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RKC Guidelines

- **Republic Azerbaijan joined the International convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (revised) in 1999. (Law of the Republic Azerbaijan, December, 9th 2003, #555)**
- **After accession of the Republic Azerbaijan to the RKC, the commission on development of the New Customs Code was set up the State Customs Committee.**
- **The law of Republic Azerbaijan dated June, 24th , 2011, # 164-IVQ adopted the New Customs Code .**
- **New Customs Code of Republic Azerbaijan came into force on January, 1st , 2012.**
- **Customs Code of Republic Azerbaijan was developed in view of provisions and principles of the Revised Kyoto Convention, WCO Framework Standards and other international norms (www.customs.gov.az).**



RKC Guidelines

The following RKC guidelines were observed for the purpose of new Customs Code:

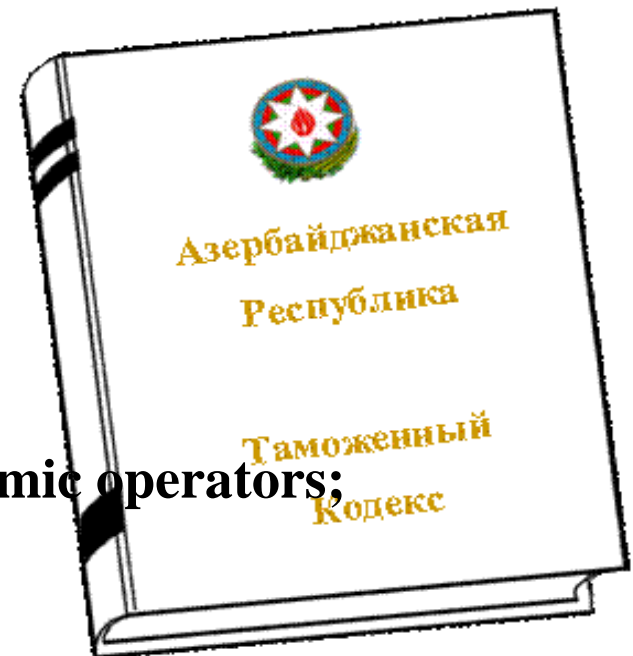
- **Transparency and predictability of customs control operations;**
- **Maximal use of information technologies;**
- **Minimally required customs control along with observance of Customs rules;**
- **Use of customs control procedures based on risks analysis and audit;**
- **Standardization and simplification of commodity declarations and accompanying documents;**
- **Simplified procedures for the authorized operators;**
- **Carrying out of joint operations with participation of other border services;**
- **Partnership with private sector;**
- **Effective measures on trade facilitation and effective control.**



New Customs Code

New provisions of the New Customs Code:

- **definition of customs control principles based on risk analysis and risk management system;**
- **General rules about customs status;**
- **Legal bases of transition from methods of manual control to the automated systems;**
- **Legal bases of creation of institute of authorized economic operator;**
- **Transition to electronic documents;**
- **Use of customs audit in system within the Customs control measures;**
- **Grievance procedure against decisions and inactivity of customs service;**
- **Active cooperation of customs service and economic operators;**
- **Use of simplified customs procedures;**
- **Use of relevant international standards;**
- **Principles of charging, collecting and paying of customs duties, taxes.**





Status of RKC observance

The following RKC best practices are introduced in the Republic Azerbaijan:

- Risk management of and post-customs audit, with modernized structure of the State Customs Committee, Audit and Risk Analysis Department has been set up;**
- With regards to optimization of customs procedures, the Decree of the RA President dated November, 11th , 2008, #12 provides that since January, 1st , 2009, the principle of “Single Window ” has applied for inspection of goods and vehicles moved through the BCPs in RA. Hence, the relevant department in the field of veterinary, phytosanitary and sanitary-hygiene was set up in the RA State Customs Committee AR;**
- Use of effective systems and risk management procedures, post-customs audit and “Single Window ” considerably reduces customs inspections at the borders and promotes more effective distribution of the limited resources and stimulates free movement of people and goods.**



Benefits of RKC accession

For the Government

- **Effective distribution of resources;**
- **Development of trade;**
- **Assurance of safety;**
- **Increase in integration;**
- **Assurance of transparency.**

For the businesses

- **Fast customs clearing;**
- **Forecasting situations and studying of rules;**
- **Cost reduction;**
- **Simplification of system of payments;**
- **Effective income distribution;**
- **Increase in transparency.**



Development of cooperation between businesses and Customs

- **Creation of the Advisory Council for the subjects of business community and customs service “Customs-Business”;**
- **Regular cooperation in the form of conferences and Round Table Meetings;**
- **Cooperation in business facilitation;**
- **Creation of the authorized operators institution;**
- **Introduction of the e-declaring, reduction of direct contact due to IT and infrastructure development;**
- **Disseminating the information about simplification of Customs system;**
- **“Hot Line ” is used, inquiries are applied using the IT systems.**



Cooperation with the other countries in the region

- Studying of the best practices in the field of harmonization and simplifications of procedures;
- Participation in international capacity building workshops;
- Conclusion of bilateral contracts about cooperation and mutual assistance in customs area;
- Introduction of the obtained experience at the national level.
- Using the IT systems.





Next steps

Action Plan for “ Developments of the State Customs Committee for 2012-2016 ”

- **Development of strategic planning system**
- **Improvement of training system**
- **System of customs officers performance assessment**
- **Further improvement of the Authorized Economic Operator institution**
- **Improvement of risk analysis system**
- **Expansion of legislative base**
- **Deeper introduction of IT systems and creation of "e-customs"**
- **Implementation of advanced declaring systems**
- **Continuation of the SAFE standards implementation**
- **Strengthening of fight against corruption**



QUESTIONS ?



Thank you very much