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# ADVANCE CARGO INFORMATION

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VACCINES DISTRIBUTION**

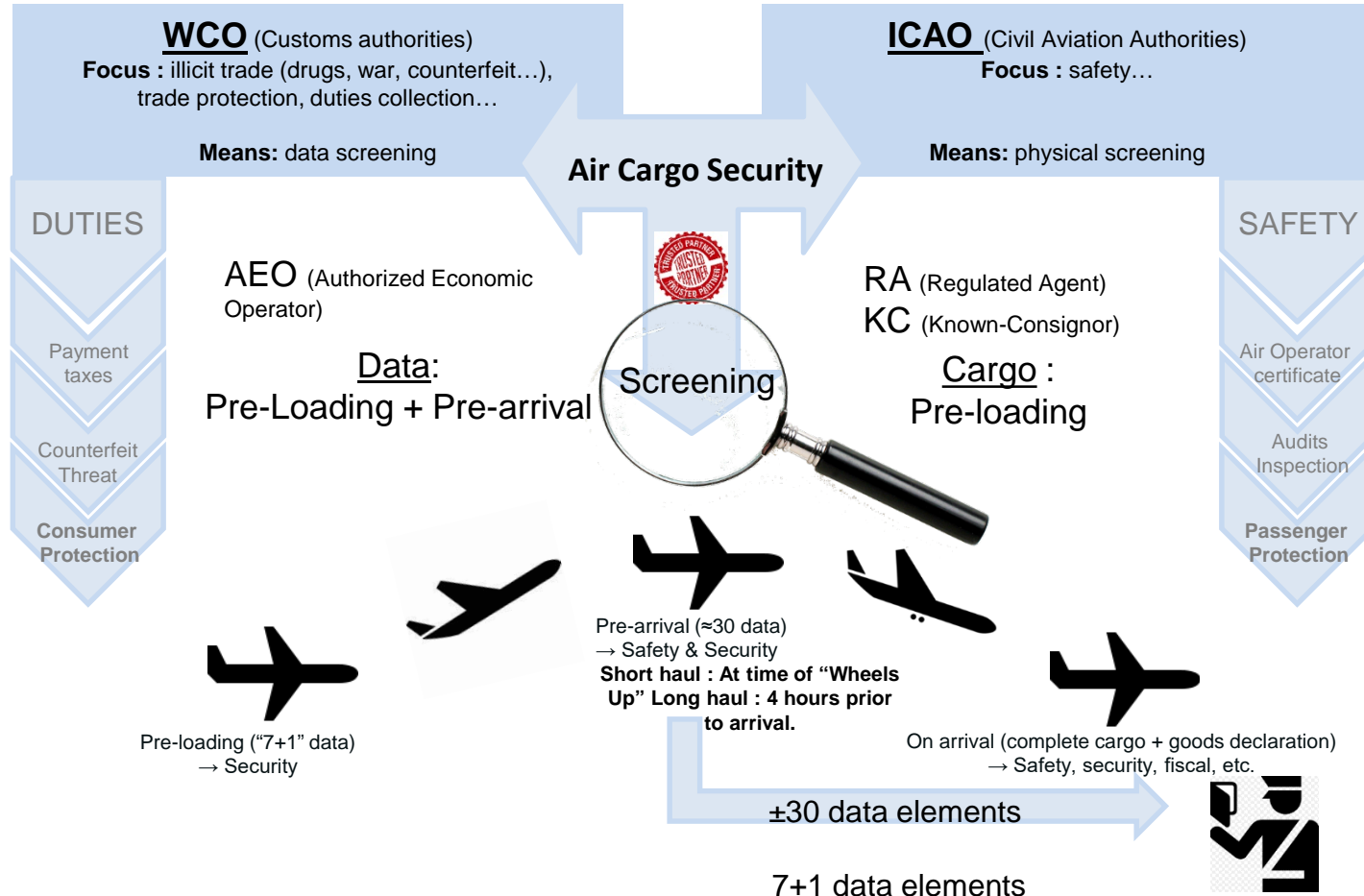
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# WCO's SAFE FoS: Key features

