

## ROAD MAP FOR THE ECOWAS COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF/CUSTOMS UNION

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS	State of Progress	Measures to Undertake	Institution or Administration with Responsibility	Lead ECOWAS Official	Donor Support	EVALUATION	DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION
1. Free Trade Area	1. Liberalization of Intra-Community Trade	Incomplete		ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States				Before the end of 2004
	1.1 Implementation of new Rules of Origin and other Harmonized Mechanisms	Relevant acts and decisions adopted in early 2002	Signature of Protocols by Heads of State	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP		BE: BF: CI: CV: GA: GH: GU: GB: LI: MA: NI: NA: SE: SL: TO:	May 2003
	1.2 Dissemination of Information	Incomplete	Organization of Workshops on the new harmonized texts	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	EU support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	First 6 months of 2004

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	1.3 Tariff Dismantling on Intra-Community Trade	Implementation is incomplete		ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP		BE: Yes BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: Yes GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: Yes	January 2004
	1.3.1 Sensitization Activities	Incomplete	Sensitization for National Authorities (Ministries of Integration and Finance) on eliminating tariff barriers. Program to start steps by steps.	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	End 2003 for initial efforts, then ongoing
	1.3.2 Evaluation of Trade Liberalization Scheme	Prior Steps must be achieved first	Missions to evaluate Implementation of the Trade Liberalization Scheme and the new harmonized texts	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Need funding	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No	Third Quarter of 2004

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2. Common External Tariff	2.1 Common Customs Nomenclature (HS 1996)	Implemented in every Member State		Member States	DTCP		BE: Yes BF: Yes CI: Yes CV: Yes GA: Yes GH: Yes GU: Yes GB: Yes LI: Yes MA: Yes NI: Yes NA: Yes SE: Yes SL: Yes TO: Yes	
	2.2 Implementation of HS 2002	ECOWAS and UEMOA have already proceeded to the transposition of the HS 2002	Adoption of HS 2002 transposition	ECOWAS	DTCP		BE: BF: CI: CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: LI: No MA: NI: NA: No SE: SL: No TO:	December 2003
	2.3 Preparation for the implementation of CET  2.3.1 Creation of national coordinating committees	Incomplete.	Creation of national coordinating committees	Member States	DPE		BE: BF: CI: CV: Yes GA: Yes GH: Yes GU: Yes	2003

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	2.3.2 Visits to Member States not presently applying the CET	Complete	Provision of information and sensitization for the national coordinating committees	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP/ DPE	USAID	CV: Yes GA: Yes GH: Yes GU: Yes LI: No NA: Yes SL: Yes	February/March/ May 2003
	2.3.3 Analysis of existing structure, rates and classification of products	National Impact study has not been finalized	Completion of impact study, comparing national tariffs with common rates and classification	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DPE	European Union	In progress	(in progress) February – March 2004
	2.3.4 Deepening of analysis at national level	Depends in part on results of impact study	Undertaking of complementary studies and other necessary analyses	Member States	DPE	USAID	CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No LI: No NA: No SL: No	March - April 2004
	2.3.5 Consultations by national coordinating committees with private sector and other stakeholders	Prior steps must be achieved first	National coordinating committees consult with private sector interests and other stakeholders	Member States	DPE	USAID	CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No LI: No NA: No SL: No	May-June 2004
	2.3.6 Preparation and validation of national Roadmap by national committees	Prior steps must be achieved first	Preparation of national Roadmap by national committees, based on analyses and consultations. Appropriate validation	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DPE	USAID	CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No LI: No NA: No SL: No	June 2004

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	2.3.7 Meeting of experts at regional level to negotiate Regional Roadmap	Prior steps must be achieved first	Agreement on terms of regional Roadmap (implementation period and exceptions)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)	USAID EU		July 2004
	2.3.8 Meeting of CET Experts	Draft Regional CET Harmonization Plan in progress	Adoption of draft Regional CET Harmonization Plan	Member States, ECOWAS and UEMOA	DES (PH)	USAID		March/April 2005
	2.3.9 Meeting of all ECOWAS Member States	Regional CET Harmonization Plan finalized and adopted	Creation of framework for negotiations and implementation of CET Harmonization Plan	Member States, ECOWAS and UEMOA	DES (PH)	USAID		May 2005
	2.3.10 Special Meeting of ECOWAS Customs Commission	Prior steps must be achieved first	Agreement on draft Regional CET Adoption Plan (implementation period and exceptions)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)	USAID		May 2005
	2.4 Launching of CET by Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government	Prior steps must be achieved first	Agreement on the date of entry into force as well as steps to be taken	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and Member States	DES (PH)			May 2005
	2.5 Progressive implementation of new system	Incomplete	Implementation of common classification and rates	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)		CV: GA: GH: GU: LI: NA: SL:	2005 – end 2007

