

HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON E-CUSTOMS PROJECT

(18 May 2010)

H.M. Customs Department Gibraltar (CDG) organized a High-level Seminar on e-Customs Project, to define the scope and ambitions of the Customs Modernisation Programme.

Mr. J. Rodriguez, Collector of Customs, provided the participants in the High-level Seminar with an overview of the ASYCUDA e-Customs Project and of its current status of implementation.

The UNCTAD ASYCUDA Advisers informed the participants about the next implementation steps and activities, and answered the questions and comments received.

Mr. R. Garcia, Chief Secretary, has appreciated the efforts made so far and ensured his full support to the implementation of the ASYCUDA project in Gibraltar.



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Mr D.D. Tirathdas, Financial Secretary (2nd left)
Mr J.Rodriguez, Collector of Customs (left),
Mr A.Perera, Head Collection&Admin Section (right) and
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Participants:

- Mr. Richard Garcia, Chief Secretary
- Mr. Dilip D. Tirathdas, Financial Secretary
- Ms. Christine Victory, Accountant General
- Ms. Moira Saldiva, SEO Treasury
- Ms. Lizanne Perera, SEO Treasury

CDG was represented by:

- Mr. John Rodriguez, Collector of Customs,
- Mr. Arturo Perera, Head Collection & Admin
- Mr. Paul Villalta, Head Enforcement Section,
- Mr. Dennis Ellul, HEO Computer Section
- Mr. Terence Moya, EO Computer Section

ITLD was represented by

- Mr. Alan Crawford, Head of ITLD
- Mr. Kayron Cano, IT officer

The agenda of the High-level Seminar included:

- **Report of activities of IT group;**
- **Report of activities of Customs Group;**
- **Analysis of short-term and long-term objectives and expectations for future e-Customs systems:**
 - Implementation of Paperless Customs
(Aim & scope, requirement for paperless systems, legislation related to electronic customs, implications & policy recommendations for transition to paperless trade, expected impacts, benefits and costs)
 - Single Window and One-Stop-Shop
 - General issues of usage of electronic signature in electronic customs
 - Use of international standards
(WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, WCO Customs Data Model, WCO SAFE Framework of Standards)

- Restructuring of national Customs tariff, to reflect changes in technology and to facilitate trade.
(Introduction of new nomenclature based on HS 2007 and EU Combined Nomenclature 2010)
- Simplification and harmonisation of current business processes
- Introduction of the Single Administrative Document (SAD)
- Framework for the Risk-Management process
- Procedures for facilitating payments, use of credit and prepayment accounts.
Integration of other payment methods (e.g. credit cards, internet banking etc)
- Creation of the appropriate legislative framework.
