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**Utilizing Digital Technology in the Field of
Trade Facilitation Under the Current COVID-19
Pandemic and Beyond: Best-Practices
Sharing Workshops (Phase II) – First
Workshop on Technology to Support
Customs Procedures
3 August 2022**

Utilizing Digital Technology in the Field of Trade Facilitation under the Current COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Best-Practices Sharing Workshops (Phase II)

◆ 1st Workshop on August 3 (Wed) ~ Technology to Support Customs Procedures ~

The expansion of the e-commerce market during the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the amount of cargo handled at customs. As trade expands, advanced technologies are needed to facilitate customs procedures, including inspections to prevent the smuggling of illicit goods.

For example, paperless customs declarations speed up procedures and enable the use of past declaration data, while automated risk analysis and management allows valuable human resources to be deployed elsewhere. Consequently, customs agencies across the APEC region are rapidly introducing new digital solutions and exploring a variety of use cases.

In this workshop – the first of three – we will showcase technologies that simplify customs processes, especially those that one economy can implement by itself. We will discuss the opportunities these technologies provide, as well as barriers to their implementation.

9:00-9:15 (15min)	<p>Introduction to the series of workshops (Overarching Goal, Dates, and Four Themes)</p> <p>Opening Remark from Mr NIIKURA Takayuki, Director for the APEC office, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan</p>
9:15-9:30 (15 min)	<p>Opening Session: Cost of Customs Procedures Mr James TETLOW, Senior Research Analyst, Washington CORE</p>
9:30-11:00 (90 min)	<p>Panel Session: Digital Technologies to Support Customs Processes Moderator: Mr James TETLOW, Washington CORE Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Will LOCKHART, Senior Program Advisor, Commercial Operations Commercial and Trade Branch Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) <i>“e-Longroom: Part of an Emerging Digital Customs Strategy for CBSA”</i> • Mr Brett COLLETT, Principal Policy Analyst New Zealand Customs Service <i>“Policies and Initiatives with Digital Technologies for Paperless Trade”</i> • Mr Mike SQUIRRELL, Chief Technology Officer TTEK Inc. <i>“Streamlining Customs Risk Management Processes through the Use of Artificial Intelligence”</i> • Mr Benno SLOT, Specialist Advisor on Strategy and Innovation Customs Administration of The Netherlands <i>“Re-use and Sharing Data from Technology”</i> <p>Discussion and Q&A (30 minutes) Theme: What are the obstacles to implementing digital technology into customs and how can they be overcome?</p>
11:00-11:05 (5 min)	<p>Workshop Summary, Introduction of Next Event Mr NAKAMURA Takahiro, Project Manager, Washington CORE</p>

* **Note: program dates and times are shown in Thailand Standard Time (UTC+7:00).**