

Synthesis of WTO TFA technical assistance needs and support for CAREC

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Technical assistance (TA) needs of CAREC countries

- Varies per country - some with no identified TA needs, others with implementation or action plan, some identified broad areas of support need
- Varies per provision – while some CAREC countries are ready to implement, others require specific assistance
(Category A vis-à-vis C)
- 2 CAREC countries need capacity-building for NCTF
- Ranges from legal enactment or amendment, process improvement, ICT infrastructure, skills upgrading, sharing best practices, information dissemination, analytical work, bilateral arrangements

Needs and type of assistance*

TFA Article	Legal / policy amendment Process	improvement Standards development	Inter-agency	IT system and facilities	Skills training	Study/ analysis	Increase awareness	best practice	int'l. agreement/ mechanism
1. Publication and information	X	X	X		X	X	X		
2. Comment and consultation	X	X							
3. Advance rulings	X	X			X	X	X		
5. Control and inspection	X	X			X				X
6. Disciplines/penalties		X			X				

*ADB Assessment of Readiness to Implement among CAREC Countries. Please refer to ADB Summary Note for TAs identified per country.

Needs and type of assistance*

TFA Article	Legal / policy amendment Process	improvement Standards development	Inter-agency	IT system and facilities	Skills training	Study/ analysis	Increase awareness	best practice	int'l. agreement/ mechanism
7.1 Pre-arrival	X	X	X		X	X			
7.3 Electronic payment	X	X	X	X				X	
7.3 Release		X						X	
7.4 Risk management	X	X	X	X	X				
7.5 Post-clearance audit	X	X		X	X		X		

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7.6 Publication of release time		X	X	X	X	X	X		
7.7 AEOs	X				X		X	X	
7.8 Expedited shipments	X	X	X		X	X			
7.9 Perishable goods	X	X			X	X		X	
8. Border agency cooperation	X	X	X	X					X

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10.1 Formalities		X			X	X	X	X	
10.2 Acceptance of copies	X			X					
10.3 International standards	X	X			X		X		
10.4 Single window	X	X	X	X			X		
10.6 Customs broker					X	X			
10.7 Common border		X			X				

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11. Freedom of transit, etc	X	X			X	X		X	
11.9 Advance filing	X	X		X	X				
11.11 Guarantee	X	X							
12. Customs cooperation	X					X			X
23.2 NCTF			X		X				

Priority TA needs*

Areas of intervention	Nature of assistance
Transparency and awareness (publication)	advisory, training , enquiry centers
E- payment / AEO	IT system and legislation
Advance ruling	Legislative, procedural support, study or analysis , experience-sharing
Freedom of Transit	Legislative, procedural support, study or analysis
Border agency cooperation / joint customs control	Capacity-building, procedure and IT system/equipment
Single window	Experience-sharing, data exchange, IT system
Customs broker	Study and building capacity
Risk management	IT system and data analysis
Private sector participation	Experience-sharing
Time-release	Experience-sharing

**Outcomes of the WTO TFA break-out session*

Development Partners*

Organization	Project (country or regional level)
ADB	Single window, border agency cooperation (country); transit and information exchange (trilateral)
EU	Trade-related assistance (country); Advanced filing of transit declaration (country)
GIZ/IFC	Time-release study (country)
UNECE	Assessment of country readiness (country)
World Bank	Technical assistance (country)
USAID	Advance ruling capacity-building and ICT; legislation; Single window (country)
WCO	Post-clearance audit, TRS (country/regional)

Areas of support from ADB

ADB Project or Intervention	TFA Article
Simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures; compliance with Revised Kyoto Convention	All Articles
CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring and Time Release Study	Art. 7.6
CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)	Art. 11
CAREC Customs Information Common Exchange (ICE)	Art. 7.1
Single Window development	Art. 10.4
Use of information and communications technology	Art. 10.2
Risk management & authorized economic operators (AEO) programs	Art. 7.4, 7.7
Coordinated border management, Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project, Joint customs control	Art. 8
Working with the private sector	Art. 2.2
CAREC Common Agenda on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Regional Upgrades of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade (RUST) Project	Art. 5.1

Areas of support from other DPs

Korea Customs Services

- Enhancing CAREC members' capabilities to implement the TFA
 - 2017 CAREC workshop on implementation status, needs assessment, and action plans
 - 2018 CAREC workshop to review progress on action plans on the 7 most pressing topics
- Master Plan for Customs Modernization (e.g., e-clearance systems (Uni-Pass))

GIZ

- Trade Facilitation in Central Asia (TFCA) to simplify trade procedures in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
 - Workshops to draft regional plan on transit facilitation
 - Regional conference on transit facilitation

- CAREC Program will continue to support trade facilitation – including to implement WTO TFA –
 - a. areas where countries have committed to implement immediately but domestic laws and regulations are lacking, only partially compliant with the TFA provision, or may require further improvement in practice or implementation
 - b. establishment or strengthening of NCTFs
 - c. specific country requests or regional projects where ADB has expertise and competence in project or TA delivery
- In partnership and close collaboration with other development partners & possibly research institutions/business associations

THANK YOU!

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