

Customs Service of the Government of the Republic Tajikistan

International Convention of the
Simplification and Harmonization of
customs procedures (Kyoto Convention,
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Customs procedures simplification and harmonization regulators:

- Customs legislation and international customs regulations;
- Concept of customs development of Republic Tajikistan.
- Customs modernization and infrastructure development;
- Concept of development and Program for introduction of " Single Window » for export/import and transit procedures;
- Stage-by-stage transition to pre-customs declaration, electronic methods and forms of customs clearance and control and electronic data exchange;
- Unification of the basic customs documents.

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Work on accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention was launched by the RT Customs Service according to the requirements of:

- Concept of customs development of Republic Tajikistan, passed by the Decree of the Government of the Republic Tajikistan #525 dated October 31st, 2008

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Customs development concept

- I stage (2009-2012) establishes the further harmonization of the national legislation with the world customs norms, making a basis for developed customs infrastructure and introduction of the Uniformed automated customs information system of Republic Tajikistan; In view of the further connection of Republic Tajikistan to the WTO harmonization of the customs legislation of Republic Tajikistan with WTO/GATT Agreements is proposed. In 2009-2011, the work on establishing the view of Republic Tajikistan with regards to accession to the International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto, 1973, - in editions of the Brussels Protocol, 1999) will be completed.

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Customs development concept

- II stage (2012-2014 and beyond) provides for completion of construction and development of inland and border customs facilities, creation of a full-fledged customs infrastructure according to the world standards.

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- With a view of implementation of the Customs Development Concept of Republic Tajikistan, with regards to accession to the International convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto, 1973, - in editions of the Brussels Protocol, 1999), the working group of the Customs service of the Government of Republic Tajikistan was set up.

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Ratification of Kyoto Convention by the Republic Tajikistan :

- With a view of accession to the International convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto, 1973, - in editions of the Brussels Protocol, 1999), the Customs service of the Government of Republic Tajikistan prepared the draft Decree on ratification and coordinated it with all Tajik ministries and departments concerned.

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Ratification of Kyoto Convention by the Republic Tajikistan:

- On 8 December 2010, the Madjlisi Oli of Republic Tajikistan by the Decree # 255 ratified the accession of Republic Tajikistan to the International convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto, 1973, - in editions of the Brussels Protocol, 1999).

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Adaptation of the customs legislation of Republic Tajikistan to provisions of Kyoto Convention:

- Introduction of provisions of the International convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto, 1973, - in editions of the Brussels Protocol, 1999) in the national legislation of Republic Tajikistan has been implemented since 2005.

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Customs development principles of Republic Tajikistan :

- Improvement of customs legislation in view of the international standards;
- Transparency and predictability of customs procedures;
- Consumer focused approach by improvement of quality of customs procedures;
- The minimal intervention in activity of traders by simplification of customs procedures and use of risk based system;
- Cooperation and partnership, both with other public authorities and with business-community;
- Balance with regards to customs control versus safety and trade facilitation measures.

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Customs modernization and infrastructure development

- Delivery, installation, launching and support of the basic component of Customs Modernization Project - the Uniformed automated information system (UAIS);
- Introduction of ICT and installation of the communication equipment;
- Construction and rehabilitation of border customs posts;
- Equipment of border customs facilities by means of customs control.

Basic goal of UAIS is consistent automation of the functions which are carried out by customs.

The system should provide automation of the following basic customs processes:

- ✓ Registration and control of delivery of the goods
- ✓ Control of declarations
- ✓ Introduction of customs-tariff regulation
- ✓ Control of obligatory payments
- ✓ Risk management
- ✓ Introduction of customs statistics
- ✓ Data exchange with external sources
- ✓ Control over access to information, its confidentiality

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Development Concept and Implementation Program for «Single Window» with regards to export/import and transit procedures

- «Single Window» Coordinating Committee was formed with participation of representatives of the border control authorities;
- State unitary enterprise «Single Window Center» was formed under the Customs Service of the Government of Republic Tajikistan;
- Implementation of «Single Window» in the Uniform customs automated information system of Tajikistan.

