Feasibility Study for Single Window on exportimport and transit procedures

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Rating according Easy Doing Business (WB) – 159 (among 181 countries)

(source WB/IFC Easy Doing Business)

Nº	Topics	2009	2008
	Rating Doing Business	159	156
1	Starting a business	168	163
2	Licenses and permits	178	168
3	Employing workers	128	127
4	Registering property	46	43
5	Getting credit	172	171
6	Protecting investors	150	179
7	Trading across borders: export and import	177	178
8	Enforcing contracts	23	23
9	Paying taxes	159	155
10	Closing a business	97	102

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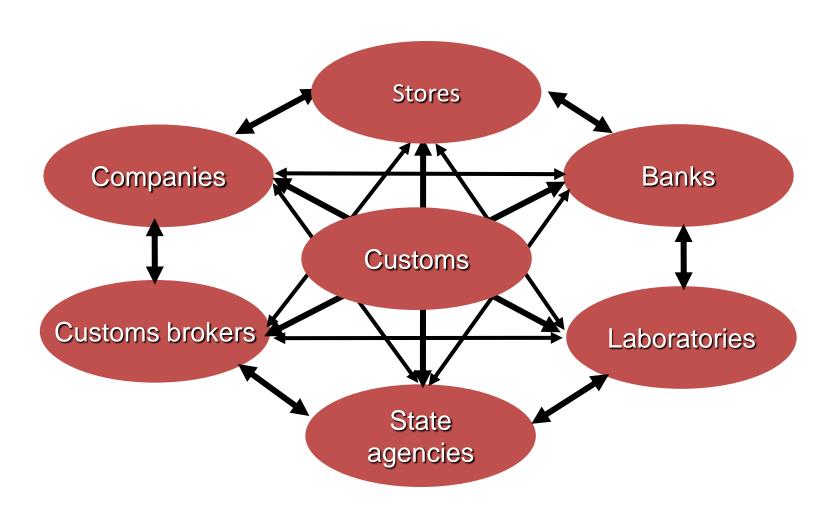
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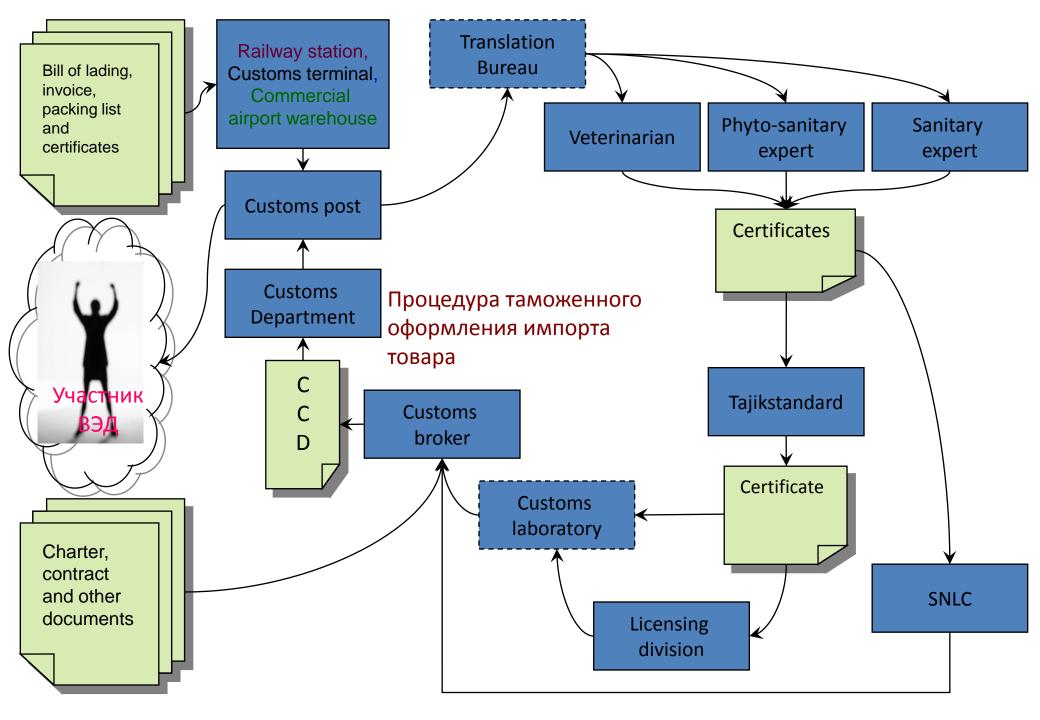
- 44-50 documents needed for export and import procedures
- 14-20 days needed to collect all necessary documents
- Minimum cost for one declaration is 110 TJS
 (costs for permits and licenses not included, only direct costs (!))

