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# **Integrated Border Crossing Management and Joint Customs Control**

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# Presentation Outline



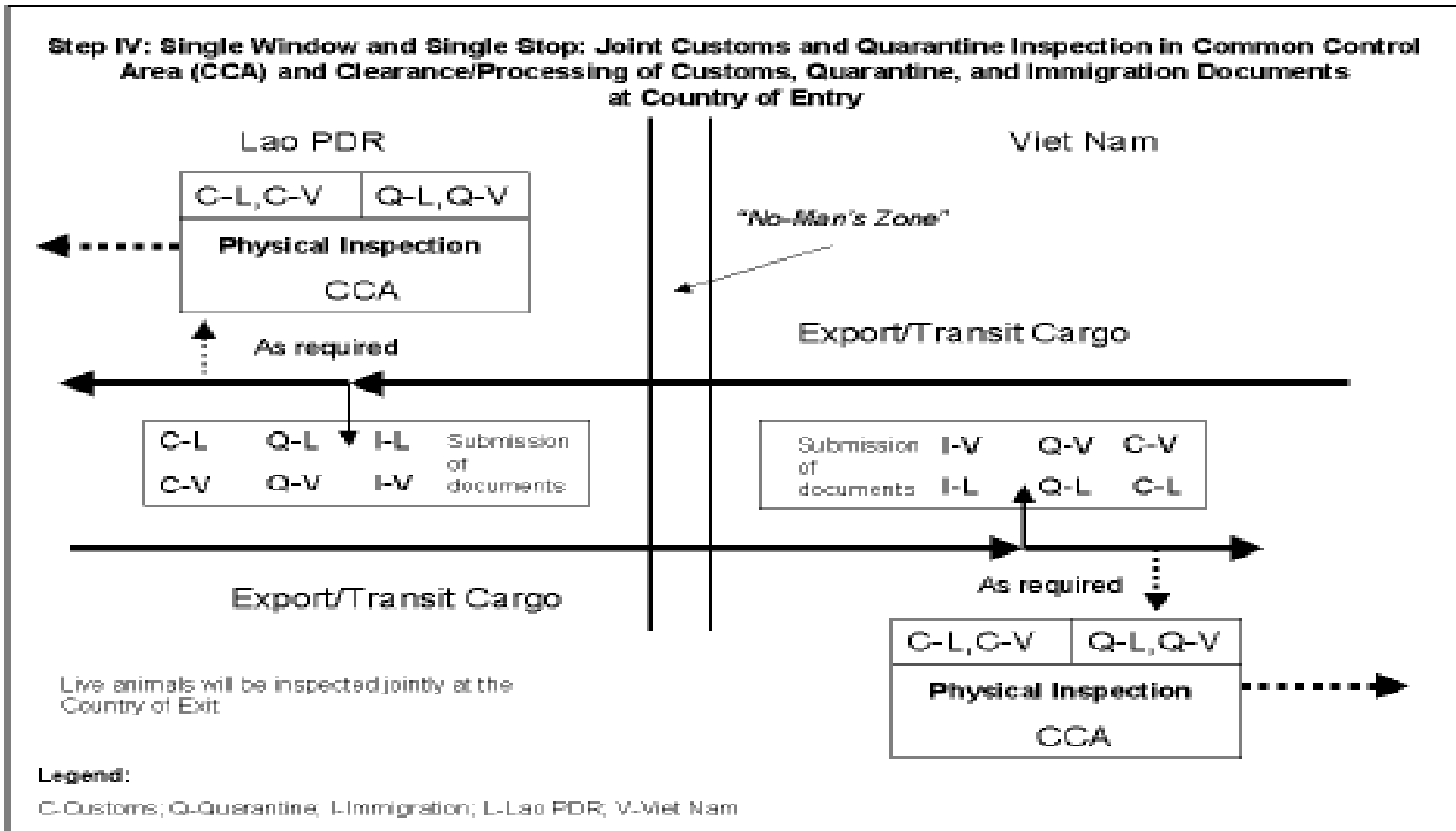
- **Concepts of integrated border crossing management and joint Customs control**
- **Issues to be addressed in joint Customs control**
- **how to address the issues**
- **Practices of joint Customs control in CAREC countries**
- **Recommendations for CAREC countries and ADB**