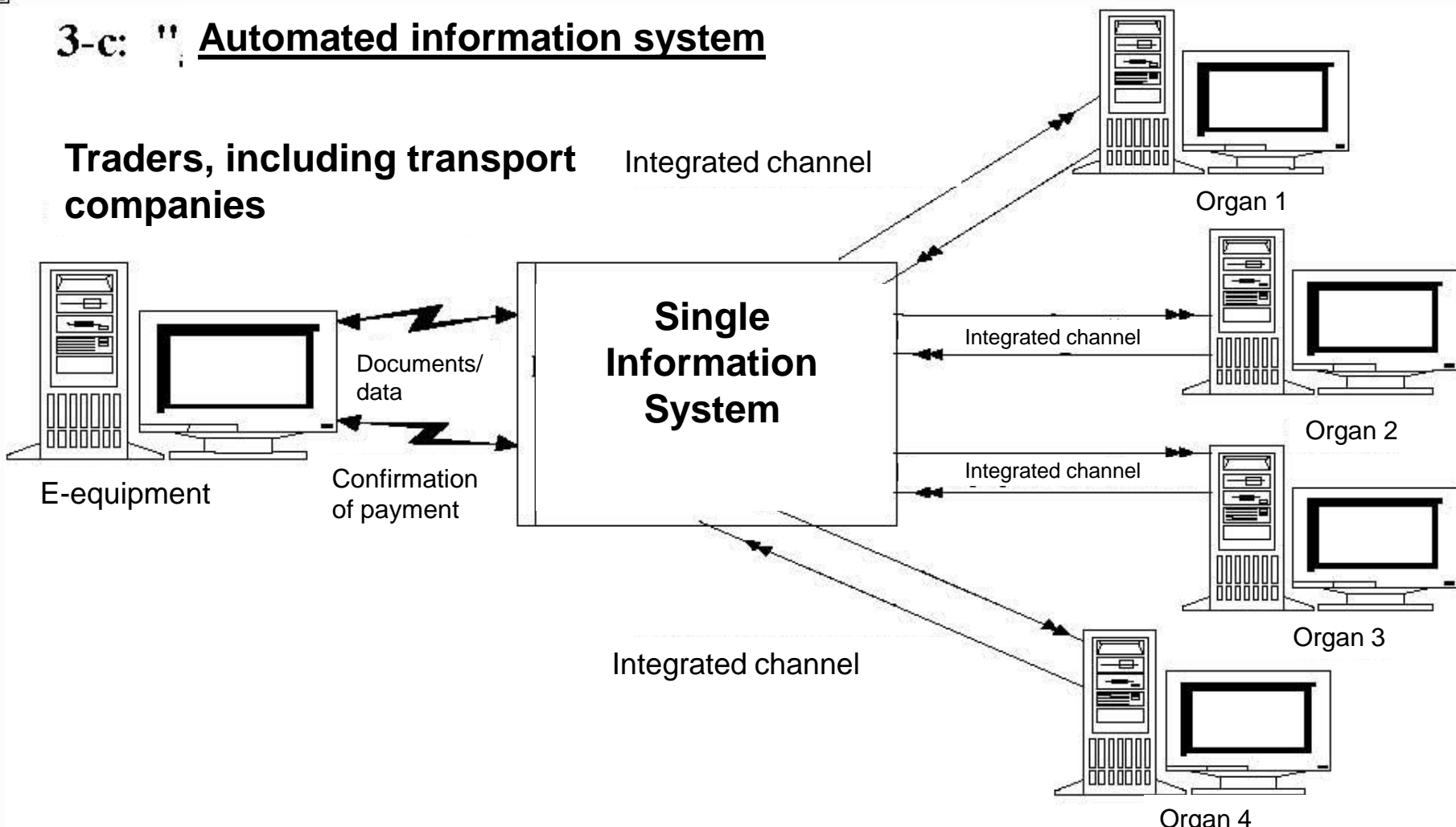
Expected impact of the «Single Window» is creation of the uniform interdepartmental automated system of gathering, storage and processing of foreign trade related information at the border. Combination of the documentary control over the goods moved through border at one border crossing point, improvement of quality and reduction of inspection time and release of goods.

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«Single Window» Model

3-c: " Automated information system

Traders, including transport companies



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Unification of the key customs documents

- In January, 1st , 2010 in Republic Tajikistan the new form of the cargo customs declaration and transit declaration, corresponding to the uniform administrative document (UAD) of the European Union was introduced;
- Expected impact: - the new key customs document is used as the uniform complete set of forms of cargo customs declaration/transit declaration versus the separate SCD forms used before and transit declaration forms that have essentially simplified the customs formalities.
- Tajik analogue of SAD accompanies the goods from the moment of their import on customs territory of Republic Tajikistan up to customs of destination, and from the moment of issuance by customs of departure of the permit to export of goods prior their actual departure from the customs territory of Republic Tajikistan.

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Expected outcome of the customs reform in Republic Tajikistan

- Reduction of time spent by foreign trade participants for customs formalities;
- Increase in throughput of border crossing points in Republic Tajikistan due to introduction of new and modernizations of existing border crossing points;
- Introduction of uniform standards and rules of customs administration, improvement of performance of foreign trade participants, use of uniform customs documents and e-declaring, that as a result will lead to reduction of administrative costs;
- Trade policy facilitation in view of social, economic and investment objectives;
- Assuring a sufficient level of control of customs legislation implementation by foreign trade participants;
- Raising of integrity and liabilities of foreign trade participants;
- Real level of customs charges collection;
- Preventing and reducing corruption related offences of customs.



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Thank you !