# Implementation of Trade Facilitation Initiatives

Joint Customs Cooperation Committee and CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations Meeting

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#### Outline

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#### CAREC Trade Facilitation Program



#### **Customs Cooperation Priority Areas**

- Simplification/harmonization of customs procedures
- Risk management
- Joint Customs Control
- ICT for customs modernization
- Regional transit

#### CAREC Trade Facilitation Program

#### Integrated Trade Facilitation

1 CFCFA

2 CPMM

3 SPS

4 Single Window



# CAREC: Implementation of Trade Facilitation Initiatives

- 1 Proposed umbrella technical assistance will cover both customs cooperation and integrated trade facilitation
- 2 Objective: The TA will support the continuation of customs reforms and modernization efforts undertaken by CAREC countries.
- 3 Two major components:
  - Strengthening trade facilitation measures at CAREC customs
  - Implementing trade facilitation measures through enhanced cooperation with private sector

# Strengthening Trade Facilitation Measures at CAREC Customs

- 1 Support for RKC accession and compliance
  - Technical advisory services for 3 countries in process of accession (KGZ, TAJ, UZB)
  - Awareness raising, situation/gap analysis for 2 countries (AFG, TKM)
  - Assistance on compliance with RKC provisions (AZE, KAZ, MON, PAK, PRC)

## Strengthening Trade Facilitation Measures at CAREC Customs

- 2 Pilot testing of customs information exchange mechanism
  - Consultations to refine design
  - Technical advisory services to implement pilot
  - Evaluation workshop to determine feasibility of replicating to other CAREC countries/region-wide

## Strengthening Trade Facilitation Measures at CAREC Customs

- 3 Expansion of Joint Customs Control pilots
  - Start JCC pilots in new BCP pairs between PRC/MON and in other CAREC countries
  - Advance existing pilots to Phase 2 (mutual recognition of inspection results and exchange of scanned images)
  - Design and implement formal monitoring and evaluation framework

## Strengthening Trade Facilitation Measures at CAREC Customs

#### 4 Conduct of periodic TRS

- Technical support for actual conduct of TRS
- TRS workshops and training for other border management agencies and private stakeholders
- Assistance to improve complementary use of CPMM data and TRS results

- 1 Pilot testing CAREC regional transit scheme in a select corridor
  - Consultations public/private sector to refine scheme and agree on coordinated implementation arrangements
  - Technical assistance in implementing pilot
  - Evaluation workshop to determine feasibility of adopting scheme on multi-country/regional basis

- 2 Upgrading of customs risk management systems
  - Joint trainings public/private sector on WCO SAFE Framework
  - Technical expertise to revise laws/regulations to adopt SAFE standards/AEO program
  - Action plans to implement AEO

- 3 Standardization of trade logistics documents
  - Consultation dialogues between government agencies/private sector on procedures and documents to be standardized
  - Technical assistance to finalize standards
  - Trainings/ workshops on CFCFA standards

#### 4 Complementary use of CPMM and TRS results

- National workshops in coordination with CAREC Institute to train customs/research agencies to conduct TRS and perform national level CPMM data analysis
- Technical support to prepare analytical reports and prepare action plans for corrective action

- 5 Joint capacity building and research activities
  - Joint trainings, seminars, field studies on coordinated border management, AEO, logistics and supply chain management
  - In coordination with CI, support participation of private sector in conducting research
  - Joint meetings of customs, other border agencies, private sector

#### Timeline

September 2016	Approval of TA
October 2017 – September 2018	Implementation period

#### Thank you.

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