# Integrated Border Crossing Management



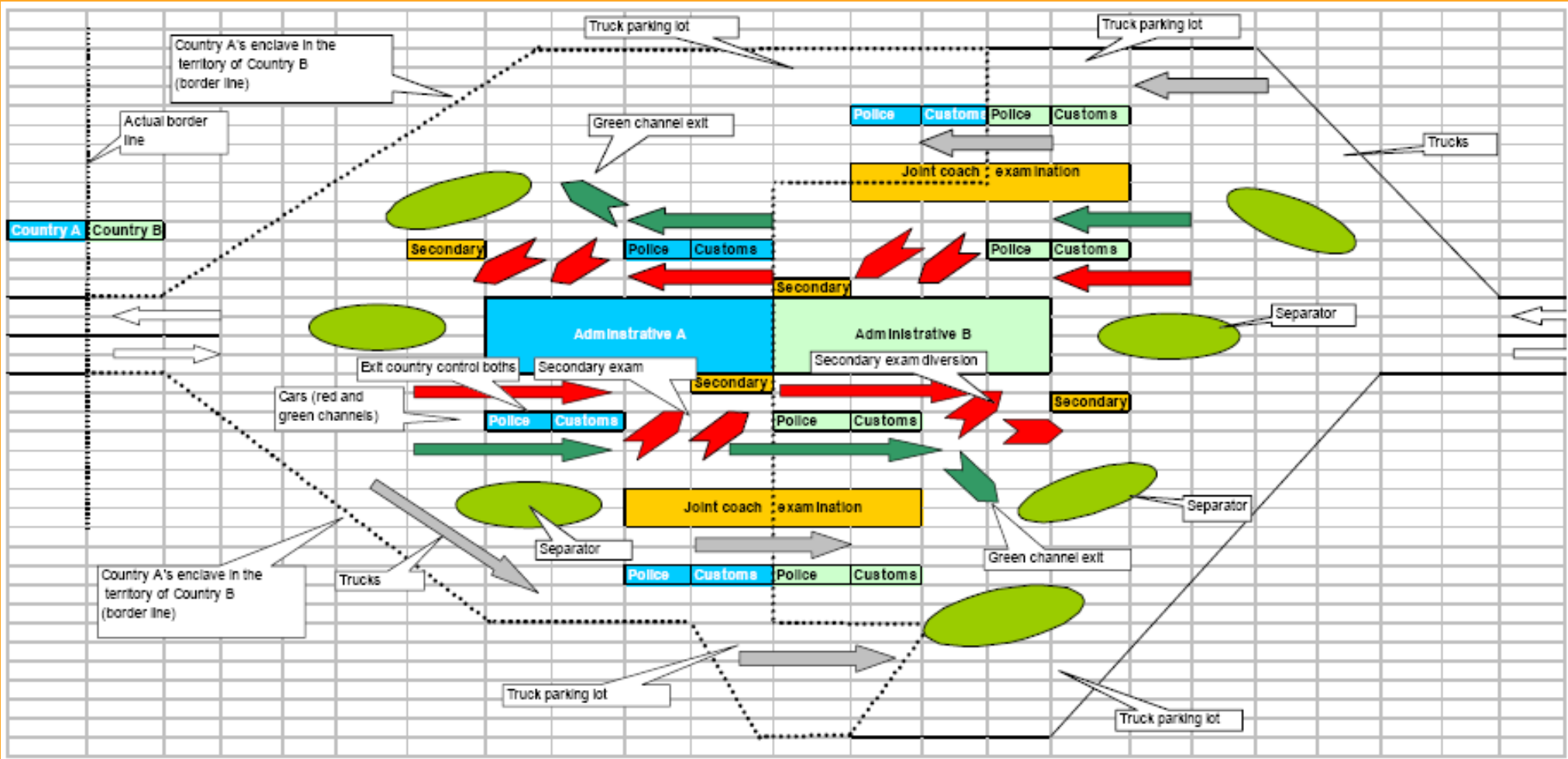
- **Ideal scenario: Single window/single stop at one border crossing**
- **Key elements:**
  - **Coordination of all border control agencies**
  - **Harmonization of all documents and procedures required**
  - **Joint inspections by all agencies, delegation of power or mutual recognition of inspection results**
  - **Common or co-located document processing and inspection facilities**

