**THE WCO PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP (PSCG):**

**MEANS OF OPERATION; July, 2025**

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

1.This work is the product of several discussions by the members of the PSCG. Starting with questions for consideration, the internal consultative process has been open and comprehensive. This final draft reflects member input at all stages.

2.\*New\* Consistent with the recently adopted PSCG Code of Ethics and Conduct, this paper includes a statement of the standards expected of all members of the PSCG:

*PSCG members will uphold the highest ethical standards in all activities relating to each other and the WCO, and will treat all PSCG colleagues with respect and dignity.*

3.Each PSCG member can have a maximum of 3 delegates. One of the delegates will be designated as the primary contact person for PSCG purposes. This does not mean the most senior delegate but it does mean the one who will manage member communication (a maximum of 30 contact points rather than 70-90 contact points). No more than the 3 delegates per member may attend a PSCG meeting, except with the permission of the Chair to include others as observers

4.A PSCG Nominating Committee will be struck to provide input to the membership selection process, including recommendation of possible new candidates and assessment of current members. This to operate with the concurrence of PSCG members. The WCO Secretary General holds the authority to appoint and remove members.

5.Regional Private Sector Groups (RPSGs), which are established under the umbrella of the PSCG, are members of the PSCG.

6.If there are 4 hybrid PSCG meetings each year, members are expected to attend at least 3 meetings, with 1-2 meetings attended in person. Participation in working groups is encouraged.

7. An orientation process for new members will be done jointly by the WCO and the PSCG in the 60 days following the WCO Council’s approval of PSCG membership (usually June).

8. PSCG members are considered members of the SAFE Working Group and participate fully in meetings of that body. The PSCG is looking for a way to broaden and strengthen its participation at the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC), given the importance of the issues it discusses and its place in WCO decision-making. All PSCG members should be given observer status at the PTC if that does not already exist. The PSCG is committed to attend meetings of the Policy Commission in June and December. The PSCG will be allocated 2 seats at the Council meeting.

9.In its work, the PSCG, will provide clarity on who is doing what, with greater transparency with respect to potential contributions to WCO working groups and development of a PSCG work plan. Access to information and communication of outcomes will be priorities for all PSCG members.

10. The PSCG encourages diversity of views and open sharing of lived experience, in an environment of trust between members. The group will often reach consensus but may also decide on a case-by-case basis how to deal with dissenting opinions.

11.PSCG will work with the WCO Secretariat to manage the elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the PSCG in a fair process in which candidates are openly recruited, and secret ballots are cast, counted and results reported in a timely manner, according to published standards. This may be incorporated in the Terms of Reference.

12. WCO leadership (the Secretary General and relevant Directors, and the Chairperson of the Council) will meet with the PSCG at least once a year. In addition, the leadership of the PSCG (the Chair and Vice-Chair) will meet at least once each year with the Secretary General and Chairperson of the Council, together or separately, to review the operation and value of the PSCG. Information about these leadership meetings will be shared with all PSCG members unless the matters discussed require confidentiality.

13.With the agreement of the PSCG, next steps are to work on procedural details/SOPs, and to identify any changes that would be required to the PSCG Terms of Reference.