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14th Transport Sector Coordination Committee

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CAREC Transport Corridors





Challenges for traffic in transit along CAREC Corridors

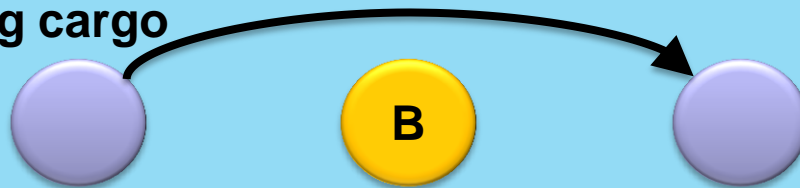
Traffic in transit along CAREC Corridors is affected by a number of barriers:

- No agreements on traffic rights, thus transshipment between vehicles required
- Transit along the most direct routes not allowed by transit states, thus longer routes have to be selected
- Periodic closing of borders or temporary restrictions on transit of selected goods results in losses of trade
- No CAREC-wide customs transit guarantee system
- Cumbersome border crossing procedures results in increase of time and cost of transport in 2 times (CPMM)
- Infrastructural bottlenecks (roads and border crossing)

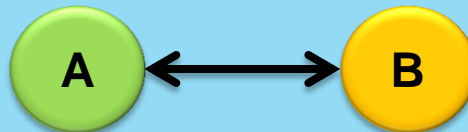


Freedom of the CAREC Corridors

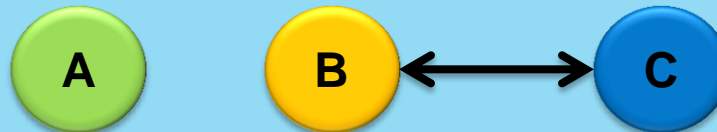
First freedom: The right to transit through foreign country without delivering or collecting cargo



Second freedom: The right to deliver cargo from country A to country B or collect cargo from country B and deliver to country A by vehicles of country A



Third freedom: The right to deliver cargo from country C to country B or collect cargo from country B and deliver to country C by vehicles of country A



Fourth freedom: The right to transport cargo within country B by vehicles of country A





Road Transport Facilitation elements

Customs guarantee
for truck

Conditions of carriage
(temperature, sanitary)

**Traffic rights
(quotas, permits)**

Driver: Visa, licenses,
working hours

Documents:
Transport and cargo

Technical
requirements

Weight, axle load,
dimensions

**Customs guarantee
for cargo**





Freedom of Transit Conventions

Agreements/Conventions	AF	AZ	CN	KZ	KR	MN	PK	TJ	TK	UZ
WTO: Article GATT V on Freedom of Transit			2001		1998	1997	1995	2013		
UN Convention transit trade of land-locked states	1965			2007		1966		2011		1996
UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (part X)	1983		1996			1996	1997			

Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Freedom of Transit

Agreements/Conventions	AZ	KZ	KR	TJ	TK	UZ
CIS Transit Agreement (1999)	1999	1999	1999	1999		1999

Green - full accession completed
Orange - signed, but not ratified
Red - not signed



Membership of CAREC countries in international transport and transport facilitation agreements (UNESCAP Recommendation 48/11)

Agreements/Conventions	AF	AZ	CN	KZ	KR	MN	PK	TJ	TK	UZ
Vienna Convention on Road Traffic, 1968		2002		1994	2006	1997	1986	1994	1993	1995
Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 1968		2011		1994	2006	1997	1980	1994	1993	1995
CMR Convention, 1956		2006		1995	1998	2003		1996	1996	1995
TIR Convention, 1975	1982	1996		1995	1998	2002		1996	1996	1995
Customs Convention on Containers, 1972		2005	1986	2005	2007					1996
Harmonization Convention, 1982		2000		2005	1998	2007		2011		1996



Bilateral traffic rights agreements

Country	AF	AZ	CN	KZ	KR	MN	PK	TJ	TK	UZ
Afghanistan							28/11/ 2010	27/07/ 2005	05/07/ 2007	
Azerbaijan								15/03/ 2007	19/05/ 2008	27/05/ 1996
PRC				26/09/ 1992	25/02/ 1993	16/06/ 2011	28/12/ 1993	27/08/ 2008		
Kazakhstan			26/09/ 1992		25/12/ 2003	22/10/ 1993	12/03/ 1995	04/05/ 2006	27/02/ 1997	20/03/ 2006
Kyrgyzstan			25/02/ 1993	25/12/ 2003		01/03/ 2004	11/12/ 1994	27/05/ 2013	29/11/ 1995	04/09/ 1996
Mongolia			16/06/ 2011	22/10/ 1993	01/03/ 2004					
Pakistan	28/11/ 2010		28/12/ 1993	12/03/ 1995	11/12/ 1994				14/05/ 1996	30/04/ 1993
Tajikistan	27/07/ 2005	15/03/ 2007	27/08/ 2008	04/05/ 2006	27/05/ 2013				09/12/ 2007	
Turkmenistan	05/07/ 2007	19/05/ 2008		27/02/ 1997	29/11/ 1995		14/05/ 1996	09/12/ 2007		16/01/ 1996
Uzbekistan		27/05/ 1996		20/03/ 2006	04/09/ 1996		30/04/ 1993		16/01/ 1996	



Key sub-regional road transport agreements with participation of CAREC member states

Agreement	CAREC signatories	Non-CAREC signatories	Status
Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement (1995)	PAK, PRC, KAZ, KGZ		pending implementation
ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (1998)	AFG, AZE, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, TAJ, TKM	IRN, TUR	ratified, but not implemented
CAREC Cross-border Transport Agreement (2010)	AFG, KGZ, TAJ		pending ratification
SCO Agreement on International road transport (2014)	PRC, KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, UZB	RUS	ratification



Proposed CAREC approach to cross-border transport facilitation

- All CAREC countries will support first freedom of the CAREC Transport Corridors, through accession to relevant legal instruments and their implementation
- All CAREC countries will join and implement key UN conventions (TIR Convention, Harmonization Convention 1982, CMR Agreement, etc.) to enable first freedom of the CAREC Transport Corridors
- CAREC program will facilitate signing of new bilateral road transport agreements, revision and operationalization of existing agreements, based on sovereign priorities of CAREC member states



How to implement Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Control of Goods, 1982?

Convention includes recommendations on:

- Scope and procedures of border crossing controls
- Border crossing facilities and staffing of border control agencies
- Customs cooperation, Coordinated Border Management (CBM) / Joint Customs Control (JCC)
- Simplified procedures for transit and priority cargo
- Mutual recognition of weight and dimension controls
- Inspection procedures for vehicles and cargoes
- Simplified driver visas
- Monitoring mechanisms



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