

Updates on CCC Programs and Other Deliverables

Outcome of CAREC SOM June 2017

**16th CCC Annual Meeting
Dushanbe, Tajikistan
19 September 2017**



Simplification/harmonization of customs procedures

- TKM - RKC Awareness and Self Assessment Tools
- KGZ - Gap Analysis



Joint Customs Control

- TWG meeting in Ulaanbaatar 5-8 September 2017
- Electronic unified customs manifest (eUCM)
- Case study

Risk Management

- Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program
- Assessment of existing systems
- Training on WCO SAFE program

Regional Transit

CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) Pilot Implementation



- Pilot countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan
- Focal Points appointed in all 3 pilot countries
- 3 working groups being organized comprised of customs officials and private sector
 - Legal and regulatory
 - Information technology
 - Risk management
- Nominees from private sector have been received; nominees from customs being sought
- Major output of working groups - Trilateral Agreement



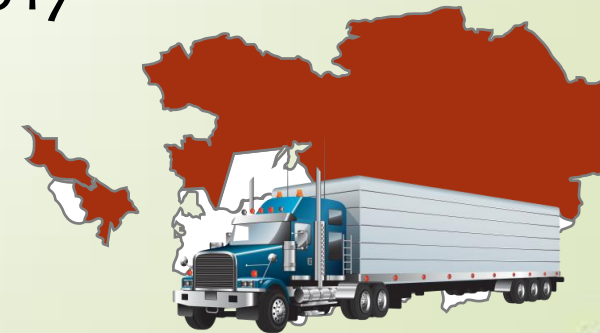
CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) Pilot Implementation



Timeline

- Blueprint for agreement submitted to governments early September 2017 by the consultancy team
- Workshop to discuss details of draft agreement and establish foundations for implementing Pilot Prototype - 25-26 September 2017, Almaty, KAZ
- Final Trilateral Agreement by end 2017
- Implementation of pilot – Starts

January 2018

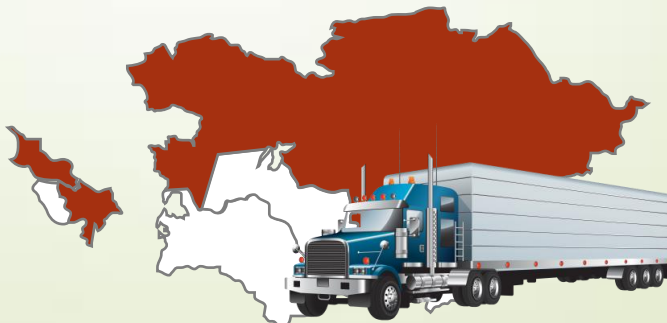


ICT for Customs Modernization



Information Common Exchange (ICE) Pilot Implementation

- Technical specification for the transit and pre-arrival message exchange being finalized.
- Message specification will be based on WCO DM XML Data Model v3.5; will be one of the first region-wide use of the WCO Data Model in the world.
- System will be demonstrated to working groups on 25-26 September in Almaty



CAREC WTO TFA Implementation

- **8 CAREC countries are WTO members:**
AFG, PRC, GEO, KAZ, KGZ, MON, PAK, TAJ
- **Requirements upon entry into force:**
 1. National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) or similar mechanism in place
 2. Notify WTO of
Category A designations and implement them
Category B and C designations with dates of implementation;
Category C will include information on technical assistance and capacity building required to implement
- **CAREC countries vary in alignment with the TFA**
Many are already aligned whether or not they are party to WTO or RKC

Technical Support for WTO TFA Implementation

- Common areas with most countries indicated designations
 - For immediate and effective implementation of Category A designations
 - To meet specific capacity building needs for Category B and C designations
- Selected additional areas with regional significance
 - Information transparency, result management, risk management, coordinate border management, single windows
- National Committee on Trade Facilitation
- Using existing and new TAs

Complementary use of CPMM and TRS data to improve border management

- Workshop in Almaty
 - WCO TRS software
 - CPMM results available on CAREC and CFCFA websites
 - Publication of TRS results

Regional Improvement of Border Services

- Status of implementation
 - KGZ
 - TAJ
 - MON
 - PAK
- Scoping for RIBS – TKM, UZB, GEO



Outcome SOM June 2017

New CAREC 2030 Strategy

- SOM broadly endorsed the overall directions, operational priorities and institutional arrangements of new strategy; further discussions at NFP meeting prior to endorsement at 16th MC
- Proposed Mission Statement: "A Regional Cooperation Platform to Connect People, Policies and Projects for Shared and Sustainable Development"
- 5 operational clusters
 - economic and financial stability;
 - trade, investment, economic corridors and tourism;
 - infrastructure and economic connectivity;
 - agriculture and water; and
 - social services.

New Institutional Arrangements

- Appropriate institutional arrangements to operationalize 5 operational clusters but keep CAREC's institutional structure simple, effective and efficient
- Ministerial Conference to serve as a high-level policy development forum
- Sector committees play important role and should be further strengthened and rationalized
- Proposal to merge trade policy and trade facilitation under a unified trade cluster; solicit views from related sector committees on the proposal

Trade Facilitation

SOM endorsed/acknowledged:

- need to support member countries meet their TFA related commitments; assessment of the TFA implementation status in CAREC countries
- pilot initiatives of CAREC Advanced Transit System and noted the need to develop a legal framework and arrangement to regulate electronic data exchange
- the progress in implementing the CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and standards for trade and instructed to undertake concrete actions on this agenda including building quality management infrastructure

Meeting with TF Development Partners

- Areas for collaboration
- Resources available
- Cooperation mechanisms

Way Forward

1. CATS and ICE pilots implementation.
2. TFA implementation
3. Formulation of new strategic framework for trade facilitation, consistent with the new forthcoming CAREC Strategy 2030 and TFA implementation commitments

Thank you