

SIGMAT

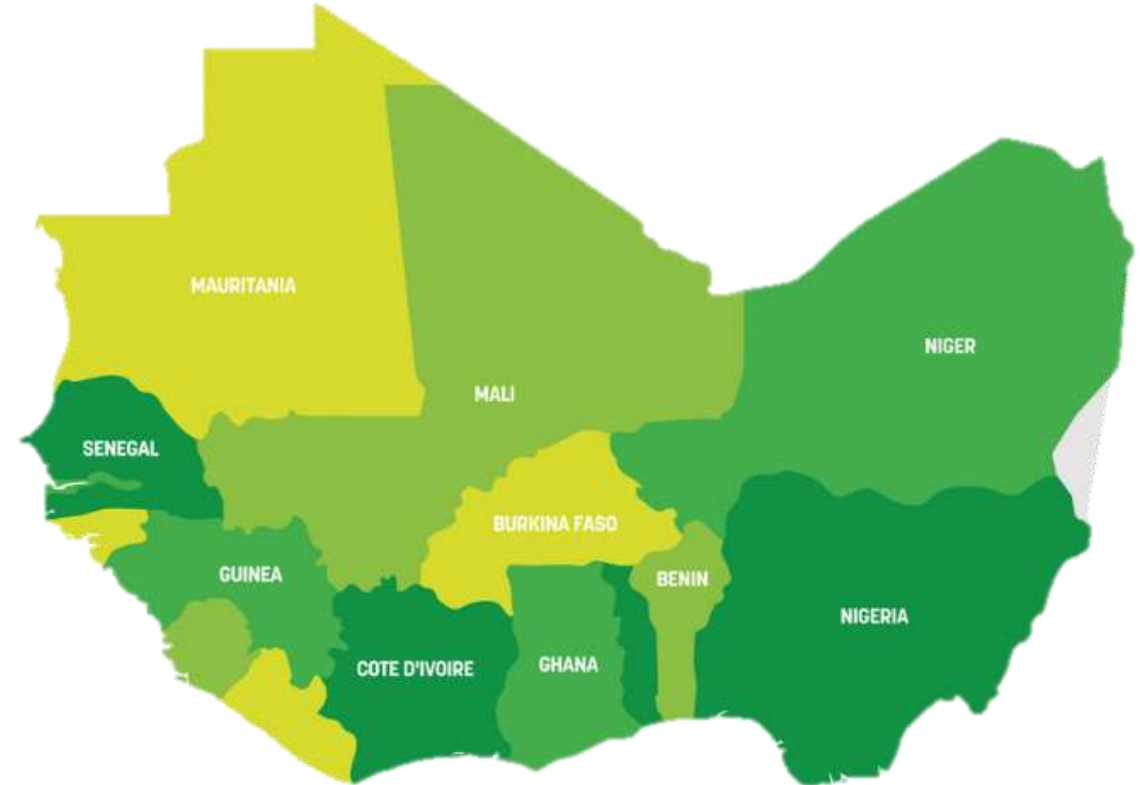
Solution for Transit Management in West Africa



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Objectives of SIGMAT

- ❑ Automation of the customs clearance procedure Facilitation of the transport of goods
- ❑ Improve intra-community trade
- ❑ Generate statistics to manage risk
- ❑ Improve operational efficiency
- ❑ Promote customs to customs cooperation within the ECOWAS subregion.



Specific Challenges of Trade and Transit Facilitation that SIGMAT Aims to Address

- ❑ Replacement of manual process with electronic exchange of information.
- ❑ Full automation and interconnectivity.
- ❑ Transparency on the movement of transit goods.
- ❑ Reduction in smuggling, diversion and other customs infractions:
 - ❑ Under invoicing
 - May to September → 2536 Cote d'Ivoire
 - July to September → 354 Togo
 - ❑ Overloading
 - ❑ Shedding



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- Maximization of revenue
- Customs to customs cooperation by addressing the malpractices SIGMAT is unfolding
- Freedom of transit and discipline of fees and charges
- Timely reporting of incidents



Key Benefits and Positive Impacts of SIGMAT For West African Countries

- ❑ Electronic exchange of information
- ❑ Fraud detection.
 - ❑ Transit infractions are easily detected.
 - ❑ Country of origin of goods can easily be established.
 - ❑ Maximation of revenue
 - ❑ Accurate trade statistics
- ❑ Time and cost efficiency
- ❑ Language barrier is reduced because information are both in English and French



The Role Of SIGMAT in Interconnectivity Using WCO Data Model

- ❑ Some countries have received technical assistance from ECOWAS Commission in partnership with UNCTAD and other International partners for automation to allow for interconnectivity.
- ❑ Provision of cross border procedures in a simple, consistent and harmonized manner.
- ❑ Provision of a common digital platform for the exchange of information.



Benefits of the WCO Data Model

World Customs Organization (WCO) data model provides the following benefits:

- ❑ Compliance with cross border regulatory procedures.
- ❑ Standardized and harmonized mode of operation.
- ❑ Time and cost efficient (no need to re-invent the wheel)
- ❑ Versatility in regimes.



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