

the Goods declaration, the "cargo report" data sets provide the basis for the electronic cargo declaration:

- Cargo report -import-: 81 data elements,
- Cargo report -export-: 64 data elements.

"Import" data sets

The "import data sets" provide the basis for the electronic Goods declaration for imports. It encompasses both the data elements required for the Goods declaration in the one-step procedure and also those required for a complementary Goods declaration under a two-step procedure:

- Import one-step: 113 data elements
- Import two step: 84 data elements (first step); 100 data elements (second step).

"Export" data sets

The "export" data set provides the basis for the Goods declaration for exports:

- Export one-step 100 data elements
- Export two-step contains 47 data elements (first step); 72 data elements (second step).

How is the Customs Data Model maintained in the future?

WCO member countries have agreed that changes to the data model will have to follow strict control procedures. Data elements, for example, will be added only if it is determined that the requested element is critical to the needs of the requesting country and that the information cannot be derived from an existing data element in the WCO Customs Data Model.

New versions of the WCO Customs Data Model will be issued every three years starting from 2005.

How is trade involved?

The WCO Customs Data Model is an important contribution to the security and facilitation of international trade supply chain. Trade organizations are therefore involved in the future management and maintenance of WCO Customs Data Model.

Interested parties from the business community are encouraged to join with representatives of the participating administrations in reviewing the Customs Data Model.

Considering the investment in current systems can the expense of changing to the WCO standard be justified?

The WCO understands and is aware of the costs of change. Businesses need to consider the long-term savings that will result from a single, global data set and uniform electronic messages to conduct business with all participating Customs administrations.

Which EDI standards are being used?

Currently the WCO Customs Data Model provides for message implementation guidelines (MIGs) based on the UN/EDIFACT¹ standard messages CUSCAR and CUSDEC. The former G7 Initiative resulted in changes to the CUSDEC and CUSCAR standard messages, which the WCO will present to the UN for adoption. The WCO is also working on guidelines for other standards such as XML².

How can I obtain additional information about the WCO Customs Data Model?

More information on the WCO Customs Data Model with access to national and regional contact points is available on the WCO web site: www.wcoomd.org
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¹ United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administrations, Commerce and Transport

² eXtensible Mark-up Language



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