



Afghan Customs Department

CCC Priority Areas - Updates

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Overall Goal

The overall goal for the Afghan Customs Department is to **facilitate Trade, Transit, Investment** and make a major contribution to the economic and social development of Afghanistan & Region.

An effective CC will enable us meet the goal



CCC Priority Areas

- Simplification/ Harmonization of Customs Procedures
- Joint Customs Control
- Data Exchange, ICT for Customs Modernization, Single Window
- Risk Management/Customs Intelligence/Post-Entry Audit
- Regional Transit Development/TIR Transit System/ Other regional Arrangement



Afghan Customs Reform Agenda

- Regional and bi- literal Agreements, on Trade, Transit and transport
- Infrastructure Reform – Development of Border Stations & Customs Facilities
- Legislative & Regulation Reform
- Harmonization, Simplification & Standardization of Customs & Trade Procedures
- Automation of Customs Regimes
- Data Exchange & Joint Customs Control
- Introducing new trade friendly Customs Control mechanism (TIR. Risk Management)



Simplification/ Harmonization of Customs Procedures

- Import and Export Customs Processing steps - re engineered
- Extra unnecessary processing steps are eliminated in 3 major Customs offices - the rest are to go
- Customs physical examination mechanism is improved
- Development of Biometric electronic multi entry – exit card system for economic operator at borders is in progress



Simplification/ Harmonization of Customs Procedures

- Bilateral Customs Cooperation and Transit & Trade Facilitation agreements are signed
- (APTTA)
- Afghanistan Pakistan Customs Procedure Coordination and Alignment is under negotiation – September 2011



Joint Customs Control

- Significant improvement made on Joint Customs Control with Iran at borders
- The infrastructure for a joint Customs Clearance station is put in place between Afghanistan & Iran
- The similar is considered to be made available on border with Pakistan



Customs Automation - Single Window

- The Concept and strategy line for Single Window and border operation management is approved by President
- Roll out of ASYCUDA (Customs Automated System to non- computerized Customs Station
- Four Main transit stations are automated covering 75% of transit
- Seven main Import/Export processing stations are automated with ASYCUDA covering 70% of total trade for Afghanistan



Data Exchange

- Data Exchange is agreed with Pakistan under APTTA (Afghan – Pak Trade & Transit Agreement)
- The technical details of data exchange with Pakistan is discussed
- Data elements required to be shared with agreed and finalized



Risk Management/Customs Intelligence/Post-Entry Audit

- For the first time the Customs intelligence unit is operational zed
- National Risk Management Committee is proposed to be established
- ASYCUDA will be utilized for as a core system for Customs RM.
- The Post – Entry Audit unit is expanded from Customs HQ to operational stations.



Regional Transit Development/TIR Transit

- Afghanistan Membership with IRU for TIR is re activated after 40 Years
- The program and implementation plan for TIR implementation is available
- Inter ministerial Committee involved in TIR process is established and the technicality of the implementation is under negotiation
- ACCI (Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce will play the role of grantee entity for TIR
- It is planed that the first TIR carnet will be issued by end of 2011



Challenges & Problems

- Insecurity
- Lack of Capacity
- Resources
- Active regional cooperation
- Infrastructure



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