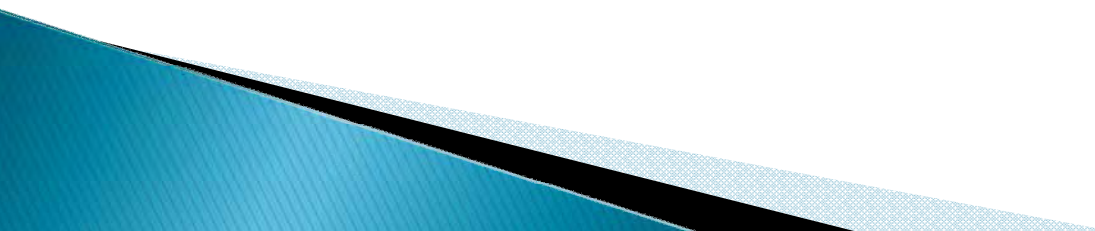


# **MONGOLIAN CUSTOMS: TIME RELEASE STUDY**

CAREC 11<sup>th</sup> CCC Meeting  
October 22-24, 2012  
Chengdu, PRC

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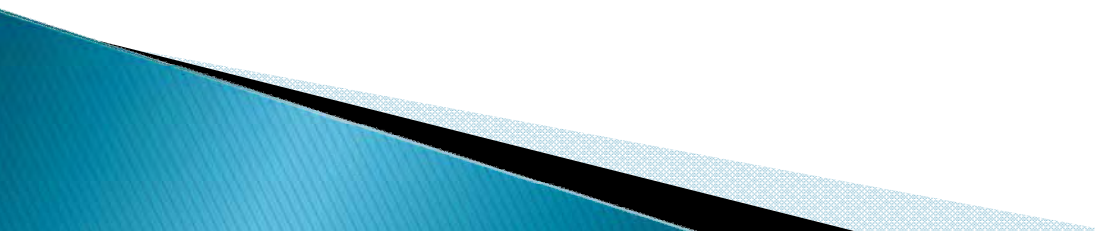
# TRS Policy Issues

- ▶ CAREC 9<sup>th</sup> CCC Meeting – Japan, Tokyo/Sept 2010
  - ▶ CAREC Planning workshop on Time Release Study (Uzbekistan, Tashkent/March 2011) – 3 mongolian officers were trained
  - ▶ Mongolian Customs concluded tripartite MOU with USAID and MNCCI – TRS among other joint actions
  - ▶ Mongolian Customs signed Action Plan with GASI – collaborate on TRS
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# TRS in Mongolian Customs

- ▶ Stage 1 – Pilot TRS
- ▶ WCO TRS Guide was translated into Mongolian
- ▶ Pilot tests and attempts by Mongolian Customs “on its own” and for customs purposes
  
- ▶ Stage 2 – Full Scale TRS
- ▶ USAID – Business Plus Initiative Project – collaboration on RM, Customs Brokers, TRS
- ▶ 2 Consultants hired: for TRS Manual designed for BCP’s selected and for Analysis

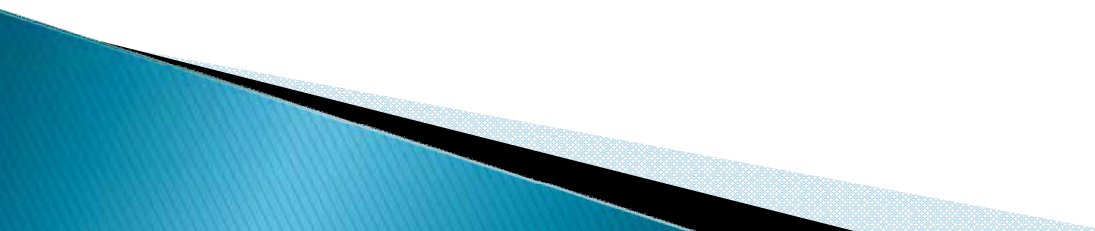
# TRS in Mongolian Customs

- ▶ TRS Mongolia: started Sept 29, 2012 up to now
  - ▶ Border (with PRC and Russia) and inland Customs were selected: in Central Mongolia-3, East-1, West-1, North-1 and South-3
  - ▶ Covering: road, rail, air; high workload, low workload (type of goods were taken into consideration)
  - ▶ Involvement of related stakeholders
  - ▶ Duration: 1 week at each selected location
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# Lessons learned

- ▶ **Preparatory Stage:**
- ▶ Involvement of all stakeholders responsible for the trade facilitation (organize prior meetings for different levels - high level is a must )
- ▶ Select a ministry as the main “conductor”: Customs directives not sufficient
- ▶ Hire an experienced Consultant (Single Consultant for the preparation of both TRS Manual and Analysis)
- ▶ Sufficient Training for all the participants in TRS (Customs Officers, students, staff from other government agencies and private sector)
- ▶ Public Awareness Campaign among importers and exporters

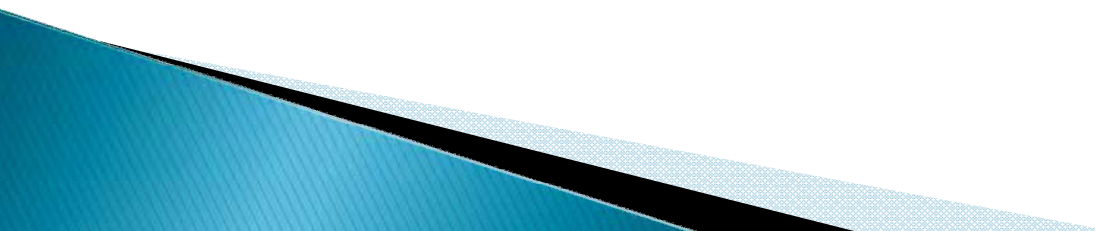
# Lessons learned

- ▶ **Start of the TRS**
  - ▶ Start from Central Customs to gain experience with further expansion to border Customs (helps for uniform interpretation and application of TRS procedures and survey questionnaire)
  - ▶ Involve staff from local Customs to practice in Central Customs
  - ▶ Ads to be placed in the customs areas informing about the TRS taking place
  - ▶ TRS staff to wear identification badges
  - ▶ 1-2 days testing period
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# Lessons learned

- ▶ **TRS in progress**
  - ▶ Proper organization and management of the working groups on sites (group leader, stable staff)
  - ▶ Daily input of the collected data into the system by the working groups (software to be ready)
  - ▶ Team leader responsible for the regional Customs house to be appointed
  - ▶ Daily wrap-up meetings by the Team leader with working group leaders to discuss the TRS progress and take appropriate actions (helps to ensure uniformity)
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# CONCLUSION

- ▶ “Learning by Doing” experience for Mongolian Customs
  - ▶ Important that the results of the TRS be accepted by other agencies and used for policy determination (simplification and harmonization of procedures, documentation, coordinated border management, etc.)
  - ▶ Survey results will be available in November 2012
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# Thank you for your attention

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