

## WHO WE ARE

The ICC Commission on Customs and Trade Facilitation is composed of more than 250 customs policy, transport and logistics specialists from all sectors of business in nearly 50 countries, from ICC member companies and business representative organizations.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Global value chains and international trade are an important source of economic opportunity. However, these can be hampered by practical obstacles – in particular those related to customs policies, procedures and transport markets. The objective of the Commission is to promote simplified customs and transport policies and procedures as well as other practical measures to facilitate international trade, and encourage efficient and competitive transport markets worldwide.

### HOW WE WORK

- **Membership:** Members are nominated by ICC national committees who select members from their local membership to serve on the Commission.
- **Agenda:** Within the scope of its mandate, the Commission sets its own agenda by highlighting key policy developments and offering business recommendations or guidance. Members may propose new agenda items to the Secretariat for consideration of the Commission by submission of a 1-2 page thought starter. In between meetings, informal working groups prepare draft policy documents for the Commissions consideration with the support of the Secretariat. Consultation rounds are applicable before statements are submitted to the ICC Executive Board.
- **Meetings:** The Commission meets twice a year. Meetings are often held at the ICC International Headquarters in Paris or at the World Customs Organization (WCO) Headquarters in Brussels, but also take place in different parts of the world.
- **Leadership:** Leadership includes international experts in their field to help ensure the Commission meets its goals and strategy for the wider global business interest.
- **Secretariat:** The ICC Secretariat manages the projects and initiatives driven by the Commission working with members and national committees to ensure the Commission's priorities are met.

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### KEY PROJECTS

- Support the ratification and implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) – feeding into the work of the [Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation](#) of which ICC is a host organisation.
- Provide input into the work of the WTO and the WCO on customs valuation, classification, trade facilitation and rules of origin.
- Support the work of the WCO Working Group on E-Commerce.
- Promote the ICC business recommendations on facilitating the use of return-refill container systems in cross-border trade.
- Promote the ICC recommendations on rules of origin in preferential trade agreements and the ICC recommendations on non-preferential rules of origin for commercial policy purposes.
- Promote the ICC recommendations on illicit trade in Free Trade Zones.
- Promote the ICC recommendations on Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs).
- Develop business perspectives on customs treatment of humanitarian relief shipments in humanitarian emergencies.
- Develop business perspectives on transit and in-land ports in line with TFA Article 11 Freedom of Transit.

- Develop business perspectives on the use of bonds as a means to facilitate the separation of release of goods and payment of customs duties.

## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- [ICC Business Recommendations to facilitate the use of return-refill container systems in cross-border trade \(2017\)](#)
- [ICC Business Recommendations on rules of origin in preferential trade agreements \(2017\)](#)
- [ICC Recommendations on Authorized Economic Operators \(2016\)](#)
- [ICC Policy Statement on Making Transport Smarter and Greener \(2015\)](#)
- [ICC Policy Statement on the Misuse of Customs Valuation Databases \(2015\)](#)
- [ICC Policy Statement on Non-Preferential Rules of Origin for commercial policy purposes \(2015\)](#)
- [ICC Policy Statement on Global Baseline De Minimis Value Thresholds \(2015\)](#)
- [ICC Policy Statement – Transfer Pricing and Customs Valuation \(2015\)](#)
- [Facilitating Trade in Motion Pictures \(2014\)](#)
- [What border barriers impede business ability? – Analysis of Survey on Trade Barriers \(2014\)](#)

## CURRENT LEADERSHIP

### Chair:

**Norman Schenk**

Vice President, Global Customs Policy & Public Affairs, UPS, US

### Vice-Chairs:

**Jean-Marie Salva**, Partner, DS Avocats, France

**Oliver Peltzer**, Partner, Dabelstein & Passehl, Germany

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## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

There are two ways to become a member of the ICC Commission on Customs and Trade Facilitation:

- By affiliation through an ICC National Committee or Group (please consult [ICC website](#) to find the National Committee in your country).
- By direct membership through the ICC International Secretariat if a National Committee or Group has not yet been established in your country or territory