



eCMR Implementation by the USAID Trade in Central Asia Program

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5 years, USD 18,8 million

5 CA countries (Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

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Goal 1: Harmonization of customs and border procedures



- Reduced customs clearance time
- Strengthening and expanding national AEO programs and embracing mutual recognition.
- Adopting best practices in the area of international trade across the region.

Goal 2: Expanding the dialogue between public and private sectors on the issues of transboundary trade



- Positive impact of the private sector on trade reforms
- Expanding regional dialogue to support trade policy
- Access to information about trade/transport barriers

Goal 3: Strengthening trade links between the region's commercial enterprises



- Sustainable development of trade promotion services – the «Trade Promotion Service Providers» program
- More opportunities to search for potential partners and enter into mutually beneficial deals for the private sector
- Increase the number of women in trade, and more equal opportunities for their business

e-CMR Project

(electronic consignment notes)

USAID TCA will support the development and implementation of the eCMR tool (UN CMR Convention – convention on international road transportation), also know as CMR convention in Central Asian countries

- **Tajikistan** acceded to the convention
- **Uzbekistan** acceded to the convention
- Kyrgyzstan is in the process of accession
- Kazakhstan is working on accession
- Turkmenistan is working on accession

The image shows a standard CMR consignment note form. It is a complex document with 29 numbered sections. A large, semi-transparent 'CMR' logo is centered over the form. The form includes fields for:

- 1. Sender and recipient details (Name, Address, City, Country, Telephone, Fax, E-mail)
- 2. Date and place of issue
- 3. Date and place of receipt
- 4. Date and place of delivery
- 5. Description of goods
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e-CMR protocol adopted in 2008

30 member countries



- Bilateral and multilateral
- Using IT tools with proven effectiveness
- Micro, small and medium-size businesses need a simple e-CMR solution based on the IT tools they already have at their disposal (e.g. TIR-EPD)
- Interest towards cooperation in the organization of joint projects in the interests of micro-, small and medium enterprises
- Training through pilot projects

USAID TCA Partners

- IRU (International road union)
- CDLP (Commercial law development program, Office of the Chief Counsel of the US Department of Trade)
- National associations of international carriers
 - ABBAT (TJ)
 - AIRCUZ (UZ)
 - AIRTO (KG)
 - KAZATO (KZ)
 - THADA (TK)





Possible phases of e-CMR project implementation

- Identifying stakeholders to participate in the project (minimum 2 countries at the initial stage)
- Developing a simplified version of e-CMR based on existing IT tools enabling a link between the carrier, the consignor and the consignee (B2B)
- Send e-CMR data to the competent authorities (B2G)
- Preparing a report with conclusions and suggestions/recommendations based on the results of the project describing benefits for the participants and the necessary (minimal) improvements to implement e-CMR
- Expanding e-CMR project geography
- Developing the full e-CMR version taking into account conclusions and suggestions from the report
- Testing the full version of e-CMR
- Assessing the results and scalability of the e-CMR solutions, replicating the solution in other countries

Advantages of e-CMR

- ✓ Cost reduction
- ✓ Accelerated administrative processes (lower volume of data entry, absence of paperwork and archives, no need for faxes/copies/letters etc.)
- ✓ Accelerated invoicing
- ✓ Reduced discrepancies in shipments and deliveries
- ✓ Improved transparency
- ✓ Accuracy of data
- ✓ Control and monitoring of consignments
- ✓ Access to information, confirmation of shipments and deliveries
- ✓ Access to information and receiving confirmations of shipments and deliveries in real time
- ✓ Economic, social and environmental benefits
- ✓ Connectivity strengthening tool
- ✓ Mutually beneficial solution for the public and private sector





Thank you for your attention!



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Questions?