

FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT ACROSS BORDERS



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC) TRADE FACILITATION PROGRAM

An Overview

Objectives

- To raise awareness and develop an understanding on what is required to comply with and accede to the RKC
- To become familiar with WCO self assessments tools available to guide countries during the accession process
- To identify assistance needed by CAREC countries to
 - ▣ complete accession requirements
 - ▣ improve compliance

Outcome

- Increase transparency and efficiency in customs administration
- Reduce transaction costs and enhance trade security

Part of Broader Agenda



CAREC Trade Facilitation Program main goals:

- Reduce transaction costs and time by
 - ▣ improving administrative efficiency
 - ▣ simplifying, standardizing, and harmonizing trade procedures.
- Encourage the free movement of people and goods.
- Increase the transparency of trade regulations and procedures.

Part of Broader Agenda

Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) priority areas:

- i.** simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation;
- ii.** information and communication technology for customs modernization and data exchange;
- iii.** risk management and post-entry audit;
- iv.** joint customs control; and
- v.** regional transit development.

What has been done...

Customs cooperation: reform and modernization



The CCC agreed to adopt the self-assessment tools of the World Customs Organization (WCO) in their work on RKC.

What has been done...

Customs cooperation: reform and modernization

- Amended Customs codes
- Joint customs control (JCC)
- Time release studies (TRS)
- Capacity building

Accession to RKC has been one of the cornerstones of CAREC Customs Cooperation/Trade Facilitation

What has been done...

Integrated trade facilitation

- CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)
- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)
- Capacity building

Moving Forward... CAREC 2020

CAREC Corridor development

- ❑ Maximize the benefits of CAREC corridors
- ❑ Continue monitoring corridor performance (CPMM and TRS)
- ❑ Conduct more trade logistics management training
- ❑ Strengthen ties with the private sector
- ❑ Modernize and harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures
- ❑ Facilitate the movement of people
- ❑ Continue customs modernization training

Moving Forward... RKC Accession/Compliance

Next steps

- Pair up those countries working on accession with those seeking to accede
- Connect RKC accession/compliance efforts with WTO accession/compliance efforts
- Develop Accession Action Plans
- Identify common needs for accession assistance
- Identify common needs for compliance assistance

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