

# Trade Facilitation Update

CAREC 2020 Mid-Term Review

Consultation with Customs Cooperation Committee

Bangkok, Thailand | 21–22 April 2016

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# Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices

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## 1 Workshops

- [Sharing RKC Accession Experiences](#) - countries in the process of accession prepared action plans to complete documentation; countries who have acceded prepared plans to improve compliance
- [RKC Situation/Gap Analysis in UZB](#) - refined action plan identified changes to rules and laws necessary to complete accession document
- [AEO Program Implementation](#) - workshops to assist AZE, KAZ, MON to better implement or start up their AEO program

# Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices

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## 2 Assessment: Customs Risk Management (CRM)

- Assessment workshops and trainings on risk management for KAZ, UZB, TAJ
- Conformity to international standards as basis for assessment
- Existing CRMs needs to be updated including possible introduction of AEO program

## 3 Framework for Customs Information Exchange Mechanism

- Readiness and Maturity Assessment initial report
- Information Exchange Framework to be designed based on assessment results

## 1 TRS National Planning Workshops

- Customs personnel MON, KAZ ,KGZ trained by WCO on how to use the WCO TRS Online software
- Action plans prepared to implement TRS in select BCPs

## 2 Complementary use of CPMM/TRS data

- Consultants fielded to assess implementation of TRS; initial results showed complexity of implementation, need for hands on training, and poor use of CPMM data by customs
- Regional TRS and CPMM Workshop (Urumqi, 17–18 May 2016) - assessment findings to be presented; training on how to best use the 2 methodologies: TRS and CPMM; need to involve local research agencies to conduct national level analysis of CPMM data

## 3 Case Study: MON-PRC JCC Pilot Project

- Case study identified positive factors that influenced success of JCC pilot; identified problems encountered; recommendations to improve implementation
- Next steps:
  - Zamyn Uud-Erlian and Gashuun Sukhait-Ganqimaodao to use e-UCM and move towards Phase 2 implementation
  - Pilot to be extended to other MON-PRC BCP pairs—Manlaa [Mandula] and Hangii ports
  - Other CAREC countries to initiate pilots

## 4 Complementary Study: Immigration Authorities Readiness

- Need to facilitate movement of people not only goods; particularly business and transport people
- Initial report on movement of people along MON-PRC borders, with IOM support
- CAREC-wide visa scheme, ADB in-house review

## 5 CBM for MON

- WCO to conduct initial training for MON customs, immigration and SPS agencies on May 2016

# Facilitation of Regional Transit

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**1 Inception Workshop**  
(Almaty, Jan 2015)

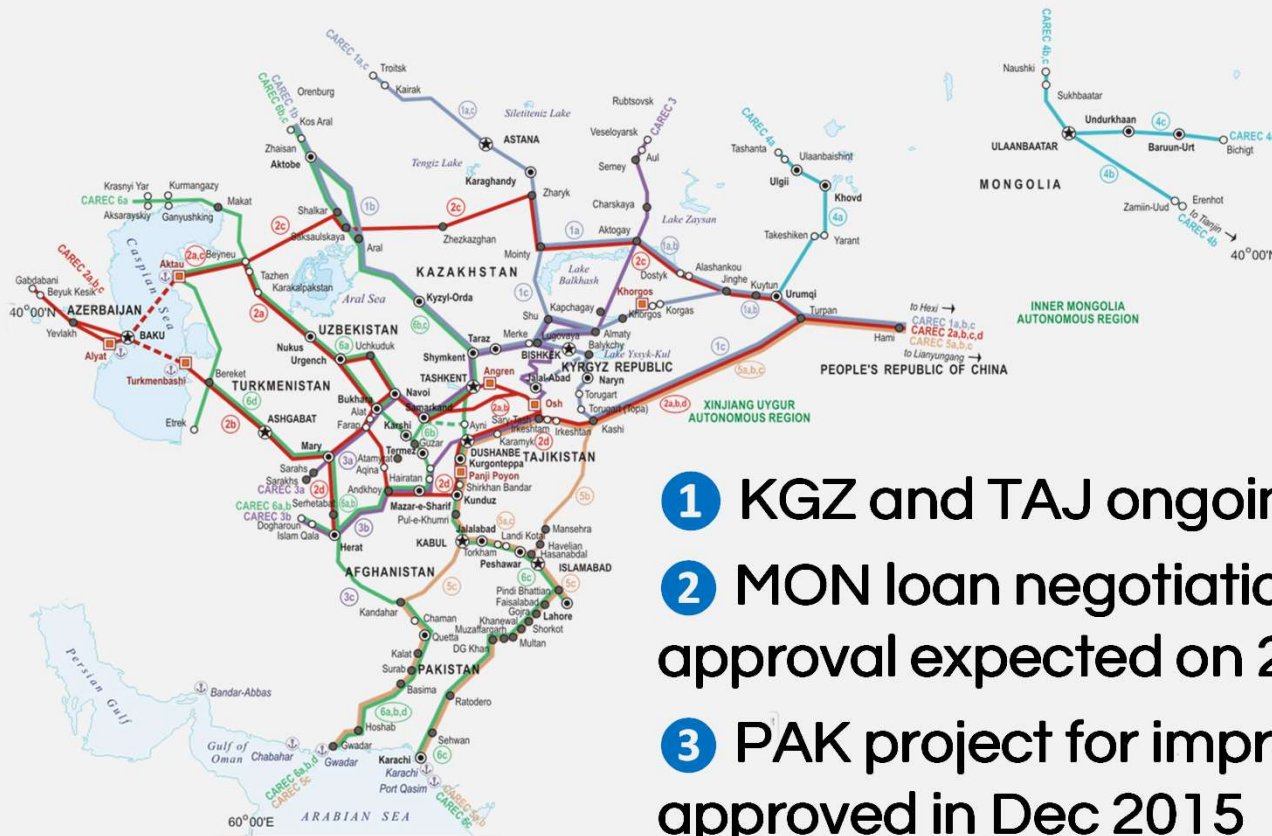
**2 Consultations**  
—customs officials, CFCFA  
Executive Board, insurance  
institutions

