

**CUSTOMS CONTROL OF TRADE IN CITES LISTED SPECIES**  
**TRENDS, TECHNOLOGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED TRADE AND REGULATORY CONTROL**  
 (23 -25 May 2018, University of Gibraltar)

**DRAFT AGENDA**

DATE	TOPIC	TIME SLOT	CONTENT/PRESENTERS/MODERATORS
<b>Monday, 28 May 2018</b>	Arrival of participants		Arrival in UK/Gibraltar or Malaga/Spain + transfer to UK/Gibraltar
<b>Tuesday, 29 May 2018</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	09.30h - 10.15h	<b>Welcome addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. John Cortes, Minister with responsibility for Education, Heritage, Environment, Energy and Climate Change</li> <li>• Prof Daniella Tilbury, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gibraltar</li> <li>• Mr John Rodriguez, Comptroller of Customs, UK/Gibraltar</li> <li>• Mr Mathias Lörtscher, Head of CITES Management Authority of Switzerland, Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office</li> <li>• Mr Dmitry Godunov, ASYCUDA Regional Coordinator, UNCTAD</li> <li>• Mr Markus Pikart, UNEP / CITES Secretariat</li> </ul>
	<b>Introduction</b>	10.15h - 10.30h	<b>Address by the Workshop leader</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	<b>Trends and policy agendas in the Customs environment</b>	10.30h - 11.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An insight into the changes in the Customs environment</li> <li>• Modern instruments for Customs Border Control</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Speakers: Mr J. Rodriguez, Comptroller of Customs, Gibraltar</i>  <i>Ms A. Wegner, Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussions led by moderator - Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</p>

<b>Coffee Break</b>		<b>11.00h - 11.30h</b>
<b>eCITES: Supporting management authorities in the automation of their CITES permit process</b>	11.30h - 12.30h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking stock of existing CITES standard and tools for electronic permit processing</li> <li>• Latest work of the CITES Working Group on electronic systems</li> <li>• Expectations of Management Authorities on eCITES implementation</li> <li>• Electronic Permit Information Exchange: Concepts and state of pilots</li> <li>• Looking ahead: Upcoming technologies and trends</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat Mr M. Loertscher, Chair of the CITES Working Group on Electronic Systems</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by moderator - Mr M. Loertscher, Switzerland</p>
<b>Coordinated border controls - International recommendations and best practice</b>	12.30h - 13.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the trends in Customs and security globally and regionally?</li> <li>• International recommendations and best practice</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr J. Rodriguez, HM Customs Department Gibraltar Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by moderator – Mr. J. Rodriguez, UK/Gibraltar</p>
<b>Lunch Break</b>		<b>13.00h - 14.30h</b>
<b>CITES-related Customs clearance procedures in practice</b>	14.30h - 15.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CITES-related Customs clearance procedures</li> <li>• E-Commerce and Customs control of trade in CITES listed species</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr J. Rodriguez, HM Customs Department Gibraltar Mr David Ledger, CEO Royal Gibraltar Post Office</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussion led by moderator – Mr. C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Study visit to one Customs office.</b></p>
<b>End of Session</b>		<b>17.00h</b>

<b>Wednesday, 30 May 2018</b>	Overview of the previous day	09.30h - 09.45h	Address by the Workshop leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline to the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	<b>CITES-related Customs clearance procedures in practice (cont.)</b>	09.30h - 09.45h	EUROPOL supporting Customs in fighting CITES violations <i>Speaker: Mr. Igor Jakupic, EUROPOL</i>
	<b>WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the concept of Risk-Management</b>	09.45h - 10.15h	Introduction into Trade Facilitation and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) <i>Speaker: Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</i>
	<b>Customs control and Risk Management: a practitioner's perspective</b>	10.15h - 11.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Known obstacles for CITES integration into Customs control (HS nomenclature vs. CITES nomenclature, Definition and integration of CITES related non-tariff measures etc.)</li> <li>• Selectivity, risk assessment and risk management as basis for efficient controls</li> <li>• Implementation of Risk Management in Customs controls</li> <li>• Risk management and targeted inspections</li> </ul> <i>Speaker: Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i> Followed by open discussion led by moderator - Mr. J. Rodriguez, UK / Gibraltar
	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
		<b>11.00h - 11.30h</b>	
	<b>Customs control and Risk Management: a practitioner's perspective (cont.)</b>	11.30h - 12.00h	Customs control and Risk Management: implementation in an electronic system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is Risk Management implemented in aCITES and in automated Customs data management systems</li> <li>• How do electronic CITES and Customs systems exchange electronic information</li> </ul> <i>Speaker: Mr. C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i>
<b>Group discussion on experiences and opportunities of Risk-Management for trade in CITES listed species</b>	12.00h - 12.30h	Risk Management for CITES controls: Can we use it, do we use it, can we afford not to use it? <i>Moderator: M. Loertscher, Switzerland</i>	