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	2.5.1 Sensitisation Campaigns		Organisation of seminars, workshops, round table conferences, radio and television discussions, etc.	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)	USAID	CV: GA: GH: GU: LI: NA: SL:	2005, 2006, 2007
	2.5.2 Initial Evaluation	Prior steps must be accomplished	Verification of implementation of the CET, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)	Need donor support	BE: BF: CI: CV: GA: GH: GU: GB: LI: MA: NI: NA: SE: SL: TO:	July 2006
	2.5.2.1 Report on initial Evaluation	Prior steps must be accomplished	Reporting on implementation of the CET	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)			October 2006
	2.5.2.2 Special meeting of the Customs Commission	Prior steps must be accomplished	Discussion at regional level of findings of Mid-Term Evaluation Report	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, UEMOA, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		November 2006
	2.5.3 Final Evaluation	Prior steps must be accomplished	Verification of implementation of the CET, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)		BE: BF: CI: CV: GA: GH: GU: GB: LI:	2007

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	2.5.3.1 Report on Final Evaluation	Prior steps must be accomplished	Reporting on implementation of the CET	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)			2007
	2.5.3.2 Special meeting of the Customs Commission	Prior steps must be accomplished	Discussion at regional level of Final Evaluation Report	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, UEMOA, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		2007

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3. Harmonisation of Customs Legislation and Regulations	3.1 Implementation of the Single Customs Declaration	Two Member States are using the SCD	Organisation of seminars or information workshops for customs officials and customs brokers (Recruitment of two Consultants)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, UEMOA, Member States	DTCP	Donor support needed	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: Yes GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: Yes SE: No SL: No TO: No	First Quarter of 2004
	3.1.1 Verification of the implementation of the SCD	Incomplete	Visits to Member States	ECOWAS, UEMOA	DTCP	Donor support needed	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	Third Quarter of 2004
	3.1.2 Reporting on findings	Prior steps must be taken.	Communicating findings to Customs Commission	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)			October 2004
	3.2 Facilitation of Inter-State Road Transport of merchandise	Incomplete. Ten Member States have designated their national	Designation of national guarantors and signing of the Convention by remaining Member States	Member States	DTCP		BE: Yes BF: Yes CI: Yes GA: No GH: Yes	First half of 2003

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		guarantors and signed the accord					GU: Yes GB: No LI: No MA: Yes NI: Yes NA: Yes SE: Yes SL: No TO: Yes	
	3.2.1 Implementation of the ISRT	Incomplete	Implementation by Member States		DTCP		BE: ? BF: ? CI: ? GA: No GH: ? GU: ? GB: No LI: No MA: ? NI: ? NA: ? SE: ? SL: No TO: ?	End 2003
	3.2.2 Evaluation of the implementation of the ISRT		Recruitment of a Consultant	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Need donor support		August 2003
	3.2.3 Preparation and printing of information documents		Preparation of technical documentation on ISRT convention and regulations established for all stakeholders, also material for the press and general public	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and consultants	DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No	January 2004

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	3.2.4 Information and facilitation campaigns		Missions to Member States in order to hold seminars/roundtables with stakeholders, including parliamentarians and civil society	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States (national guarantors)	DTCP	Need donor support		First Quarter of 2004
	3.2.4.1 Action meetings with 3 key stakeholder groups		Seminars with 3 key groups of stakeholders: experts (customs agents, customs brokers, freight forwarders, national guarantors, private sector associations)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	First Quarter of 2004
	3.2.4.2 Preparation of effective implementation at border posts		Distribution of materials and seminars with customs, police and military officials at border posts	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States (national guarantors)	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	November 2004

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	3.2.5 Preparation and activities for T-Day, when interstate road transit will pass freely within ECOWAS.		Designation of T-Day. Related publicity campaigns (radio, TV, newspapers, posters).	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP			March 2004
	3.2.6 Creation of national ISRT monitoring committees	Prior steps must be achieved	In order to follow up on implementation of ISRT, creation of national committees comprised of ECOWAS, customs, customs brokers, politicians and private sector associations	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	March 2004
	3.2.7 Evaluation of present ISRT Convention and proposals for reform		Evaluation in collaboration with UEMOA of the ISRT Convention, including visits to Member States, and proposals for reform	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and Commission of UEMOA	DTCP	EU		May 2004
	3.2.8 Consideration of reform proposals		Meeting of experts at regional level to consider proposals for establishment of a more functional mechanism	ECOWAS, UEMOA, Member States	DTCP			June 2004

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	3.3 Implementation of the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Customs Administration	No evaluation has been made	Evaluation study of the state of implementation of the accord, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat by means of an outside consultant	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: ? BF: ? CI: ? CV: ? GA: ? GH: ? GU: ? GB: ? LI: ? MA: ? NI: ? NA: ? SE: ? SL: ? TO: ?	End 2005
	3.3.1 Meeting at regional level to share findings of the evaluation study	Prior steps must be accomplished.	Discussion of findings and best practices	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005
	3.3.2 Preparation of information document	Prior steps must be accomplished	Preparation of information document	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005

