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The WCO Data Model

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WCO Data Model**

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Data: The Oil of the Future

Transforming the Information Age

Data: A Limitless Resource - Unlike oil, data is continuously produced and does not run out.

Raw vs. Refined Data: Raw data is like crude oil - **valuable only when refined** standardised and harmonised.

The Role of the WCO Data Model:
The **WCO Data Model helps refine** data into actionable insights.



Standards 7.1 of GA of RKC (Application of Information Technology)

The Customs shall apply information technology to support Customs operations.

Standards 7.2 of GA of RKC

When introducing computer applications, the Customs shall use relevant internationally accepted standards.

WCO Strategic Plan (2025 – 2028). Focus Area 1: Technology and Innovation

CF1. Development and maintenance of Customs standards and policy

- Promoting the adoption of advanced technologies
- Developing international standards for data governance
- Fostering public-private partnerships

CF2. Implementation and capacity development

- Enhancing digital transformation of Customs administrations
- Building Members' data analysis capacity
- Building capacity in cybersecurity

Data Model Projects Team (DMPT)

(WCO Members + Observers)



- **Develops, manages and maintains the WCO Data Model**, including new versions, capabilities and technical specifications
- **Operates the formal DMR process** (submission, review and approval) to ensure coherent, harmonized data requirements
- **Performs product-management functions** such as product planning, data modelling, quality control and publishing
- **Establishes ad-hoc Focus Groups** to design and validate new uses of the WCO DM in support of PTC and other WCO bodies
- **Leverages volunteer product roles** (Architects, Modellers, Product Manager, Capability Owners, QC Testers) to deliver consistent, high-quality data standards and implementation support



- Certification of Origin
- Maritime Passenger Data (API and BRI)
- AEO Profile Data

Future:

- Linked Data enables Verifiable Credentials

Where Can You Find WCO Data Model?



wcoomd.org/DataModel

The WCO Data Model (DM) has been the data foundation for global trade interoperability for over two decades. It was developed to provide a universal language for cross-border data exchange enabling the implementation of Single Window systems and fueling Data Analytics. It is a compilation of clearly structured, harmonized, standardized, and reusable sets of data definitions and electronic messages designed to meet the operational and legal requirements of customs and other cross-border regulatory agencies (CBRAAs) responsible for trade management, in addition to the UN/TED and INTRACOM Standards Directory (UN/TED) and inventory standards established by international organizations such as the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and the International Organization of Standards (ISO) to ensure global interoperability. The DM significantly reduces costs and improves efficiencies for Members and other stakeholders, such as the business community.

The current version of the DM, version 3, has evolved to meet the needs of its users over the years. Solutions for Customs automated systems, Multi-Modal Manifest, and XML were some of the enhancements offered to meet increased governmental regulatory requirements and the demands for new technologies.

datamodel.wcoomd.org

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Check out the WCO DM Information Packages. >
Consult the User Manual. >



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Thank you for your attention

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