Main problems for export and import procedures

- Not clear description of procedures
- Inefficient administration of procedures take up a lot of time, expenses and efforts
- Physical presence is needed (possibility for corruption)
- Not enough coordination between agencies involved
- Difficulties with access to information!
- Spending too much time at border crossing points!

Situation today...



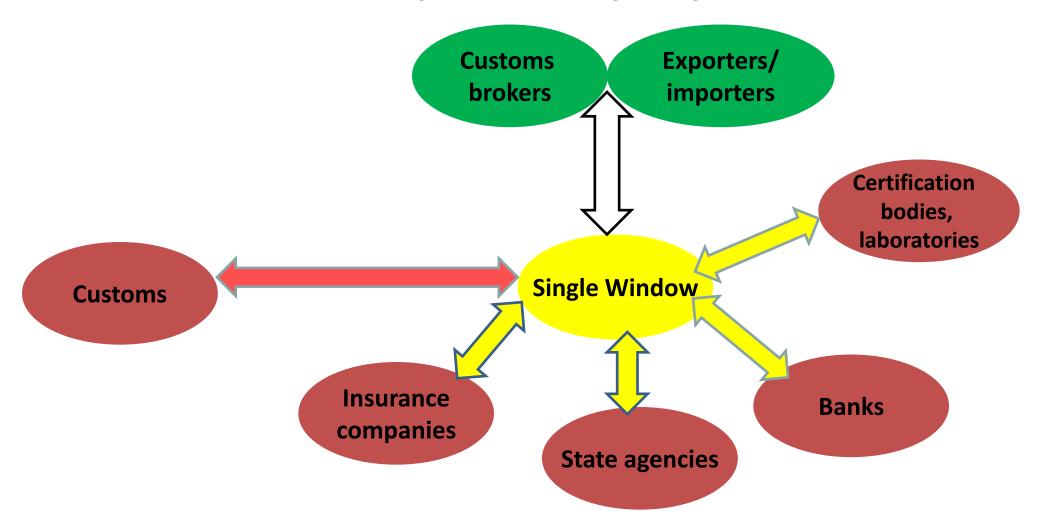


Solution:

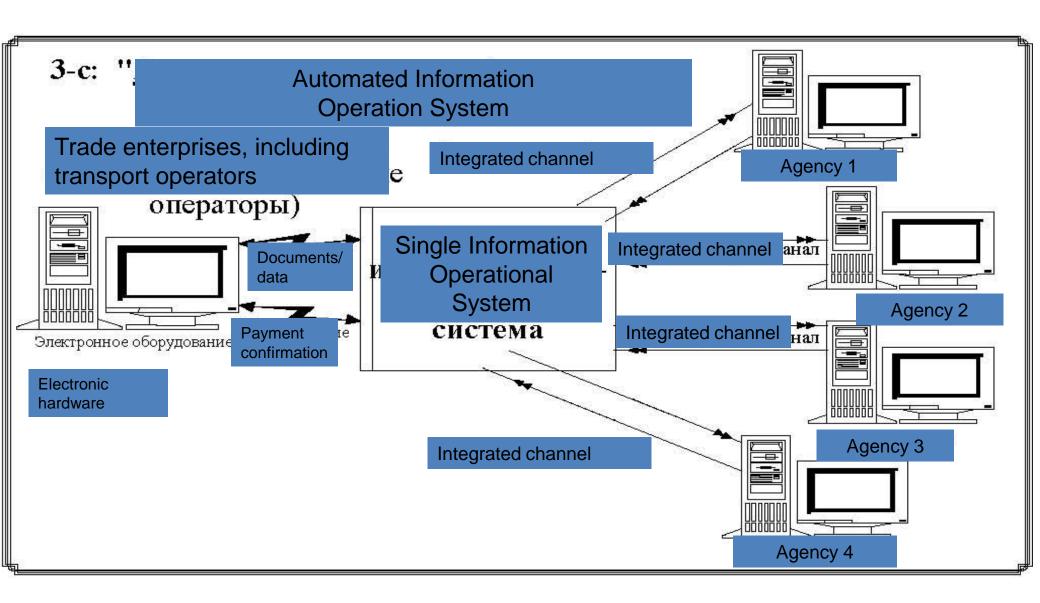
Single Window for export and import procedures

