

Roundtable Discussion 1: Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices

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CAREC Regional Technical Assistance

- JFPR Funded; Partnership with WCO
- 2 years implementation

Project Objectives

- Accession of the 5 remaining countries to RKC by 2015
 - ▶ align national legislation of CAREC countries with the RKC
- Strengthen risk management systems and techniques.
- Customs information exchange mechanism.

Linking TA Outputs to CCC's Priority Areas of Work

Priority Areas

TA Outputs

Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures and Documentation

OUTPUT 1:

Action plans developed to align Customs procedures with the RKC

Risk management and Post-Entry Audit

OUTPUT 2:

Proposals for the modernization of risk management systems developed

ICT for Customs Modernization and Data Exchange

OUTPUT 3:

Framework for a CAREC Customs information exchange mechanism developed

Simplification/Harmonization Customs Procedures

RKC Accession

- Provides foundation for modern and efficient customs procedures
- Adoption and implementation will:
 - Increase transparency and efficiency
 - Help reduce transaction costs
 - Boost trade security

5 CAREC countries have acceded to RKC: AZE, KAZ, MON, PAK and PRC
5 countries still need to accede: AFG, KGZ, TAJ, TKM and UZB

Simplification/Harmonization Customs Procedures

RKC Accession

- UZB RKC Situation/Gap Analyses Workshop – January 2015
- AFG RKC Situation/Gap Analyses Workshop – to be determined
- KGZ RKC Accession
 - WCO situation/gap analysis workshop April 2014 – generally compliant
 - Follow-up Workshop – to be determined

Risk Management Systems

- Efficient RM operations will:
 - Minimize interventions in trade transactions
 - Reduce regulatory burden on commercial sector
- Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program
 - Expedite clearance of legitimate cargo
 - Optimize resources to identify high risk cargo

Risk Management Systems

- KGZ Risk Management Assessment – Aug. 2014
- UZB Risk Management Training and Systems Assessment Workshop – Sep. 2014
- KAZ Risk Management Assessment – Oct. 2014
- TAJ Risk Management Assessment – Feb. 2015

Authorized Economic Operators

- AZE – rules on AEO adopted; AEO Workshop 21-23 Oct 2014;
- MON – revised Customs Law has sub-chapter on AEO; implementation rules and regulations drafted; AEO Workshop date to be determined

Framework for Customs Information Exchange

- To enhance regional cooperation among CAREC Customs, electronic information exchange system is needed
- Real-time collaboration will facilitate regional trade

Framework for Customs Information Exchange: Activities

- Review ICT systems used by CAREC Customs
- Develop framework for an information exchange mechanism
- Pilot test the framework in 2 countries

AFG-PAK customs have an electronic data interchange project – this could be explored in developing a framework for CAREC customs information exchange mechanism

Issues for discussion

- RKC accession plans and support needed.
- Plans for Risk management modernization and interest in assessment missions.
- Views on Regional information exchange mechanism.

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Thank you!

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