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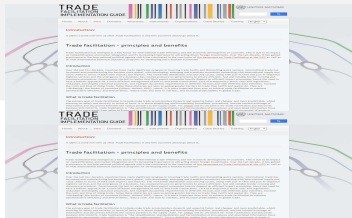
Trade facilitation & Customs

What is trade facilitation



The primary goal of trade facilitation is to help make trade across borders (imports and exports)

- ▶ Faster
- ▶ Cheaper
- ▶ Predictable



<https://tfig.unece.org/details.html>



CUSTOMS



Customs is an authority or agency in a country responsible for collecting and safeguarding customs duties and for controlling the flow of goods including animals, transports, personal effects and hazardous items in and out of a country.

- ▶ Mainly, Customs does not deal with Persons
- ▶ Tax and law enforcement
- ▶ Ministry of Finance ? Ministry of Homeland Security ? Independent agency ? ...
- ▶ but never Ministry of Commerce

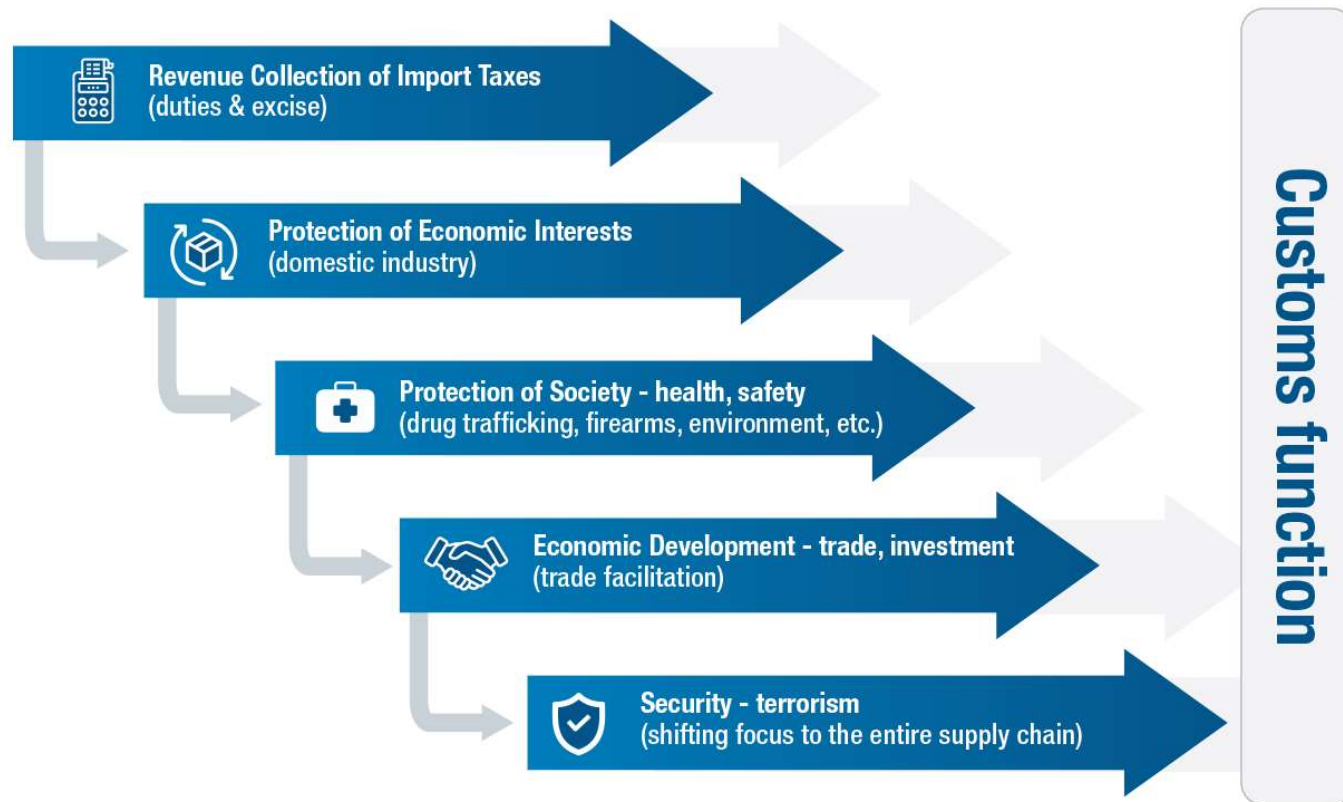


Source Wikipedia.

CUSTOMS Role & Function



Evolution of Customs role



How FASTER CUSTOMS ?



1. **Electronic procedures**
2. **Start procedures in advance**
3. **Enough resources for the controls**
 - ▶ Extra manpower
 - ▶ Or risk analysis



How Cheaper CUSTOMS procedures?



1. **Harmonization**
2. **Simplified procedures**
3. **Re use of data**
4. **Adapted controls**
(non-intrusive, inland)



How more predictable CUSTOMS procedures?



- **Publishing**
- **Rulings (HS code, Value)**
- **Monitoring**
- **AEO**



ASYCUDA

Automated System for Customs Data



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THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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