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Background and History

- ❖ Mainland-Hongkong Customs cooperation was launched in 1982 .
- ❖ Minutes, MOU and Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters were signed respectively between CGAC and Hongkong Customs.



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Expert Group

- ❖ The expert group consisting of customs experts from two sides was established in 2000.
- ❖ Expert Group Meetings were held from April 2000 to July 2004 periodically.



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Negotiation Outcomes

- ❖ **Harmonization of export and import cargo manifest through land route**
 - **Pilot testing of Unified “Cargo Manifest” in both Customs of Mainland and Hongkong in December 2003**



Negotiation Outcomes

- ❖ Utilization of customs electronic bolt (customs seal)
 - Sharing of cargo inspection information
 - Mutual recognition of customs inspection results on the basis of unified cargo manifest



Negotiation Outcomes

- ❖ Mechanism of communication and consultation channel
- ❖ Launching of Research on Customs Fast Clearance



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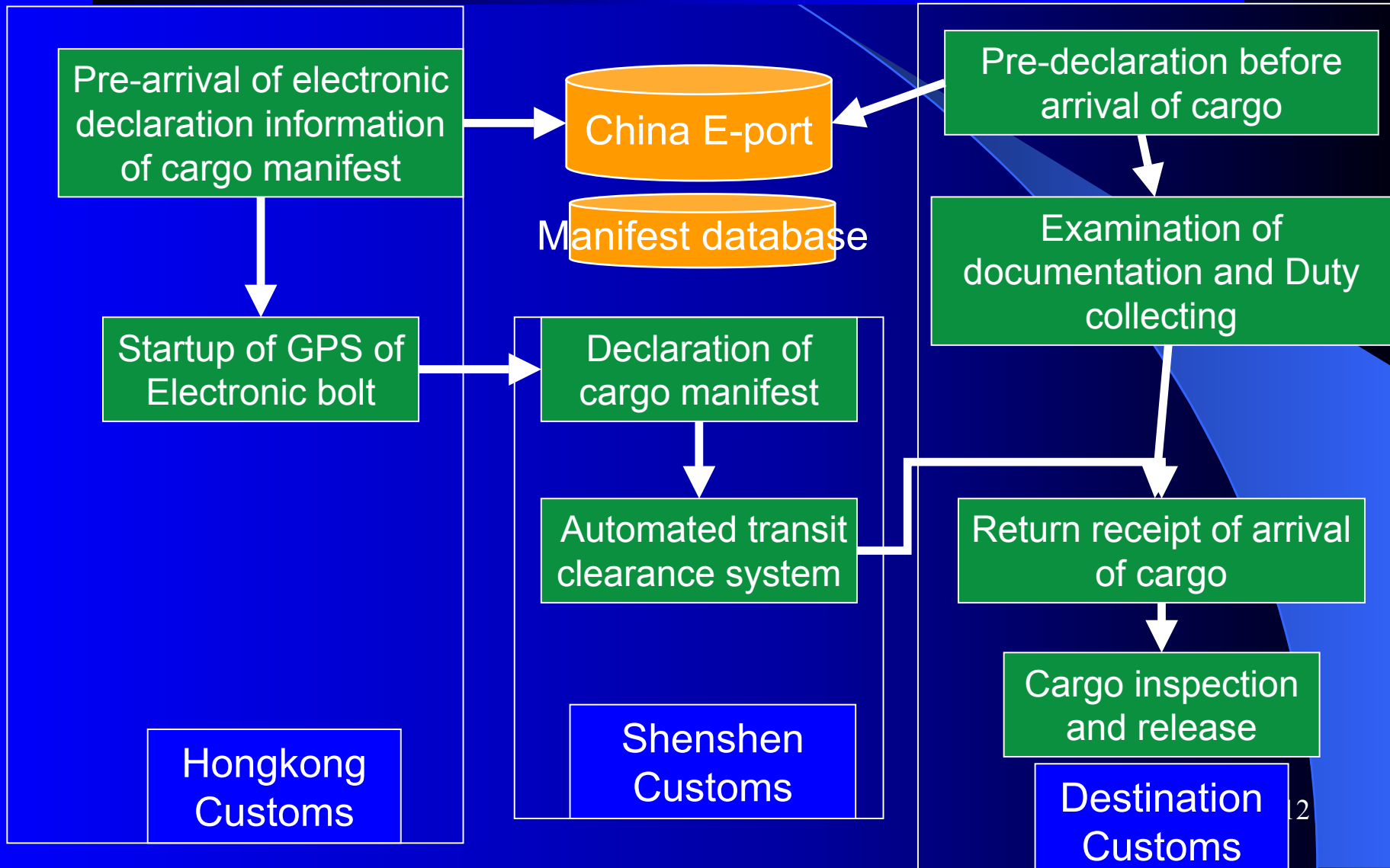


Requirements for Vehicles

- ❖ The following three requirements for vehicles must be satisfied:
 - Pre-arrival of electronic information of cargo manifest
 - Startup of GPS and electronic seal
 - Vehicles and containers meet the requirements of customs and international conventions.



Crossing Border Fast Clearance





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Achievements and outcomes

- ❖ Average speed of clearance has reduced from 40-60 minutes in the past to less than 5 minutes.
- ❖ Enhancement of supervision over transit vehicles
- ❖ Saving resources of both sides
- ❖ Strengthening the enforcement cooperation and improving the accuracy of information



Achievements and outcomes

- ❖ Providing a successful example of customs cooperation and experience for neighboring countries



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Implication and Recommendation

- ❖ Harmonization of cargo manifest among CCC members
- ❖ Mutual recognition of inspection results

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