 Creation of effective information interchange mechanism between all participants involved in foreign trade process

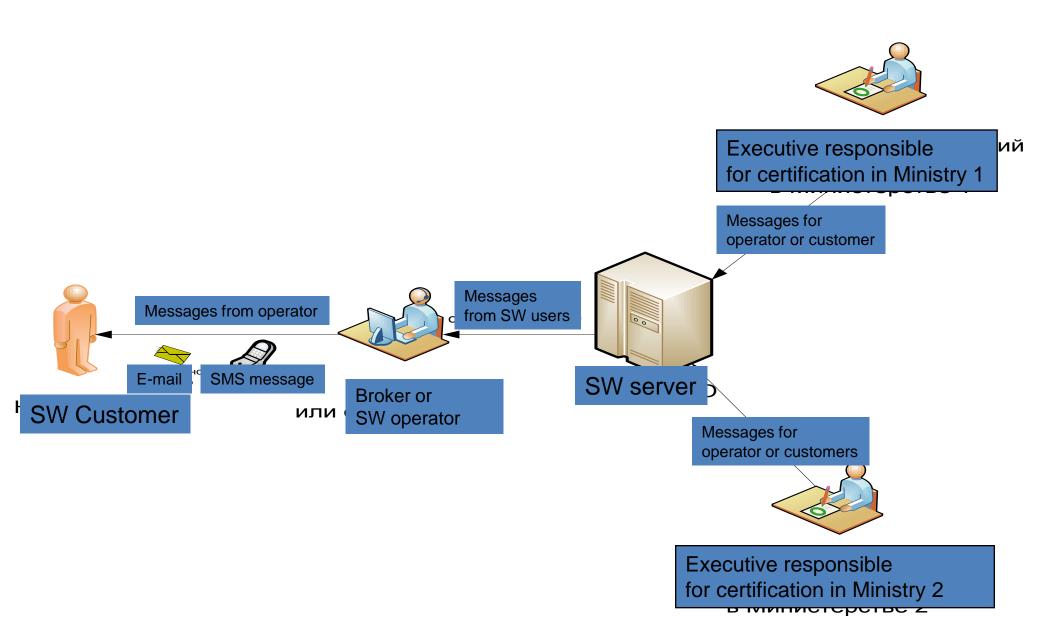
SW for export and import procedures



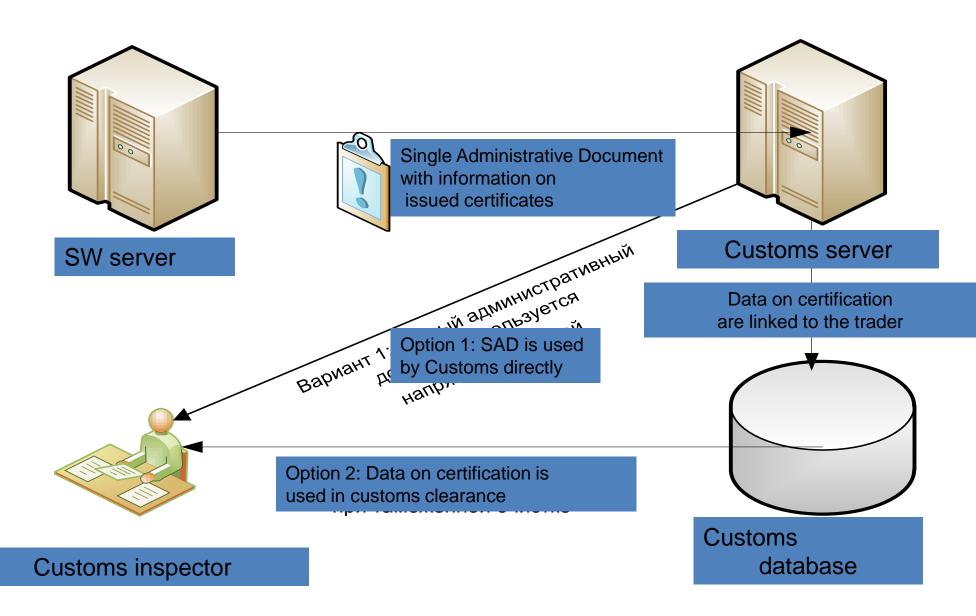
Proposed SW Model



How does a SW work?



