

## **Invitation for Participation in the Exploratory Study on a Possible Strategic Review of the Harmonized System (HS).**

*Overview:* The WCO Secretariat was mandated to study the HS's health and report on the need and possibilities for potential improvements to Members. The two-year exploratory study emphasizes transparency and stakeholder involvement.

*Progress Update:* Since September 2022, inputs related to various aspects of the project have been collected and continue to be received.

We are currently examining the inputs that pertain to various thematic areas related to the availability of information of HS tools, the clarity and updating of the HS and its Explanatory Notes, the length and timing of the review cycle, the process for making amendments, the identification of goods at the border, the structure of the HS, and general suggestions.

*Your Participation Matters:* To ensure the study aligns with HS users' needs and aspirations, we welcome additional inputs for incorporation. The survey is reopened until October 31, 2023, accessible at <https://sprw.io/stt-6a1367>.

If you have any specific proposals, please contact us at [project.HSStudy@wcoomd.org](mailto:project.HSStudy@wcoomd.org). For more information on the study project, please visit <https://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/nomenclature/activities-and-programmes/exploratory-study-on-a-possible-strategic-review-of-the-hs.aspx>

We look forward to your input in this exploratory study. Your voice matters!