

Progress report on Trade Facilitation in P.R.China

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Preparation of China Customs to implement the WCO FoS

- Translate the relevant documents and put them into publication
- Raise the awareness (Workshops or seminars)
- Develop reach by International Customs Affairs Research Center
- Conduct Diagnostic Mission

Diagnostic Mission (I)

- A Diagnostic Mission to China Customs in March 2006
- The objective of the mission
 1. To explain the importance of the FoS
 2. To assist China Customs in consulting with other Government Agencies
 3. To identify the current position on implementation of FoS and potential problems
 4. To assist establishing an action plan
 5. To identify the steps to get assistance from WCO

Diagnostic Mission (II)

- The key areas to examine
 1. Legislation
 2. Procedures
 3. Information technology and communications
 4. Governance
 5. Co-ordination of development projects of China Customs
 6. External relationships

Diagnostic Mission (III)

Overall Recommendation

- The introduction of a ‘single window’ approach
- The introduction of strategic risk management
- Consolidation of the Customs rules and decrees to assist with transparency and consistency

Diagnostic Mission (IIII)

Overall Recommendation (continue)

- The acceptance of electronic cargo and goods delectation only (without paper requirement)
- Two phases clearance
 1. Security clearance
 2. Fiscal and trade policy clearance

Review of Progress

- ❖ Regional training and capacity building activities
 - Forum on TIR Customs transit system in Oct 2005, Shanghai, PRC
 - Seminar on the World Customs Organization's (WCO's) framework of standards and customs data model on 12-14 July 2006, Urumqi, PRC

Bilateral Initiatives

- ❖ Highlights Activities on Bilateral Initiatives
 - KAZ-PRC Harmonization of Cargo Manifests
 - » 1st consultation meeting in Shanghai, Oct 2005
 - » 2nd meeting planned in the near future

 - PRC-MON Joint Customs Control
 - » 1st consultation meeting in Shanghai, Oct 2005
 - » 2nd consultation meeting in Beijing, Jan 2006
 - » 3rd consultation meeting in Hohhot, Apr 2006

Training Activities

- PRC sponsored a training course for 8 KAZ Customs officials in Shanghai Customs College, May 2006
- PRC sponsored a training course for 15 MON Customs officials in Shanghai Customs College, on 18–29 Sep 2006, China.

Conclusion

❖ Short- to Medium-Term objectives:

- To promote concerted customs reforms and modernization
 - Customs Automation
 - Risk Management
 - Regional Transit Development
 - Joint Customs Control and

❖ Long-term Objective:

- To support an integrated trade facilitation approach in our region
 - One-Stop Service
 - Single Electronic Window



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