

UPDATES ON CUSTOMS COOPERATION PRIORITY AREAS OCTOBER 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2011*

	Simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation	ICT customs modernization and data exchange	Risk management and post-entry audit	Joint Customs Control	Regional Transit Development
Major achievements	1. Pakistan has signed mutual Customs Agreements with China, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan 2. Customs laws and rules are compliant with Revised Kyoto Convention, Customs Goods Declaration is according to UN Layout key, Pakistan Customs Tariff is in accordance with the requirements of Harmonized System	1. Electronic Data Interface (EDI) project with Afghanistan initiated which envisages exchange of information on real time basis. 2. Automation of Customs clearance through Pakistan Customs Computerized System (PaCCS) and Web Based One Customs (WeBOC) already in place	1. Directorate General of Post Clearance Audit (PCA) has been established and its regional offices have been rolled out all over the country. 2. Establishment of Directorate General of RMS in progress	Pakistan has not entered into any JCC arrangement so far	1. Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) signed in Oct 2010 2. Quadrilateral Transit Agreement between of Pakistan with Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and China signed
Issues/ Concerns Encountered	Harmonization of cross border Customs procedures and systems	Compatibility of different Customs clearance systems for electronic exchange of information	PCA being a nascent organization is facing teething problems such as inadequate audit skills	Since Pakistan has recently joined CAREC it would first like to study the results of pilot projects that have been launched within CAREC like Customs Union (CU)	1. Lack of modern facilities at border crossing points 2. Misuse of transit facilities 3. Divergence of procedures 4. Lack of exchange of information
Action Taken to Address issues/Concerns	APTTA operationalised which envisages, among other things, harmonization of laws and procedures		Training and capacity building of supervisory officers and auditors is on-going		1. Safeguards to thwart misuse of transit facility such as; (i) financial guarantees by importers and traders, (ii) en route inventory controls including scanning, tracking, weighment (iii) EDI
Future Plans	There is a need to sign mutual Customs Assistance Agreements with all CAREC	Establishment of Regional Data warehouses	1. Regional risk parameters need to be identified 2. Training of staff in a country that has well		1. Development of border crossing points 2. Transforming transport corridors into

	countries		functioning PCA system		economic corridors
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*Please report only major achievements in the priority areas. Please also include your report any action taken on the implementation of the Time Release Study for your country.