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Country Report
Time Release & Processing at
BCPs & ICDs

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ACD Main Objective

**To facilitate Trade, Transit , Investment
and make a major contribution to the
economic and social development of
Afghanistan & Region**



Customs Clearance Points & Operations

- BCPs (Border Crossing Points)
 - Hairatan (**Uzbekistan**)
 - Infrastructure Significantly Improved
 - Automation & Communication available
 - Sherkhan, Aykhanum (**Tajikistan**)
 - Infrastructure Significantly Improved
 - Automation & Communication available
 - Aqina, Torghundai (**Turkmenistan**)
 - Islam Kala, Mile 78, Milak (**Iran**)
 - Torkham, Weish, Ghulam Khan (**Pakistan**)
- ICDs (In Land Customs Depots)
 - Kabul, Kabul Airport, Balkh, Ankhoy, Kunduz, Hirat, Farah, Nimroz, Kandahar, Khost, Paktia, Nangrahar



Clearance at BCPs & ICDs

- Full Clearance at BCPs 3 sites 25% of total (Kunduz, Hairatan, Nimroz) more to go with
- Rest at ICDs
- Number of BCPs Automated Using ASYCUDA 4 offices (75% of total trade)
- Number of ICDs Automated Using ASYCUDA 7 offices (80% of total trade)



Customs Activities at BCPs

- Processing of departure of Inland Transit
- Processing of departure and arrival of International Transit
- Clearance of Passenger Cargo
- Clearance of inflammable goods and fresh & unpacked food items
- Release of Export Cargo
- Clearance of other goods (Import & Export)



Customs Activities at ICDs

- Processing of arrival of Inland Transit
- Complete Clearance and process of goods (Import & Export Processing)



Summary of Current Process at BCPs & ICDs

- Cargo Unit Arrival at BCP
- Creation and Processing of T1 (Transit Document) at Departure BCP
- Release of T1 from Departure BCP
- Cargo Arrival at Destination ICD
- T1 Processing at Destination ICD
- Import Declaration Pre Registration Process
- Import Declaration Reception & Registration at EPU (Electronic Processing Unit)
- Import Declaration Assessment and Examination
- Import Declaration Tax Payment
- Release of Goods from Customs Control



TRANSIT PROCESS AT BCPS

Event 1.

Cargo Unit (Truck) Arrives at Border

(1) At Entry gate Customs records Truck Registration & Cargo details in Manual Register

(2) Security & Border Police checks truck/ cargo

(3) Immigration Processes driver & conductor

(4) Customs (??) directs truck to parking area

Event 2.

T1 - Customs Transit Processing at Border

(5) Broker inputs T1 into ASY++ ModTrb , saves T1 in server, prints 2 copies and take them to Customs

(6) Customs verifies docs, Registers T1, fill in date for arrival at destination and manually stamp T1 #.

(7) Optional Examination of cargo

(8) Registered T1 is the Customs Release from Border and the Authority to move to Destination Office

Event 3.

T1 Cargo Release from Border

(9) Exit Gate authorized exit & records manually Cargo Unit (truck) details and T1 number.

(10) Cargo unit leaves the BCP compound and moves under Customs Control to next Destination (eg Kabul)



TRANSIT ARRIVAL PROCESS AT ICDs

Event 4.

Cargo Unit (truck) Arrives at Inland Destination ICD

(11) Truck Reports to ICD Entry Gate. T1 Details recorded in Manual Register

(12) Entry Gate Assigns Warehouse

(13) Truck moves to Warehouse

(14) At w/house Cargo is Unloaded, accounted for & taken into Manual register. Endorses back of T1



Event 5.

T1 Processing at Destination

(15) Broker takes endorsed T1 to General W/house for recording in Manual Register, signing & stamping

(16) Broker takes endorsed T1 to "Transit Section" for electronic acquittal of arrival

NOTE: No manifest is created from T1, therefore NO link to SAD.
No reports are used form A++ T1, to follow up late or non arrivals.



