

Dear guests!
Ladies and Gentlemen!

At the time of extended multilateral communications the Customs Service of Azerbaijan has the very important tasks.

The needs to facilitate the effective development of foreign trade are created the base to the new approach in customs matters. The activities have been conducted and implemented are resulting in increase of goods turnover and effective economical policy increases the export potential of the country.

The activity on customs-tariff regulating of the foreign economic issues, improvement of the customs control and finance-taxes mechanism in customs institutions, enhance of the legislation and logistic background of customs matters greatly increases the role of the State Customs Committee in budget revenues, which helps to create the trade communications of the Azerbaijan and attracts the investments to the country. The legislation acts are of the great importance for all directions of customs service as well as the constant analysis of the approved norms to fit them the dynamically developed terms of the world market. Therefore Azerbaijan regularly accepts the different law and orders and has already acceded to the many International Conventions.

The simplification and harmonization of customs matters that facilitates the trade are being achieved by the efforts of every country on customs normative background (Customs Code) in accordance with Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Matters, known as revised Kyoto Convention.

On 9 December of 2003 the Azerbaijan Republic acceded to the Kyoto Convention. The international normative acts promote the development of customs administrating. Particularly in Azerbaijan it is oriented to simplification of customs procedures, the implementing of progressive forms of customs control, the rationalization of the customs payments technologies, the effective control for currency flow on transactions, the use of high technologies equipment in customs control, the use of modern struggling methods against the violations.

The activity on the administration improvement closely connects to the modernization and equipment of the border custom bodies. It is the constructing of the modern bodies of the customs infrastructure as well as technical procurement,

- Customs x-ray techniques (CXT)
- Inspection-customs complex (ICC)
- Technical search means (TSM)
- Technical identification means (TIM).

In frames of modernization the technology communications are of much importance, so that they solve the control providing issues on the goods passing, its cleaning, accurate taxing procedures for imported items. The “Delivery” system has been installed for that purposes. As well known, the conditions for international transit and the transit trade are the most actual questions at the present time. This area is the matter of big importance for the country-members of the region. The implementing of these tasks is proposes the following:

- Fulfill the agreements in transit transportation,
- Coordination of the bodies work regimen on timetable with the border countries and increase its working hours,
- Create the conditions needed to decrease the work time.

The realization process of improvement programs mainly consists of the approach to the total use of information technologies. Through this way we can totally transfer the paper based documentation procedure to the automated format, minimizes the man factor in documentation procedures and contact with the representatives of the business sphere.

Automated customs control and customs documentation is involved in all stage of customs cleaning:

- Accept and performance of declarations,
- Documentation control,
- Allowance to cargos out.

The program provider “ASTOK” and its implementing in customs facilities have been done with support of UN Development Office.

There were created and have been used 33 local networks. As the result of that the information exchange is available and 4 data base are created and constantly being revised: the “Border”, the “Declared cargos”, the “Transit cargos”, the “Cargos”, “Cargos, documented on upcoming orders”.

The broad use of the automated customs control and customs documentation procedures results in simplifying the interrelation of declarants with the customs institutions, increasing the quality and capability of the customs bodies, improves the reporting issues and created the conditions to transfer to the broker activity.

Additionally the customs work is hardly be imagined without the struggling against the counter passing, weaponry, illegal passing of the items. As the law protective status customs service of Azerbaijan delivered some special measures on identification and cessation series of counter passing cases and crimes in customs matter. In duration of 10 months of 2004 there have been identified the 2012 crime cases, of which 145 were ruled out by the Crime Code. In this year we detected 76 cases and confiscated totally more than 55kg of narcotics and psychotropic drugs.

The experience level of staff is of a big importance to achieve the defined targets. We are learning and implementing to the daily practice the experience of other countries, broad using of the seminars and trainings. The dogs’ training and training centers are opened to the needs not only our customs, but to the all interested institutions.

In order to develop and enhance the international cooperation of Azerbaijan Republic, strengthening the international integration, the customs service of Azerbaijan collaborates with different international organizations, customs services of WTO country-members and signed with some of them correspondent documents on customs matters.

The cooperation among the countries promotes development of the trade inside the regions and sustains the constant goods flow through the borders, which supports to liberalization programs in our region.

Despite the difficulties in country development due to occupation of 20% of territory and 1 million of refugees, the customs service of Azerbaijan has transformed to the modernized and improved structure, protecting the interests of the country to integrate the world customs family.

Dear participants!

In conclusion I would like to share my thoughts on perspectives.

- Activation to create the automated inspectors working places;
- Implement “automated risk management system”;
- Create the conditions to remote goods and vehicles declaration;
- Provide the complex activity to protect corporative system and data base.
- Increase the reliability of the corporative network by using the doubling the technical means
- Automatization the work on terminals and customs stores.

Finally I would like to wish you success and to express hope on relationships between our countries will continue in future.

Thank you for attention!