

Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan



ДУШАНБЕ

Border crossing and customs procedures

State border control

- border control;
- customs control;
- sanitary and epidemiological control;
- veterinary control;
- phyto-sanitary control ;
- transport control;
- environmental control;
- other types of control.



Flow of goods through the state border

Goods:

- goods for commercial purposes (trade turnover);
- goods for noncommercial purposes (nontrading turnover).

Transport:

- goods transportation carriers;
- personal automobile transportation;
- in capacity of goods.

Physical persons:

- physical persons;
- transport crews



Key functions of customs authorities

- Ensuring, within its competency, the protection of sovereignty and economic security of the country
- Ensuring compliance of established bans and limitations with regard to goods, transported through the customs border, in accordance with regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan and international legal acts
- Ensuring compliance with procedure of movement of goods and transport through the customs border



Prime objective of customs authorities

Facilitating trade and economy development of the Republic of Tajikistan by simplification and unification of customs procedures in movement of goods and transport through the state border



Regulatory framework in the area of customs matters

Regulatory framework is based on the Constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan and incorporates the following:

- Customs Code;
- Effective regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- International legal acts, recognized by the Republic of Tajikistan;



Basic principles of movement of goods and transport through the customs border

- ✓ All goods and transport moved through the customs border of the Republic of Tajikistan pertain to mandatory customs clearance and control, in the order of and subject to conditions set forth by the provisions of the Customs Code of the Republic of Tajikistan.



Basic principles of movement of goods and transport through the customs border

- ✓ All persons on equal terms have right to move goods and transport through the customs border, in the order, established by the Customs Code of the Republic of Tajikistan, except conditions, as stipulated by specified Customs Code, other regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan and international legal acts, recognized by the Republic of Tajikistan.



Customs procedures

- ✓ Customs operations are applied uniformly regardless of the country of origin of goods, country of consignment of goods and country of destination of goods. Given provisions extend to all customs operations, performed with regard to goods and transport, moved through the customs border.



Customs procedures

✓ Average base time for selective inspection of one unit of motor transport is established, as follows:

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| - light vehicles | 10-15 minutes |
| - freight vehicles | 15-20 minutes |
| - freight vehicles with cargo | 20-25 minutes |
| - buses | 25-30 minutes |
| - freight vehicles “empty” | 10-20 minutes |



Customs fees for transit of transport on the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan.

- ✓ a) freight vehicles with load carrying capacity of:
 - - up to 10 tons - 100 USD;
 - - from 10 to 20 tons - 150 USD;
 - - over 20 tons - 200 USD;
- ✓ б) buses with the following number of seats:
 - - up to 12 - 45 USD;
 - - from 13 to 30 - 70 USD;
 - - over 30 - 100 USD;
- ✓ в) motor cars - 25 USD;
- ✓ г) motorcycles - 10 USD.



Rates of customs fees for clearance of goods and transport

- ✓ Rates of customs fees are collected based on customs value of declared goods:
 - -up to 5001 USD – 10 USD;
 - -from 5001 to 10001 USD – 20 USD;
 - -from 10001 to 50001 USD – 70 USD;
 - -from 50001 to 100001 USD – 150 USD;
 - -from 100001 USD and over – 450 USD.



Fees for customs escort of goods and transport

- ✓ Fees for customs escort of goods and transport are collected in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan “On approval of rates of customs fees for customs services” from December 2, 2005, № 472 and is set at **2 USD for every 10 km.**
- ✓ Foreign transport vehicles, carrying cargo and using MDP books, are free from customs escort fees.



Documents for customs clearance

- Submission to customs authorities of customs declaration should be accompanied by the documents, on the basis of which the customs declaration was filled. Such documents include the following:
 - 1) documents, validating the person authorized to submit the customs declaration;
 - 2) agreements of international purchase-sale or other contracts, concluded in foreign economic transaction, and in case of unilateral foreign economic transactions – other documents specifying the contents of such transactions, as well as commercial documents;
 - 3) transport (carriage) documents;
 - 4) documents validating compliance with bans and limitations;
 - 5) documents validating payment and (or) provision of customs dues and duties



Initiation of customs clearance

- Customs clearance starts at:

1) at entry of goods – in the course of submission to the customs authority of preliminary customs declaration (bill of sight) or other documents, stipulated by the Customs Code of the Republic of Tajikistan (based on what action is initially performed), and in some instances, as set forth in the Customs Code – verbal statement or performing other actions, bearing evidence on intention of a person to complete customs clearance;

2) at removal of goods – in the course of submission of customs declaration, and in cases, as stipulated by the customs legislature -- verbal statement or performing other actions, bearing evidence on intention of a person to complete customs clearance.



Completion of customs clearance

- Customs clearance is completed after performing of customs operations required in accordance with current Code for application to goods of customs procedures, for placement of goods under customs regime, if such regime is in effect within certain period of time, and for calculation and collection of customs dues.
- Customs clearance may be completed only after performing of sanitary-quarantine, quarantine and phyto-sanitary, veterinary and other types of state control of entry of goods to customs territory of the Republic of Tajikistan or removal of goods from this territory.
- Customs authorities release goods **no later than two business days** from the date of acceptance of customs declaration, provision of other necessary documents and information, and from the time of presentation of goods to customs authorities.



Priority order of customs clearance

- In accordance with requirements of Article 67 of Customs Code of the Republic of Tajikistan, during entry and removal of goods, meant for disaster clean-up operations, emergencies and catastrophes, as well as perishable goods, live animals, international mail and express cargo, notifications or other materials for mass media, designated for supreme authorities and other similar goods – customs clearance is performed in a simplified manner and as a matter of priority.



Fees required for customs clearance

- Customs dues comprise:
 - customs duty;
 - excise duty;
 - value-added tax (VAT).



Possible areas of simplification of state border crossing

- Ensuring optimal customs procedures of movement of goods and transport through the border, depending on purposes and objectives of state control
- Reduction in regulatory bodies through transfer or reassignment of individual types of customs control
- Interagency and intergovernmental agreements on joint control



Ways of simplification of procedures of state border crossing at the level of customs service

- Simplifying requirements for presented at the border documentation
- Exchange of information between customs services on requirements to entities of external economic activity to ensure their compliance with requirements of other countries
- Bilateral recognition of customs or other documentation within the bounds of Central Asian region
- Conducting of joint (international) control on the principle of “one stop/one window”



Efforts of customs service to optimize the process of state border crossing are aimed at:

- Studying the problems of state border crossing
- Automation and technical outfitting of customs service
- Modernization of customs points infrastructure
- Information exchange with related controlling bodies and implementation of joint control



Thank you for your attention !

