

TIR & CHINA OPPORTUNITIES and CHALLENGES

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agenda

- Part one: overview of what China Customs has done
- Part two: what China Customs plans to do

Part one: Overview

- carries out diagnostic studies on TIR convention
- organization/participation in seminars
- revision of laws and regulation in line with the TIR Conventions
- study tour to IRU/UNECE

Part one: Overview

- **increasing trade requires efficient customs**
- **major features of TIR system**
 - 1. harmonization on procedures**
 - 2. wide application**
 - 3. guarantee to Customs revenues**
 - 4. convenience for transporters**

Part one: Overview

- In 2004, China foreign trade 1154 billion USD
- Jan. -- Aug. 2005, China foreign trade 891.7 billion USD, ↑ 23.5%
- main trading partners:
EU, USA, Japan, Korea, ASEAN,
Central Asia countries

Part one: An Overview

Potential benefits of China accession to TIR

- facilitate trade among Mongolia, Central Asia countries and EU, Japan, Korea, etc.
- stimulate China's transit/logistic services
- offer the opportunity for China's exports to enjoy simplified procedures within EU

Part two: Future plan

- Customs Management Commitment and Support
- establishment of an inter-departmental working Group in the Headquarters
- establishment of working mechanism with relevant government agencies and private transport associations

Conclusions

- TIR accession offers challenges and opportunities
- We can overcome the difficulties and seize the opportunities
- Let's work together among all the partners

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