- SAFE FoS: first published in 2005.
- Standards: supply chain security & trade facilitation.
- Consistent with the Revised Kyoto Convention (*prior lodging information, risk management, authorised person*)
- **ACI harmonisation: one** core element of the SAFE FoS.
- Three Pillars:
  - ❖ **Pillar 1: C-C** (*ACI provisions*)
  - ❖ **Pillar 2: C-B** (*AEO*)
  - ❖ **Pillar 3: C-OGAs and IGAs** (*alignment of security programmes: AEO/RA/KC...*)



# Air Cargo Security and Safety environment



(Presentation by IATA at the ICAO-WCO workshop on Air Cargo Security and Facilitation)

# Advance Cargo Information (ACI)



- ACI: generic term covering **pre-loading and pre-arrival** electronic information as set out in the WCO SAFE FoS.
- Required to be submitted to Customs based on the data formats set out in the WCO Data Model.
- The WCO Data Model: universal language for Cross-border data exchange ([http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/facilitation/instruments-and-tools/tools/data-model/en-data\\_model\\_hd-print\\_v2.pdf?la=en](http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/facilitation/instruments-and-tools/tools/data-model/en-data_model_hd-print_v2.pdf?la=en))



# What is PLACI?



- PLACI is an additional layer of a multi-layered approach to aviation security.
- Incorporated in the SAFE FoS under the Pillar 1.
- Drawn from available consignment data.
- Provided by freight forwarders, air carriers, postal operators, integrators, regulated agents, or other entities.
- Presented ASAP prior to loading of cargo on an aircraft at the last point of departure.
- Data to perform an assessment of the potential risk represented to the safety of the aircraft by the consignment **i.e 'Bomb in a Box'**.

*(Joint WCO-ICAO Guiding principles for PLACI)*

# 7+1 PLACI Data Elements



1. Consignor, name
  2. Consignor, address
  3. Consignee, name
  4. Consignee, address
  5. Number of packages
  6. Total gross weight (including Measure unit qualifier)
  7. Brief cargo description
- +1. The identification of the data filer provided with the HAWB and/or MAWB

# PLACI in practices



- US Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS);
- Canada Pre-Load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT);
- EU Pre-Loading Advance air Cargo Information (**ICS2 PLACI**);
- UK Pre-Departure Information for Cargo Targeting (PreDICT);
- UPU Global Postal Model

# Pre-arrival Cargo information



- **The carrier or his/her agent** should submit an advance cargo declaration prior to arrival of the aircraft to the Customs office at export/import.
- **Cargo declarations** data elements: Annex III of the SAFE
- Time limit:
  - + *Short haul: At time of « wheels up » of aircraft*
  - + *Long haul: 4 hours prior to arrival at the first port in the country of destination.*



# Benefits of ACI



- Allow for mitigating security risks prior to loading, or prior to arrival of cargo.
- Enable to separate cargo shipments into different categories: High-Low risks
- Match resources to the high risk shipments that require the maximum intervention, whilst facilitating low risk consignments.
- More informed decisions on interdiction of goods => more efficient and secure supply chains => enhanced trade facilitation and, over time, economic growth.



# WCO's activities in relation to COVID-19 vaccines distribution



- Council [Resolution](#) on the role of Customs in facilitating the cross-border movement of situationally critical medicines and vaccines.
- Dedicated section of the WCO web-site.
- Contributed to the guidelines and information notes issued by ICAO, WTO and IATA.
- Work on guidance materials.
- Work on a joint statement with ICAO.
- Information exchanged through an IPR CENComm group.
- Global webinar series: improving awareness on COVID-19 Vaccines.

# WCO's Resolution on COVID-19 vaccines



*Customs administrations to:*

- Carry out the clearance of situationally critical medicines & vaccines as a matter of high priority.
- Provide facilities for the pre-arrival clearance of such medicines and vaccines.
- Provide special procedures for authorized/recognized supply chain actors (AEO/RA/KC...).
- Apply risk-based selectivity & perform examinations on vaccines shipments only in exceptional circumstances.
- Ensure that inspections by OGAs & Customs are coordinated and, if possible, carried out at the same time...

# Partnership approach for COVID-19 vaccines shipments





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**Thank You!**

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