IMPORT DECLARATION PROCESSING

(Complete Clearance of Goods)



Event 6. Import Declaration Processing - Before Legal Registration

(17) Broker completes "helping Form" with details for A++ input

(18) Broker takes Helping Form to EPU for recording in Manual register, signing & stamping

(19) Broker takes "Helping Form", supporting docs & sample to Lab x tariff classification

(20) Broker takes "Helping Form" & support docs to Valuation Section

(21) Valuation Section checks docs & valuation database, and assigns value.

(22) Authorized Broker inputs and store SAD in A++ from info determined by Customs

(23) Authorized Broker prints stored SAD, signs it & presents it to Customs.

Event 7.

Import Declaration Reception at EPU

(24) Broker presents a print of "unregistered" SAD & support docs to EPU Reception desk

(25) Reception Desk verify SAD, support docs & Register declaration in A++

(26) Reception Assess SAD in A++

(27) A++ randomly assigns SAD to examiner Red/ Yellow

(28) Reception Desk manually stamps "Red/Yellow" & write names of assigned officer(s)

(29) Reception Desk delivers SAD & support docs to exam officer Red/ Yellow

Event 8.

Import Declaration Assessment and Examination

(30) Assigned officer performs physical / documentary examination

(31) If SAD does not conform, Assessment Officer modifies it, & then re routes to Green

(32) If entry conforms, Chief Assessment Off, re routes SAD to Green & re assess it

(33) Broker verifies SAD status in A++ prints Assessment Notice.

Event 9.

Import Declaration Payment

(34) Broker takes Assmt Notice to Bank cashier & pays indicated amount

(35) Bank enters payment in A++ & print 3 copies of Receipt

(36) Bank has another 7 manual steps for stamps & signatures to issue "Payment Receipt"

(37) Broker takes bank Receipt to Customs "Release Section"

Event 10.

Release of Goods from Customs Control

(38) Broker Presents A++ Receipt to Customs Release Window

(39) Release Officer confirms payment in A++ and Prints "Release Order" (R.O)

(40) Broker asked to sign the Release Order

(41) Broker takes R.O., SAD & Support docs to ICD Director for signature & Stamp

(42) Broker takes originals of RO, SAD & support docs to Archive Section

(43) Archive Section enters declaration details in Register and ask Broker to countersign

(44) Broker takes RO & SAD to warehouse for goods delivery

(45) Warehouse officer manually discharge goods in RO / SAD from Register and deliver goods

(46) Goods leave the warehouse for Exit Gate

(47) Exit Gate officer manually verifies all documents.

(48) Exit gate officer enters RO & truck registration details in manual register

(49) Exit gate Officer endorses back of RO with truck number and allows exit from Customs.



Amount and Type of Fees

- **At BCPs for Transit**

- Transit Declaration Processing Fee (20\$)
- Sealing Fee (2 \$)
- Cargo Handling Service Charges
- Freight Forwarders Charges (20\$)
- Brokers Charges (10 \$)

- **At ICDs for Clearance of Goods**

- Electronic Processing Fee (5 \$ per Declaration)
- Broker Charges (from 10 \$...)



Document Requirement

- For Transit of Goods
 - Invoice
 - Bill of Lading, Packing list
 - Health certificates for some goods
 - Transit Document in case of International Transit
 - ASYCUDA T1,T2 declaration to be prepared by brokers
- For Complete Clearance of Goods
 - Invoice, Bill of Lading, Packing List, Transit Document Health Certificate, Medical, Veterinary, etc Certificates, ASYCUDA SAD declaration to be prepared by brokers



Challenges and Problems

- An availability of proper guarantee and Carrier System
- Different priorities and requirement between neighboring countries
- Lack of cooperation & relation with neighboring countries
- Involvement of several national entities
- Lack of cooperation from trade community
- Existence & presentation of forge and wrong document by trade
- Visa and Truck crossing permit barriers
- Lack of enough Infrastructure and equipment in some BCPs



Toward - Single Window at BCPs

- Mandate from the President
- Appointment of ministerial level committee from the involved ministry
- MoU between Customs & Ministry of Interior for coordination and simplification of activities at BCPs
- First model of OSS (one stop shop) operational for export



Thank You

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