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Present Status of Accession

- Deposited Instrument of Accession on 1st October, 2004
- Acceded to Chapter 1 of each of Specific Annexes – A, B, C and J without any conditions / reservations
- Committed to maximal compliance (within ambit of Article 3)
- Ongoing process to ensure conformity with National Legislation
 - RKC implementation Committee
 - Team of Technical Experts(TTE)
 - Assistance by USAID to study gaps

Status of Compliance to RKC

- Continuous reform over last decade
- Accordingly majority of existing customs rules / regulations are RKC-compliant:-

		Total	Compliant	Non-compliant
General Annex	Standards	114	106	8
	Transitional Standards	7	4	3
	Total	121	110	11
Specific Annex (Acceded component only)	Standards	39	33	6
	Recommended Practice	24	20	4
	Total	63	53	10

Present status..

- Adoption of RKC best practices
 - *Indigenously developed Automated Clearance system (WeBOC)*
 - risk management
 - Use of pre-arrival cargo information to drive selectivity
 - Audit based controls / transparency in procedures
 - Easy accessibility of customs laws / regulations
 - Providing a system of appeals in customs matters
 - Regular consultative process with trade
- Willing to share experiences with other potential members

Benefits of RKC Accession

National Economy

- Increased competitiveness
- Enhanced FDI inflows
- Reduced transaction costs / avoidance of delays
- Increased participation of SMEs

Trade

- Faster, predictable trading environment
- Greater facilitation for compliant traders
- Lowering business costs

Customs

- Effective & efficient deployment of resources
- supply chain security & facilitation
- Enhanced customs controls

Next Steps..

- On-going reform agenda
- Ongoing project with USAID for remaining RKC phase
- Collaboration with other countries in the region