

# **Updates on CAREC Trade Facilitation Program 2015–2016 and Outcomes of CAREC Senior Officials Meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting  
Singapore  
21 September 2016



# Updates: Trade Facilitation

## 1. Customs Cooperation

### a. Reforms in regulatory frameworks to comply with best practices

- TAJ has acceded to RKC
- UZB approved new Customs Code compliant with RKC
- AZE issued decrees and orders to facilitate border crossing
- MON agreement with RF and PRC on mutual recognition of custom control

### b. Modernization/automation of customs processes

- AZE, MON, and UZB have introduced electronic/online declaration of goods
- TAJ and AFG electronic exchange of customs data
- Customs participated in assessment on readiness and maturity to exchange customs information



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## c. Improved risk management systems

- AZE started using automated risk management in Aug 2016; staff had training on risk analysis, review of x-ray images
- MON updated control selectivity module
- UZB approved regulation on risk management, created working group to develop rules and supervise implementation

## d. Joint Customs Control

- MON & PRC working on electronic unified cargo manifest

## e. Regional transit

- CAREC customs cooperated with consultants on design of regional transit guarantee mechanism



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## 2. Integrated Trade Facilitation

### a. Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS

- Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST) in Mongolia

### b. Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)

- RIBS in Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan

### c. More extensive private sector participation

- CFCFA participation in regional transit, adoption of FIATA standards to local situation, develop liability insurance for freight forwarders and risk-based regional transit insurance products.



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## d. Strengthening of Monitoring, Data Analysis, and Policy Planning

- Complementary use of TRS and CPMM - tools to improve results management
- CFCFA: developed an information platform for cross border freight services

## e. Revive plans to establish/strengthen National Trade Facilitation Committees

- improve cross-sector and cross-country coordination and private sector participation
- NTFC good international practice



# Key issues presented to the SOM

1. CCC to pilot regional transit guarantee mechanism and electronic customs information exchange mechanism
2. CFCFA to contribute to customs risk management and play a key role in regional transit guarantee mechanism
3. All stakeholders to break institutional barriers by working together in national trade facilitation committees and the CAREC regional TF committee



# Outcomes: CAREC Mid-year SOM

- SOM encourages CCC to:
  - Continue reform efforts
  - Improve regional customs transit
  - Improve information exchange platforms
  - Strengthen partnership with the private sector
  - Participate in planning more investment projects under the RUST and RIBS programs



# Outcomes: CAREC Mid-year SOM

- SOM acknowledges the CAREC countries' challenges in fulfilling policy actions pertaining to SPS.
- SOM encourages TPCC – collaborate with international development partners: stock taking exercise on SPS measures.
- SOM encourages CAREC countries in providing the required data on TPSAP measures targeted at end-2015.
- SOM welcomes the launching of the regional food safety initiative as another concrete step to implement the SPS common agenda.





# SOM's Proposed Deliverables to the 15<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference

- CAREC Railway Development Strategy;
- Launching of the regional food safety initiative;
- ABCI Investment Framework;
- Mid-term Review of CAREC 2020;
- Signing of Agreement Establishing the CAREC Institute at the 15<sup>th</sup> MC; and
- Georgia membership in CAREC.



# Thank you