**3 Four Reports**

REPORTS		STATUS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transit Flows presented at the CCC Annual Meeting (Aug 2015)	Report endorsed by participants
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Proposed Regional Transit Guarantee Mechanism	Internal review by ADB done; to be presented tomorrow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Legal and Regulatory Framework	ADB internal review on-going
4 <sup>th</sup>	IT System for Transit Regime	To be started 3rd Q 2016

# Regional Improvement of Border Services

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# SPS Measures

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**1** SPS assessment on regulatory, laboratory, and border services conducted for all CAREC countries in 2014–2015

- An initial study assessed the application of SPS measures in 5 CAREC countries (MON, KAZ, KGZ, UZB, PRC). Findings were presented at the Bangkok SPS Workshop in 25–26 Jul 2012.

**2** Report validation workshop (Kyrgyz Republic, Jan 2015)

**3** CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures endorsed by MC in September 2015

**4** Mongolia: Regional Upgrades of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade Project - loan signed December 2015; now effective

**5** Regional Upgrade of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST) - for other CAREC countries

# CCC Resolutions, 2015

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1. Strengthen risk management; adopt SAFE framework
2. Expand JCC to other CAREC BCPs
3. Pilot customs information exchange mechanism
4. Pilot regional transit regime
5. Maximize CPMM and TRS data to identify BCP bottlenecks
6. Improve coordination among border control agencies
7. Increase cooperation between CCC and CFCFA



# Trade Facilitation Indicators, 2012–2015

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			2012	2013	2014	2015
TFI1	Time to Clear a BCP in hours	Average Median	10.9	10.0	14.1	13.1
			4.2	5.3	5.8	5.6
TFI2	Cost Incurred at BCP in US\$		157	235	172	161
			76	120	125	129
TFI3	Cost Incurred to Travel a Corridor Section in US\$, per 500km per 20 ton		941	1,467	1,360	1,323
			598	1,018	937	876
TFI4	Speed to Travel on CAREC Corridors (SWD) in kph		23.0	20.0	20.8	19.2
			25.0	18.2	20.6	13.8
	Speed without Delay (SWOD) in kph		38.1	36.3	40.2	33.4
			35.5	34.2	41.4	35.6

# CFCFA takes bigger TF Roles

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1. Provide risk data on traders, carriers and forwarders (AEO)
2. Partner with customs to standardize procedures
3. Encourage carriers and forwarders to participate in regional transit
4. Better communication channel between private sector and customs
5. With customs, conduct capacity building and research

## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Collects data for the CPMM
- ✓ Regional Logistics Training Program (KGZ, Dec 2014)
- ✓ Short Course in Trade Logistics for carriers and forwarders (TKM, Jun 2015)

# Key Issues presented to SOM, 2015

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## 1 Inter-agency coordination through NJC or TFC

- Only PAK has a functioning NJC
- KGZ establishing a TFC

## 2 Coordination between TF bodies and TPSAP

## 3 Regional Transit System

- Regional guarantee system
- Comprehensive insurance backup
- Regulatory framework

## 4 SPS Reform and Modernization

## Next Steps

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1. New RETA: Implementation of Trade Facilitation Initiatives
2. Meetings between CCC/CFCFA/TPSAP
3. Support for establishing TFC
4. Develop RIBS/RUST projects in more countries
5. Support for immigration reform, CBTA

# Thank you.

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