# Example of Integrated Border Crossing Management



Source: MOU on initial implementation at Densavanh, Lao PDR and Lao Bao, Viet Nam of GMS CBTA, 2005

# Example of Integrated Border Crossing Management



Source: World Bank, Guidelines for land road border stations, 2004

# Joint Customs Control



- **Jointly process documents and undertake inspections by Customs authorities at one border crossing or mutually recognize clearance/inspection results of partner Customs authority**
- **Key component of integrated border crossing management**

# Issues to Be Addressed in Joint Customs Control (1)



- 1. What extent of joint control can be adopted for a particular border crossing (e.g. joint inspection but separate document processing or joint inspection and processing or separate inspection and processing but mutually recognized, adoption of simplified documents or not, harmonization of documents and procedures or not, electronic or manual operation)**
- 2. What type of joint control can be selected for a particular border crossing (e.g. straddling facilities, common border facilities, juxtaposed borders facilities and country of entry processing)**
- 3. What legal barriers exist for joint Customs control in both sides of a border crossing exist and how to remove them (e.g. operation in foreign territory and operation of foreign Customs in a country)**
- 4. How to deal with some political/diplomatic issues (e.g. sovereignty and border line)**
- 5. What are topographical constraints and how to deal with**

# Issues to Be Addressed in Joint Customs Control (2)



- 6. How to coordinate with inland clearances**
- 7. How to optimally plan the required facilities (e.g. traffic growth, capacities, types and design of offices, inspection areas, equipment, parking lots, warehouses)**
- 8. How to better meet national legal requirements and increase security**
- 9. How to simplify and harmonize documents and procedures**
- 10. How to exchange information and documents in secured ways**
- 11. How to protect confidential Customs data and information**
- 12. What are new work flow and procedures**
- 13. What are responsibilities of each type of control officer**
- 14. How to consider regional harmonization**



# Issues to Be Addressed in Joint Customs Control (3)



15. How to coordinate daily operations of control officers (e.g. risk management)
16. How to coordinate overall operations of joint control
17. What legal instruments are required and what are the contents of the instruments
18. How to share costs in construction and operation
19. How to accommodate the needs of other controls for integrated border crossing management
20. How to accommodate the needs of ICT
21. How to deal with social and environmental issues
22. What training programme is required and how to do it
23. How to implement joint Customs control (e.g. timeframe, steps, transition, capacity building)

# How to Address the Issues



- **Recognize:**

- Complexity of joint Customs control
- Differences from border crossing to border crossing in the implementation of joint Customs control

- **Undertake:**

- Specific comprehensive and detailed study and design for each border crossing before implementing joint Customs control
- Joint Customs control with a vision of integrated border crossing management

# Practices of Joint Customs Control in CAREC Countries



- **Bilateral consultation in the framework of CCC**
- **Joint working group**
- **Discussions to find solutions to problems**
- **Signing agreement or MOU**
- **Test implementation**
- **Improvement based on testing results**
- **Formal implementation**

# Recommendations for CAREC Countries and ADB



- **Select one pilot testing border crossing for joint Customs control to undertake a comprehensive and detailed study and design incorporating other controls or with consideration of the needs of integrated border crossing management by a team of experts to provide technical support to joint working group, and then carry out further studies for other selected border crossings**
- **TA assistance by ADB for this study and design**



**Thank you.**