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Customs Cooperation Reaching Out to CAREC Neighbors



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Customs Mutual Assistance Agreements (CMAA)

Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, China, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan

1. CMAA signed with P.R. of China in May 2017, Republic of Uzbekistan in December 2017, and Republic of Tajikistan in 2013. Steps have been taken, discussions and communications have been made with the Chinese, Uzbek, and Tajik sides for implementation of those CMAAs.

2. Draft CMAA Agreements with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Protocols have been shared with Pakistan, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan in 2018 for their review and feedback. The plan is to sign these CMAAs on a mutually accepted dates in 2018/19.

3. Partial EDI has been happening with Tajikistan. Communications are undertaken to enhance the initiative. The technical protocol for EDI with Uzbekistan to be signed in September 2018.

TIR

1. IRU Reviewed TIR Customs procedure has been developed and in practice since 2017.
2. ICDs and BCPs equipped with ASYCUDA TIR module, and introduced to IRU as TIR Customs Ports: Herat, Kabul, Balkh, Kunduz, Kandahar, and Nimroz ICDs and Islam Qala, Hairatan, Sherkhan Bandar, Torkham, and Aqina BCPs.

RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Single Criteria Risk Profiles active in all BCPs and ICDs.
2. Multie Criteria profiles installation in progress. Fifteen multi-criteria profiles for top fifteen traders of the Herat, Nimroz and Nangarher ICDs, a profile for each of the top trader, were created and installed to the ASYCUDA system.
3. Customs Clearance Time in three above ICDs has decreased dramatically. Imports are now hit by proper risk based assessments.
4. Balkh, Kandahar, Aqina, and Farah ICDs to be covered with multi criteria risk profiling within 2018.

Current Projects

- 1. Asian Development Bank Border Crossing Improvement Project:** Time Release Study, Vehicle Cargo Scanners, Cargo Vehicle Tracking System – Corridor 5 and 6
- 2. SMART Systems Project:** Surveillance system, Digital Scales, and Solar System in Nimroz, Ningarhar, Balkh, Farah, and Kandahar ICDs and BCPs.
- 3. Command and Control room in HQ:** to monitor the surveillance and cargo vehicle cargo tracking system on 24 hours bases.

New Projects and Initiatives

1. Accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention and Framework
2. Establishment of the modern multi platform dry ports in Aqina, Balkh, and Nimroz provinces in support of the Lapid Lazuli Corridor
3. National Single Window, and Trade Portal Feasibility Study
4. TIR Parking and green windows establishment on highways and customs houses
5. Lapid Lazuli Corridor Utilization- First Shipment from Afghanistan through the corridor to happen within next two months.
6. Special Economic Zones in Kandahar and Balkh provinces where Customs play the central role

CAPACITY BUILDING

Customs and Tax Academy:

1. In house Four-months customs courses since 2016- 4 rounds of graduation, and total of 400 officers trained up to date.

2. WCO international capacity building programs

3. Online programs

Georgia: MoU, Operating Model, and Visits from Border, Academy, K9, Passengers System, and Workshops on Project Management, PCA and Risk Management.



Future Modernization and Reform Plan

1. ACD Strategic plan (2018-2022) with focus on six strategic goals:

- (i) Due Revenue Collection
- (ii) Improve Institutional Efficiency
- (iii) Improve Compliance
- (iv) Anti-Corruption
- (v) Automation
- (vi) Implementation of TFA

CHALLENGES

1. Volatile Security Environment
2. Low Capacity
3. Insufficient regional cooperation on (Data interchange, anti-smuggling and illegal cross border trade, experience sharing, and process and procedures harmonization)
4. Insufficient modern infrastructure

Thank you!

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