Problems and Solutions

Round Table Discussion

Points of Discussion

- ASYCUDA
  - Migration to ++
  - Training and Support
- EUROTRACE
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- Non-registered cross-border trade
- Reconciliation of Imports and Exports
- Quantity Registration and Estimation
- Cooperation Customs <-> Statistics

ASYCUDA

1. It is recommended that All member states move to ASYCUDA ++ in next 2 years
2. It is recommended that ECOWAS/CCC will outline the best practice for migration to ++ bearing in mind:

   - pilot ++ in test setting for training,

   - full version of ++ in main offices,

   - stand-alone (reduced version) ++ in remote offices

ASYCUDA (cont.)

3. It is recommended that UNCTAD be approached to stress the necessity of keeping ASYCUDA in line with realities in the field
4. It is recommended that CCC together with UNCTAD will provide training and support.
5. It is recommended that there be a Helpdesk for immediate feedback on problems that arise in the migration process

EUROTRACE

1. It is recommended that ALL member states will work with EUROTRACE Windows as soon as possible

2. It is recommended that Training for EUROTRACE Windows will be intensified

3. It is recommended that UNSD will join CCC in providing training

4. It is recommended that a Support Hot line will be setup

Non-registered Trade

1. It is recommended that ECOWAS in cooperation with Benin collects, compares and analyses the studies done by African countries on surveys and estimation methods of non-registered trade

2. It is recommended that ECOWAS will produce guidelines for best practice of surveys and estimation methods of non-registered trade

Reconciliation of Imports and Exports

1. It is recommended that ECOWAS member states – where necessary – conduct bilateral reconciliation studies to reduce differences in reported imports and exports

2. It is recommended that reconciliation studies follow the guidelines given in the IMTS Compilers Manual

Quantity Registration and Estimation

1. It is recommended that the quantity field is mandatory in the Customs Declaration

2. It is recommended that the data compiling office (mostly NSO) estimates quantities where these are missing

3. It is recommended that standard unit values are created for all commodities, if possible

Cooperation
Customs and Statistics

It is recognized that a good cooperation between Customs and Statistics is essential for the production of timely and good quality trade statistics.

It is – therefore – recommended that good relations should be maintained between Customs and Statistics and that problems between the offices should be resolved as soon as possible