

Executive Summary

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1. CEFTA Parties agree to propose the CEFTA Joint Committee to decide launching negotiations in November 2014 with an aim to conclude a framework agreement between Customs Administrations of CEFTA Parties for simplification of inspections, exchange of data and cooperation of trade partnership programmes.
2. CEFTA Parties express their intentions to conclude such negotiations by the end of 2015.
3. The scope of negotiations of the Framework Agreement will include
 - a. simplification of inspections related to all clearance procedures, and reducing formalities to the possible maximum extent,
 - b. determine the means and obligations of exchange of data between customs authorities to the extent that each national legislation allows.
 - c. recognise mutually national Authorised Economic Operators Programmes in each CEFTA Party provided that both legislation and implementation of each national programme is fully in line with the relevant EU acquis.
 - d. Recognise EU Authorised Economic Operators by each CEFTA Party
4. Negotiations are to be led by the CEFTA Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin, and through its working group on Customs Risk Management, and Working Group on Electronic Exchange of Data which is proposed to be established in 2015, and the existing network of CEFTA AEO Contact Points.
5. CEFTA Parties suggest CEFTA Joint Committee to adopt a list of CEFTA Contact Points in each Customs Administration of CEFTA Parties according to Article 44 (2) of CEFTA Agreement. These contact points

should be at the level of Deputy Director General of Customs Administrations and should be tasked to coordinate the negotiations of Framework Agreement on behalf of his/her own CEFTA Party. These CEFTA Contact Points in each Customs Administration are also to be responsible for coordinating all customs related discussions in CEFTA Structures on behalf of their administrations.