<b>Experience with the automation of CITES permit processes</b>	12.30h - 13.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Liz Ferguson, CITES Management Authority of Australia</li> </ul>
<b>Lunch Break</b>		
	<b>13.00h - 14.30h</b>	
<b>Selected Trade Facilitation instruments of the WTO TFA</b>	14.30h - 15.00h	<p>Introduction into Trade Facilitation instruments that are relevant for CITES Authorities: Border Agency Collaboration, Post Clearance Audit, Authorized Operators</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</i></p>
<b>Implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Instruments by Customs: a practitioner's perspective</b>	15.00h - 15.30h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical implementation of Trade Facilitation instruments in the border clearance process</li> <li>Role of the private sector, benefits for the AEOs (Authorised Economic Operators)</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i></p>
<b>Single Window and CITES</b>	15.30h - 16.30h	<p><b>eCITES and Single Window</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction into the Single Window concept</li> <li>What can Single Windows do for CITES?</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</i></p> <p><b>ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and PAA Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance) experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experiences with Single Window and cross border exchange of permits, licenses and certificates in the Asia Pacific Region</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Eva Chan, Dagang Net Technologies (Malaysia)</i></p> <p><b>Single Window, Union Custom Code and the exchange of licenses, permits and certificates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation and implementation for electronic exchange of permits, licenses and certificates in the EU (European Union)</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Ms Milagros Calvo Vergez, European Commission / DG TAXUD</i></p>

<b>Electronic permit exchanges and Single Window integration in a software solution</b>	16.30h - 17.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Data Exchange and integrated workflows with aCITES <i>Speaker: Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i></li> <li>• EPIX Pilot project France - Switzerland <i>Speaker: Mr M. Loertscher, Chair of the CITES Working Group on Electronic Systems</i></li> </ul> <p>Followed by open discussions - CITES and Facilitation Concepts (all)</p>
<b>End of Session</b>	<b>17.00h</b>	

<b>Thursday, 31 May 2018</b>	Overview of the previous day	09.30h - 09.45h	<p>Address by the Workshop leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline to the day</li> <li>• Key topics to be covered</li> </ul>
	<b>Perspectives for eCITES approach in the Caribbean</b>	09.45h - 10.15h	<p>A regional eCITES approach in the Caribbean <i>Speaker: Dr M. Isaacs, Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources, Bahamas</i></p>
	<b>CITES Questionnaire on Electronic Systems</b>	10.15h - 10.30h	<p>Questionnaire on Electronic CITES systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs and expectations of CITES Management Authorities on automation of CITES processes</li> <li>• <i>Speaker: Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
	<b>ACITES – A solution for electronic CITES Permit Management</b>	10.30h - 11.30h	<p>Guest Speakers and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation solutions</li> <li>• Implementation of business processes and workflows in aCITES</li> <li>• Configuration to national requirements</li> <li>• Complementary solutions (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr C. Ciuta, UNCTAD</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussions led by moderator – Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</p>
	Coffee Break	11.30h - 12.00h	

	<b>Setting up aCITES national implementation</b>	12.00h - 13.00h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a standard Technical Assistance (TA) Project</li> <li>• Procedure, options, cost estimations etc.</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: Mr D. Godunov, UNCTAD</i></p> <p>Followed by open discussions led by moderator - Mr M. Pikart, CITES Secretariat</p>
	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>13.00h - 14.30h</b>	
	<b>Overview of Workshop</b>	14.30h - 15.30h	<p>Discussion on the findings of the workshop and possible recommendations for future action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of lessons learnt</li> <li>• Proposal of actions</li> <li>• Recommendations to CITES</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: M. Loertscher, Switzerland</i></p>
	<b>Closure of the meeting</b>	<b>15:30h</b>	