



Private Sector Consultative  
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**REPORT OF THE  
PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

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**Opening**

The meeting started with a welcome statement by the Chairperson to the new PSCG members: Pfizer, BAE Systems, Deutsche Post and FIATA.

**Reports of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SAFE Working Group Meetings**

The PSCG appreciates the support of the WCO Secretariat and, in particular, the Policy Commission for supporting an open and transparent process for amending the SAFE Framework as this is critical for continued partnership between customs and the private sector in a global trading environment. We also support the work and results of the SAFE Working Group. It is within the collaborative working groups, such as the SAFE Working Group that the best possible global security solutions are achievable.

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- The PSCG supports the report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Meetings of the SAFE Working Group.
- However, the PSCG strongly recommends that Explanatory Notes be added to the SAFE Framework for the data elements Seller (Text and Coded) and Buyer (Text and Coded) for clarification of intent in cases where no buyer or seller exists in the supply chain and alignment with the WCO Data Model Explanatory Notes.
- Once a decision is made to add a data element to the SAFE Framework Data Set, it is critical that guidelines for the implementation of the new data elements be developed. The PSCG offers to work with the SAFE Working Group on necessary definitional clarification for implementation purposes.
- The PSCG wishes to stress the importance of data protection and privacy as provided for in paragraph 6.9 of the SAFE Framework, Standard 1, Integrated Supply Chain Management Guidelines.

## **SAFE Amendment Process**

- The PSCG reaffirms its support for the SAFE Amendment Process outlined in Doc. 0007E1A and approved at the last meeting of the SAFE Working Group (paragraph 49 of the SAFE Working Group Report refers).

## **Data Element Maintenance Mechanism**

- The PSCG supports the work of the sub group of the SAFE Working Group and looks forward to conclusion of the issue at the next meeting of the SAFE Working Group in October.

## **Model AEO Appeal Process**

- The PSCG supports, as we did in our previous Report to the Policy Commission, the draft Model AEO Appeal Process as attached to the Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SAFE Working Group in Annex 4.
- The PSCG strongly recommends that consultations with the applicant or AEO be conducted prior to denial, revocation or suspension of status.

## **100% Scanning**

- The PSCG welcomes the report of the CBP on the Secure Freight Initiative (SFI) and supports the conclusions contained therein.
- The PSCG supports the testimony of CBP at the Senate Hearing on 12 June 2008 in so far as it concerned 100% scanning.

## **PSCG Roadmap**

- The PSCG submits to the Policy Commission the attached PSCG Road Map: Executive Summary outlining its future work programme.

## **PSCG Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure**

- The PSCG invites the Policy Commission to take note of the attached revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

## **New Legislation**

The PSCG is aware that increasingly individual customs administrations are legislating and implementing AEO and Advance Cargo Security Risk programmes. It is important that these programmes meet the standards of the SAFE Framework and are developed in a transparent manner and in consultation with the private sector. To that end, the PSCG has concerns that a customs administration has legislated and intends to implement January 1, 2009 programmes that raise questions of transparency, engagement and consistency with the SAFE Framework. The PSCG has reached out to this customs administration to assist them in identifying and resolving issues to facilitate a seamless implementation.

## **Recommendation of the PSCG Concerning the Electronic Transmission and Authentication of Customs and other Regulatory Information**

- The PSCG is aware that increasingly individual customs administrations are legislating and implementing AEO and Advance Cargo Security Risk programmes.
- The PSCG submits the attached recommendation for consideration by the Policy Commission and looks forward to further discussions on its implementation.

#### **Election of New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

- The PSCG has elected Carol West (IFCBA) and Tim Van Oost (BP) to be the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively for a 2 year term.