

Customs Administration

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Colloquium II

List of Questions

Please read each question carefully and briefly explain what you have learned about each topic. Answers are expected to be brief but clear. Plagiarism will be considered as serious offence and will significantly affect your course grade.

1. Please define the concept of “customs value” as compared to the “value of the goods” in general and explain where and how it is utilized in customs management.
2. What is the difference between uniform duty system and differentiated duty system?
3. What is tax farming? What are the advantages and disadvantages?
4. Please explain how the establishment of GATT system benefited (a) international trade and (b) customs administrations in terms of tariff system management.
5. Please indicate what types of customs duties have been prescribed in the Law on Customs Tariff of the Republic of Azerbaijan?
6. Please explain the difference between specific and ad valorem rates of customs duties indicating the advantages and disadvantages of both.
7. What is the international legal framework of customs valuation? Which international tools are available for customs administrations worldwide to manage customs valuation system?
8. What does “related parties” mean and how it may affect the value declared to customs?
9. Please enlist the customs valuation methods as defined in WTO Valuation Agreement.

10. Please explain what the concept of "similar goods" means and how it is used in customs valuation process.
11. What are the key components of WCO Revenue Package?
12. What are the criteria for defining the country of origin of goods? How would you explain the importance of the country of origin of goods in terms of customs clearance?
13. Please explain (a) how the events of 9/11 in the U.S. changed the customs landscape in the world. (b) How WCO reacted to the shift in the border security paradigm?
14. What are the 4 core elements established in the WCO Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade?
15. Please enlist and describe briefly the 3 Pillars as defined in WCO Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade (WCO SAFE FoS).
16. What does "Trojan horse containers" mean in customs context and what kind of solutions customs administrations may develop to overcome this challenge?
17. Please write down about U.S. Container Security Initiative (CSI). What could be the pros and cons of this program for participating national customs administrations?
18. Please give the definition of trade facilitation in customs context and explain its importance in the light of the problems encountered by trade in terms of customs procedures.
19. What is WCO ECP Toolkit and how it contributes to trade facilitation worldwide? What are the key instruments included to the WCO ECP?
20. Please share your thoughts about Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) institute. Explain how the implementation of AEO program could benefit customs management in Azerbaijan.
21. What does freedom of transit mean in customs context and how the customs procedure of transit ensures it?

22. What is the difference between inward and outward transit procedures, as well as internal and external transit?

23. Please (a) enlist the transit procedures applied in EU and (b) explain the difference between the Community Transit and Common Transit procedures.

24. What are the main pillars of IRU TIR system and what kind of benefits the use of TIR Carnet brings to trade and customs?

25. What is TIR EPD system? How is it used in transit management?