



***Workshop on National and Regional
Joint Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee***

Initial Findings, Good Practices and Recommendations



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National Joint Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee

1. PRC established 2003 (GMS initiative)
2. AZE established 2004
3. NJC working groups established 2008 in UZB and KGZ
4. Emerging NJC working groups can learn from experience of the two established committees



China National Transport Facilitation Committee

1. Established by State Council on September 2003, as a result of China's 2002 participation in GMS.
2. Chaired by the Minister of Transport (Provide Secretariat)
 - Customs General Administration
 - General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
 - Ministry of Public Security
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Commerce
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - State Development and Reform Commission
 - Vice Governor of Yunnan and Guanxi serve as Vice Chair



China National Transport Facilitation Committee Achievements

1. Negotiated and signed 3 agreements and 17 annexes with GMS members
2. Draft GMS agreement implementation plan and held implementation training classes
3. Participate in Asian Highway Network inter-government agreement
4. Signed approximately 15 bi-lateral and regional multilateral agreements with neighboring countries
5. Completed 8 rounds of negotiation among six SCO members on trade & transport facilitation agreement
6. 14 concrete recommendations proposed by Deputy Transport Minister Yun Men Yun at Dec 13, 2007 Beijing meeting



Compare China to Top G8 Countries

Export - Procedures, Delays and Costs (1 TEU)

(Source: WB Doing Business 2007)

Country	Document	Signature	Days	Costs
China	6	7	20	335
USA	6	5	9	625
Japan	5	3	11	789
Germany	4	1	6	731
United Kingdom	5	5	12	676



Compare China to Top G8 Countries

Import - Procedures, Delays and Costs (1 TEU) (Source: WB Doing Business 2007)

Country	Document	Signature	Days	Costs
China	12	8	22	375
USA	5	4	9	625
Japan	7	3	11	847
Germany	4	1	6	750
United Kingdom	4	5	12	756



China's Trade & Transport Performance

1. Among the lowest import/export cost countries in the world
2. Export procedures & delays approaching G8 performance
3. Import procedures & delays substantially better than most Asian countries



China's Trade & Transport Performance

1. Continuous improvement on trade & transport improvement
2. China Customs ePort, risk management initiatives
3. Drastic expansion of rail network
4. TA7174 PRC – Transport Efficiency through Logistics Development Policy (efficient & effective usage of existing infrastructure, special focus on multimodal transportation)



AZERPRO – National Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee of Azerbaijan

1. Established by World Bank on Oct 2004 as a Public-Private Committee to coordinate policies & actions in trade & transport facilitation
2. Chaired by National Secretary of AZE, TRACECA
3. 22 members from government and private sector
 - 9 relevant government ministries & agencies (Customs Committee, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc)
 - 13 private sector participants (freight forwarder, road carrier association)



AZERPRO – National Trade & Transport Facilitation Committee of Azerbaijan

1. Lack of high level AZE government support
2. No AZE government funding
3. Chairman is not senior AZE government official
4. Infrequent meetings
5. Inconsistent AZE government representation on committee, driven by meeting agenda
6. Minimal visibility
7. Impact & success is low
8. Future unknown



Kyrgyz National Council to Assist in the Area of Trade & Transport Facilitation

1. Established by Resolution on Jan 29, 2008 (revised Feb 21, 2009). Objectives include trade policy, simplification of procedures (SW).
2. Chaired by the Minister of Economic Development & Trade, aim to meet every 3 months
3. Large and diverse membership group includes private sector & donor representatives
 - All 13 relevant government ministries & agencies (Customs Committee, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Border Services, etc)
 - 2 business operators - Customs Cargo Services, Kyrgyz Railroad
 - 8 assorted trade and transport associations
 - ADB, GTZ, USAID



Uzbekistan Standing Working Group

1. Established on Oct 6, 2008, with all resolutions completed March, 2009
2. Objectives include formulation of common policy, common tariff in int'l transport operation; deep analysis for future development of corridors; development of UZB transit potential & Navoi
3. Chaired by Mr. Ganiev of Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Industry & Trade
4. Membership consists of government entities and SOE
 - 11 relevant government ministries & agencies (Customs Committee, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, Uzavtoyul, Agency for Road & River Transportation, etc)
 - 2 SOE - UTY, Uzbekistan Airways



Initial Findings, Best Practices

1. One highly active (PRC), one inactive (AZE) and two emerging (KGZ, NJC).
2. Successful NJC has strong focus on achieving concrete results.
3. Membership maturity & continuity contribute to gains.
4. NJC must have authority to implement decisions.
5. AZE, KGZ NJC might be too large. Donors, trade organizations & operators need not be members.
6. Never too late to start (or restart).



Recommendations

1. Must have deep, unwavering, high level commitment & support
2. Formal reporting relationship to Lead Agency
3. Encompass both long & short term, strategic & tactical objectives
4. Diverse, but manageable number of motivated participants
5. Clear vision, precise goals, measurable criteria, support by adequate resources & well crafted action plans
6. Strong passion towards implementation
7. Concentrate on achieving early wins
8. Use success to build confidence, momentum and camaraderie
9. Benchmark the best and apply TQM Principles (PDCA)



Potential NJC & RJC Projects

1. CAREC corridor performance measurement & monitoring
2. Single window
3. One stop service
4. Simplification of forms
5. Clarification of export import requirements
6. Common transit documents
7. Harmonization of standards
8. Mutual recognition of weights & measures, inspection results
9. Capacity building & training



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Thank you!