other relevant governmental authorities, where appropriate) and the trading community through transparent, efficient and effective procedures.

“... a valuable instrument for convergence, modernisation and soft power, both within and beyond our borders”



Customs Blueprints

Pathways to Better Customs

Transition and Customs Union



Trade Facilitation

Two sides of the same coin:

Protection of Trading and Transportation System Against Terrorism and other Illegal Activities

and

Elimination of Barriers to International Trade for Reliable Business



EUBAM launches the Trade Facilitation Working Group that brings together EU Institutions, Customs, Professional organisations and reliable business.



Goals:

- To assist Partner countries in unified implementation of Trade Facilitation rules, Association Agreement/ Deep and comprehensive Free trade Area (AA/DCFTA), AEO and other programmes rules and benefits
- To assure fast access to newest information, common understanding and communication between Customs, State institutions and Business





Recapitulation

- Customs administration plays crucial role in facilitation of International Trade
- Trade facilitation - response to the international trade needs
- International commitments - AA/DCFTA, TFA, Rev. Kyoto Convention
- Balanced approach - effective control, security, prevention of fraud & support facilitation of legitimate trade.
- Customs blueprints - Pathway to modern customs