Data transmission to Customs



Important to know(!):

Single Window is a system facilitating export-import and transit procedures,

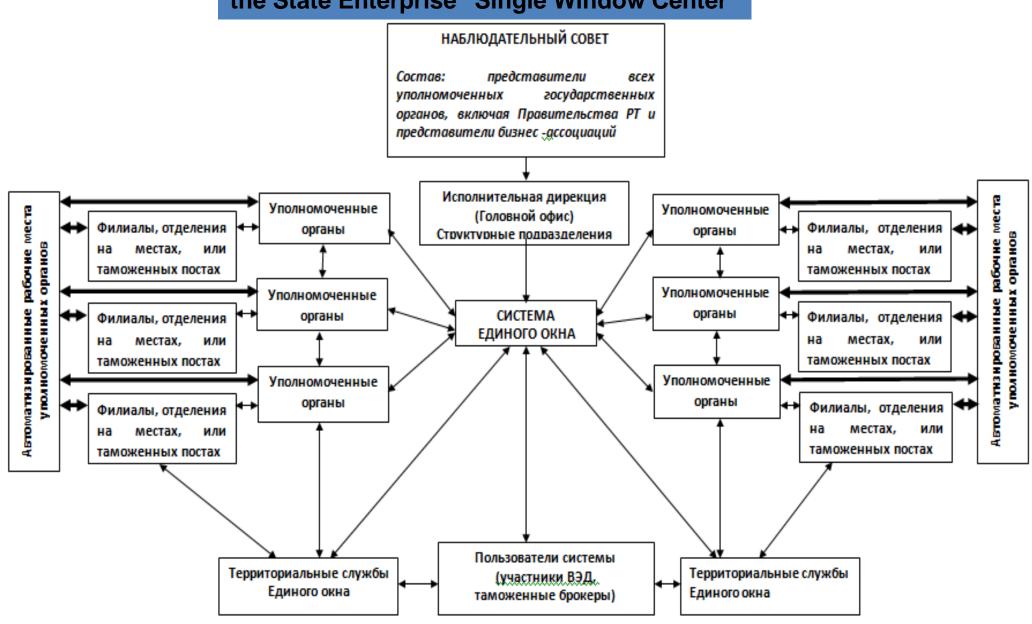
and does not incur function of supervising bodies as well as function of customs registration!