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	3.3.3 Dissemination of findings and best practices		Provision of information for customs agents, potentially including training the trainers		DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	End 2005
	3.4 Implementation of WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation	The system is adopted within UEMOA	Drafting of the guidelines for implementation of the new system of customs valuation (Recruitment of a Consultant)	ECOWAS Secretariat, World Customs Organization	DTCP		BE: ? BF: ? CI: ? CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: ? LI: No MA: ? NI: ? NA: No SE: ? SL: No TO: ?	December 2004
	3.4.1 Meeting of experts to adopt the draft text		Agreement on guidelines for implementation	Member States	DES (PH)	Donor support needed		March 2004

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	3.4.2 Implementation of the customs valuation		Organisation of seminars in collaboration with WCO	ECOWAS, World Customs Organization	DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2005
	3.5 Adoption of a Community Customs Code	The UEMOA customs code is in force	Undertake a convergence study, including visits to 2 UEMOA countries, the Commission of UEMOA, and the non-UEMOA Member States (Recruitment of a Consultant)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: Yes BF: Yes CI: Yes CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: Yes LI: No MA: Yes NI: Yes NA: No SE: Yes SL: No TO: Yes	End 2004
	3.5.1 Meeting of experts at regional level	Prior steps must be accomplished.	Discussion at regional level and action on findings	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DES (HP)			March 2004
	3.5.2 Meeting of Customs Commission	Prior steps must be accomplished.	Discussion at regional level and action on findings	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DTCP			July 2004

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	3.5.3 Adoption of Community Customs Code		Formal adoption	ECOWAS Council of Ministers	DES (PH)			End 2004
	3.5.4 Implementation of Community Customs Code		Implementation by Member States	Member States	DTCP		BE: BF: CI: CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: LI: No MA: NI: NA: No SE: SL: No TO:	January 2005
	3.5.5 Evaluation of implementation		Evaluation of implementation, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	Third quarter of 2005

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4. Complementary Measures necessary for implementation of the Customs Union	4.1 Harmonisation of internal indirect taxes	Most ECOWAS Member States apply the VAT system. UEMOA has already adopted a program for harmonization of national legislation on VAT and proposed implementation of a single VAT rate.	Evaluation study on the principles and implementation of the VAT, including visits to Member States and proposals outlining the different steps necessary for harmonization of VAT rates (Recruitment of a Consultant)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, UEMOA, Member States	DPE	Donor support needed	BE: ? BF: ? CI: ? CV: ? GA: ? GH: ? GU: ? GB: ? LI: ? MA: ? NI: ? NA: ? SE: ? SL: ? TO: ?	June 2004
	4.1.1 Meeting of experts at regional level	Prior steps must be accomplished.	Discussion at regional level and action on findings	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		June 2004
	4.1.2 Meeting of Customs Commission	Prior steps must be accomplished.	Discussion at regional level and action on findings	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		July 2004
	4.1.3 Harmonization of other elements besides VAT: petroleum product taxation and excise taxes	UEMOA has made progress on harmonization in these areas	Elaboration and adoption of a harmonization program of national policies on petroleum product taxation and excise taxes	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DPE			2004-2005
	4.2 Common Trade Policy and Regional Legislation on Competition Policy				DTCP			

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	4.2.1 Terms of reference for study on common trade policy	On trade policy, UEMOA has begun efforts to substitute Community Accords for bilateral accords	Develop terms of reference and methodology for study on UEMOA and ECOWAS trade policies	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Donor support needed		June 2003
	4.2.2 Terms of reference for study on common competition policy	UEMOA has adopted competition policy legislation	Develop terms of reference and methodology for study on UEMOA and ECOWAS competition policies	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Donor support needed		June 2003
	4.2.3 Recruitment of consulting firm		Recruitment of one consulting firm for both studies	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)	Donor support needed		1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004
	4.2.4 Research for studies		Visits to Member States by consultants		DTCP	Donor support needed	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	April 2004
	4.2.5 Evaluation of existing situation and conceptual definition of ECOWAS policies on competition and trade		Submission of reports by consultants	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			May 2004
	4.2.6 Meeting of experts at regional level		Meeting of experts to consider consultants' reports	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)	Donor support needed		October 2004

