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**Accelerated Implementation of the TFA through
"Smart Customs, Smart Borders, and Smart Connectivity"**

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2015年中国成为最早批准接受世贸组织
《贸易便利化协定》的成员之一
China Accepts the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in 2015,
among the First in WTO Members

Since TFA came into force in 2017, China has actively explored on how to use intelligent technologies such as big data, block-chain, AI and 5G etc. in the customs process, border agency cooperation, and international Customs cooperation to accelerate implementation of the TFA, especially article 1, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13.

In the meantime, as a partner of TFAF, China donated USD 1 million to the Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) to support other developing members and LDCs to implement the Agreement.

Article 1& 7

Customs' Capacity

- Smart Customs

Article 8& 10

Cooperation Among Border Agencies

- Smart Borders

Article 11& 12

International Customs Cooperation

- Smart Connectivity

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The COVID-19 pandemic not only profoundly changes the trade environment in the era of global value chains, but also prompts us to rethink the implementation of the *Trade Facilitation Agreement* about how to digitalize trade and promote connectivity through smart approaches.

Based on our efforts to integrate intelligent technologies into the implementation of TFA, China fully implemented the TFA 100% ahead of schedule in January 2020.



“SMART Borders for Seamless Trade, Travel and Transport”

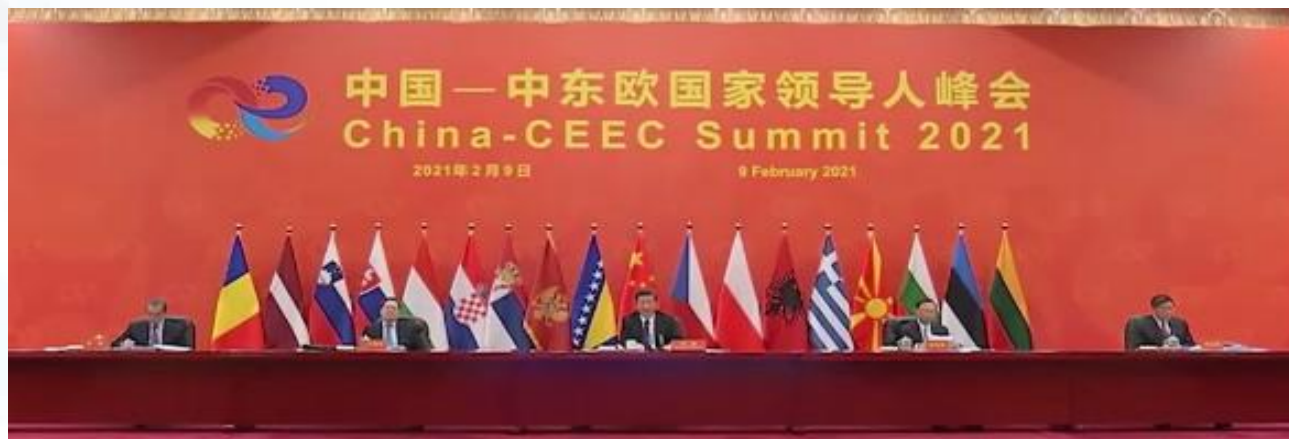
——The theme of International Customs Day in 2019



“Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem.”

——The theme of International Customs Day in 2022

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At the 2021 "China-Central and Eastern Europe" summit, Chinese President Xi Jinping first officially proposed a major initiative to deepen customs cooperation on “Smart Customs, Smart Borders and Smart Connectivity” (“3S”) for trade security and faster clearance which was well received by the participants.

China's experience shows that the "3S" Initiative should not simply be understood as the application of intelligent technologies and equipment, but include the innovation of customs procedure and institutional processes improvement.

So far, the "3S" Initiative has been accepted in **21** strategic documents or inter-government cooperation documents by international organizations such as WCO and APEC, and China has developed **89** "3S" pilots in different ports.

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