

CAREC Trade Facilitation Action Plans: Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Key Developments

Project

- Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project in KGZ and TAJ approved in April 2013; MON in process

Knowledge Product

- Report on the Development of a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Plan for the CAREC Countries published in May 2013

Institutional Support and Capacity Building

1. Customs cooperation

- 11th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting, Chengdu, October 2012
- Workshop on WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, Astana, February 2013
- Customs Modernization & Risk Management Training for CAREC Countries, Shanghai Customs College, May 2013

2. Integrated trade facilitation

- Workshop on SPS Measures, Bangkok, July 2012
- Working with the private sector - CFCFA Annual Meeting, Bangkok, December 2012
- CPMM Workshop: CAREC Experience and Future Prospects, Almaty, March 2013
- ITF "At the Border" and "Behind the Border": Reforms and Implementation, Georgia, April 2013

Key Issues for Guidance by SOM

Priority projects

- Regional Upgrade of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST), Regional Improvement of Corridor Efficiency (RICE), RIBS 2
- RETAs
 - Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices
 - Coordinated Border Management for Results
 - Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade
 - Promoting Cooperation in SPS Measures

Corridor monitoring

- Better coverage of rail, corridor segment in PAK and TRK, logistics operations
- Time release studies
- Wider use of data

Cross-sector coordination and institutional strengthening

- Effective regional and national level coordination
- Regular government and private sector dialogue
- SPS
- Single window