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	4.2.7 Draft legislation on trade policy		Drafting of legislation on trade policy	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			End 2004
	4.2.8 Draft legislation on competition policy		Drafting of legislation on competition policy	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			End 2004
	4.2.9 Adoption of common trade policy		Consideration and adoption of trade policy by ECOWAS bodies	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)			End 2004
	4.2.10 Adoption of common competition policy		Consideration and adoption of competition policy by ECOWAS bodies	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)			First half 2004
	4.2.11 Implementation of common policies by Member States		Implementation of competition and trade policies by Member States	Member States	DTCP			First trimester 2005
	4.2.12 Follow-on monitoring of implementation		Evaluation and monitoring of implementation, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	Donor support needed	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	Second trimester 2005
	4.3 Elimination of non-tariff barriers within the Customs Union	Incomplete			DTCP	World Bank		Ongoing
	4.3.1 Reduction of customs checkpoints and administrative	Customs checkpoints have been reduced, but not sufficiently	Continue organization of bilateral	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP		BE: BF: CI:	Ongoing

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	hassles		coordination meetings between Member States				CV: GA: GH: GU: GB: LI: MA: NI: NA: SE: SL: TO:	
	4.3.2 Reduction of customs barriers to free movement of persons		Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the protocol on the free movement of persons	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			Ongoing
	4.3.3 Meetings of national authorities at regional level		Organize periodic meetings of Ministers of Interior and Security	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)			Ongoing. 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of 2003: April/Mai 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of 2003: October
	4.4.1 Establishment of joint customs posts at border crossing points	UEMOA has launched a pilot project	Evaluate the pilot project initiated by UEMOA	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	World Bank, others?		2003
	4.4.2 Establishment of joint customs posts across whole region		Extend the project to the whole region (Identification and feasibility study)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DTCP	World Bank, others?		2004
	4.5.1 Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade	Work underway on normalization and certification	Evaluate existing technical barriers to trade, including visits to Member States	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Donor support needed	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No	End 2004

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	4.5.2 Meeting of experts at regional level		First meeting of experts to develop principles for a common policy on norms	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DTCP	Solicit technical assistance from the WTO and financial assistance from aid donors	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	End 2004
	4.5.3 First list of common norms and standards		Adoption of first list of common norms and standards	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP			First half 2005
	4.5.4 Implementation of first list of common norms and standards		Implementation of first list of common norms and standards	Member States	DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	End 2005

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5. Community Levy and Solidarity Fund	5.1 Effective implementation of Community Levy system	In effect in every Member State	Periodically evaluate the functioning of the system, by means of visits to Member States	ECOWAS, Member States	DTCP		BE: ? BF: ? CI: ? CV: ? GA: ? GH: ? GU: ? GB: ? LI: ? MA: ? NI: ? NA: ? SE: ? SL: ? TO: ?	July 2003
	5.1.1 Verification of the community levy mechanism		Periodic Verification and Control of Collection and Transfer of Funds, by means of visits to Member States		DTCP		BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	2004 continuous verification
	5.1.2 Consolidation of Community Levy Mechanism	Nearing end of transition period	Implement permanent regime	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DES (PH)			July 2003
	5.2 Solidarity Fund	Consideration being given to the modalities of creating the Fund	Undertake a study in order to determine the modalities for		DPE			June 2004

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			establishment of the Solidarity Fund	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat				
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6. Institutional Framework	6.1 Decision-Making Mechanisms	Consideration being given to making ECOWAS decisions more binding on Member States, for example by making ECOWAS decisions immediately applicable in Member States	Proposal by the Secretariat on revision of the present decision-making mechanisms.	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)		In progress	2004
	6.2 Mechanism for Verification and Control of the Implementation of Community Acts	Foreseen in Article 19 of the Treaty. Further work remains to be done.	Proposal by Secretariat on the measures needed to establish the Mechanism for Verification and Control of the Implementation of Community Acts	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, ECOWAS Court of Justice	DTCP		In progress	2004
	6.2.1 Adoption of Mechanism for Verification and Control of Community Acts		Adoption of Mechanism for Verification and Control of Community Acts	Member States, ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DES (PH)			2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2004
	6.3 Reorganization of national Customs Administrations	Reflection underway	Elaborate a project on reorganizing national Customs administrations based on the strategic plan for customs modernization developed by the WCO	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Commission of UEMOA, Member States	DES (PH)	Need donor support		End 2005
	6.3.1 Improving performance of Customs		Improve the performance of the Customs services	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat	DTCP	Need donor support		2005

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			responsible for determining Customs value and origin					
	6.3.2 Evaluation of ASYCUDA system and recommendations for improvement		Evaluation of the ASYCUDA system, including visits to Member States. Report should include recommendations to increase the capacity of ASYCUDA functions and to modernize Member State equipment.	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	Need donor support	BE: No BF: No CI: No CV: No GA: No GH: No GU: No GB: No LI: No MA: No NI: No NA: No SE: No SL: No TO: No	2003
	6.3.3 Training for Customs officers		Organize training programmes for Customs officers on Customs techniques and procedures (particularly related to fraud control)	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Member States	DTCP	Need donor support		2004