Organizational and legal aspects of Single Window

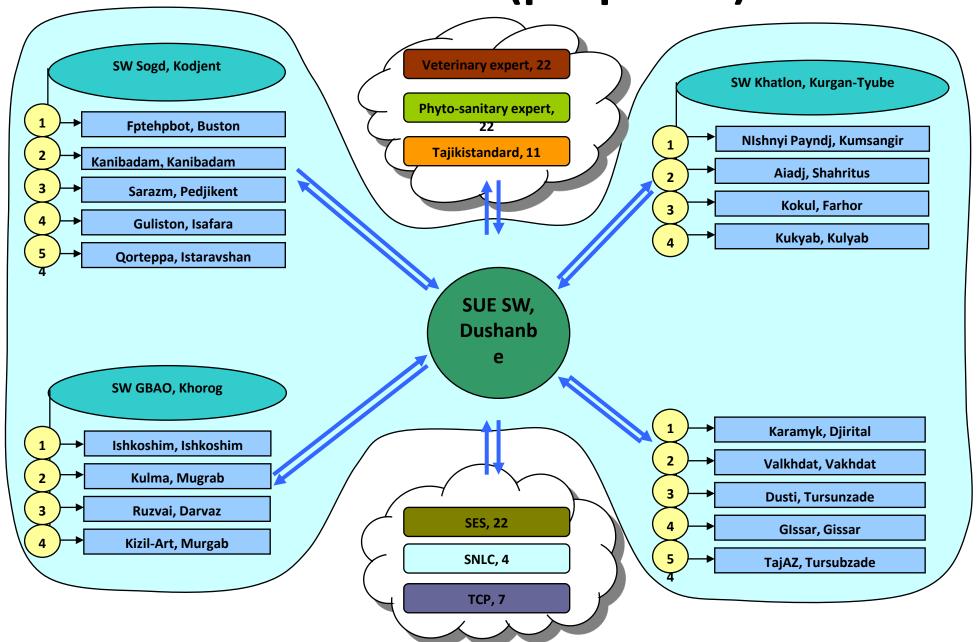
- SW Center

 — State Unitary Enterprise
 (SUE), on self-sufficient base
- Supervisory Board
 representative of State agencies and private sector!
- Self-sufficient, but not income oriented!

Structure of Organization and Work of the State Enterprise "Single Window Center"



Pilot for SW (proposed)



Project economic efficiency

- Project cost: around 2.3 mln \$
- Implementing: start with mid 2010.
- Payback period: 3 years with worst scenario
- One transaction approx. 10-12 USD (less then 110 TJS - costs for today)

Customs Declarations increase forecast

Сценарий роста

количества ГТД	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of CCD Export High-case Baseline	32613 32613	30093 30093	31598 30996	33809 32236	36176 33847	38708 35540	41418 37317	44317 39183	47420 41142
Low-case	32613	30093	30093	30845	31771	32724	33706	34717	35758
Number of CCD Import									
High-case	55531	71930	82720	90991	100091	110100	121110	133221	146543
Baseline	55531	71930	82720	90991	97361	104176	111468	119271	127620
Low-case	55531	71930	82720	90991	95541	100318	105334	110601	116131
Increase in CCD Export									
High-case		-8%	5	7	7	7	7	7	7
Baseline		-8%	3	4	5	5	5	5	5
Low-case		-8%	0	2.5	3	3	3	3	3
Increase in CCD Import									
High-case		23%	15	10	10	10	10	10	10
Baseline		23%	15	10	7	7	7	7	7
Low-case		23%	15	10	5	5	5	5	5

Benefits of SW implementing

- 1. Reduce time and costs of traders at least by half!
- 1. 2. No direct contact between agencies and traders (less corruption, more income for the State)
- 2. 3.Better coordination through electronic exchange of information and using Single Data Base

1,2,3... and results:

- Export and import procedures simplified (easy to get permissions for export and import)
- 2. Stimulate SME activeness
- 3. Tajikistan increased its rating on business climate
- 4. Tajikistan accepted as favorable country for business
- 5. Investment climate improved

Where we are now? Achievements:

- 1. SW Concept approved by Government (Decree 659 from 31.12.08), FS drafted
- 2. Most of agencies supporting the project, despite of some hesitations
- 3. First steps on simplifications approved by Government (Decree №487 from 01.10.08)
- 4. Conducted survey on Readiness of agencies
- 5. Customs modernization started!
- 6. Good coordination between MEDT and Customs Service and donors GTZ, USAID, ADB on project planning.

Next steps on SW implementation:

- 1. SW FS approved by Government
- 2. Define SW financing
- 3. Define implementing agency
- 4. Action Plan on SW implementation
- 5. Start with practical implementation: show strong Governmental will and ownership!