

Session 3: Parallel Test and the Key System Changes

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Parallel Test – 4th to 20th September 2024

Participants:

- Azerbaijan State Customs Committee
- Georgia Revenue Service
- Uzbekistan State Customs Committee

Goals:

- Transit Procedure Adherence Rate
- Customs Control Efficiency
- Communication Efficiency
- Scope of CATS/ICE

18 Scenarios:

- 2 Intra-CAREC Movement
- 6 Import into the CAREC
- 3 Export from the CAREC
- 7 Transit through the CAREC

Parallel Test – Result

Result based on the goals we have set:

- Transit Procedure Adherence Rate → 100%
 - This demonstrates its ability to handle real-world transit declarations and cargo movements accurately and reliably.
- Customs Control Efficiency → score of 3 out of 10
 - CATS/ICE can provide actionable improvements for customs in the effectiveness of risk assessment of transit movements before cargo arrive.
- Communication Efficiency → score of 8 out of 10
 - Indicated a high level of communication efficiency being achieved.
- Scope of CATS/ICE → 21 feedback items
 - 8 high priority, 3 medium priority, 8 low priority and 2 others.

Parallel Test – Feedback

No.	Feedback	Action	Priority
1.	Utilise the TIR Carnet number to manage split deliveries of cargo. – AZ and GE	This update has been incorporated into the Prototype 2 functional specification document.	High
2.	Enable the ability to add or modify transit offices and the Transit Declaration information while the movement is still in transit. This is crucial, as the transit office may change due to various circumstances. – AZ and GE	We recognise that this is a crucial functionality for transit movements. This will be incorporated into the Prototype 2 functional specification document.	High
5.	Supporting documents in the Transit Declaration should not be mandatory. All documents should be set to “Optional.” - GE	We can consider removing the mandatory requirement; this will be discussed with the ADB team.	High
8.	Making it mandatory to input information into the “Customs Control Activity” field as part of the control check - GE	This is a topic for the next Working Group meeting. (not implemented yet)	High
11.	To include Driver details for Risk Management purposes AZ	Presently, there are no plans to incorporate this information into the prototype system. It could be considered for future development when the system is formally adopted and in use. This could be a topic for a future Working Group meeting. (not implemented yet)	High

Parallel Test – Feedback

No.	Feedback	Action	Priority
14.	An error message appears when I am approving the transit. - GE	ADB has investigated and resolved the cause.	High
15.	There is a need to add details of an additional seal when cargo arrives from the EU on a T1. - GE	We have suggested the participants add two seals into the 'Seal' field by separating them with a comma. Also, there is an option to insert new seal details in the Customs control section.	High
20.	Where to record information relating to a transit movement violation – Scenario 3 - UZ	Summary information relating to a violation can be included in the Customs Control section.	High
3.	Clarification is required regarding the “Country of Entry” and “Country of Exit” fields on CATS. – AZ and GE	We will revisit the guidance and provide a more detailed explanation.	Medium
17.	Request to include all countries in the “Vehicle Nationality” field - AZ	It has been included during the parallel test.	Medium
19.	To remove ‘Transit Time’ for release action - AZ	This will be removed in the new version.	Medium

Version 2.0 of CATS/ICE:

- We have implemented most of the High and Medium priority items, except #8 and #11.

Parallel Test – Feedback

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4.	Enable users to see Importing and Export countries, allowing us to visualise the whole journey of the movement. - AZ	We can consider adding new fields to the Transport tab in CATS. (not implemented yet)	Low
6.	The 'Place of Loading' field did not list all the options (GEO) - GE	We suggest users select the "OTHERS" option, which will allow the users to specify the location in the remarks box.	Low
7.	Only USD Dollars (\$) is available in the system (GEO) - GE	We can consider alternatives, although not needed at the moment (not implemented yet)	Low
9.	<p>'Transit Time' field – consider implementing automatic allocation of transit days by the system based on each country's designated time limits (e.g., Georgia has a legal 20-day limit).]</p> <p>Additionally, create a flag to alert users when a transit movement exceeds the time limit. – AZ and GE</p>	<p>We can consider introducing a new field or status to indicate when a movement exceeds the transit time; this will be discussed among the ADB team.</p> <p>(not implemented yet)</p>	Low
10.	There is a need to refine the filter to show each transit office only those movements requiring their approval. Also, consider adding colour coding to show all steps completed for each country.	<p>We can consider improving the Transit Declaration list page to refine the filters and indicate the progress of the movement. This will be discussed among the ADB team.</p> <p>(not implemented yet)</p>	Low

Parallel Test – Feedback

No.	Feedback	Action	Priority
12.	To include documents required to accompany the driver (AZER) - AZ	The topic has not yet been discussed in the Control Facilitation Working Group. You can use CATS's unique movement number. Paper document for the driver with long-term solution an App with QR code? This could be a topic for a future Working Group meeting. (not implemented yet)	Low
13.	Not all relevant BCPs are found in the system (GEO) - GE	ADB requests that the countries update their BCP lists. WCO is working on Office code repositories being added to the WCO DM App (not implemented yet)	Low
21.	Integration with the risk management system of the country to aid allocation of a transit movement to risk corridors - Red, Yellow, or Green - UZ	How to integrate risk management information is something to be considered for future development when the system is formally adopted and in use. This could be a topic for a future Working Group meeting. (not implemented yet)	Low

Parallel Test – Feedback

No.	Feedback	Action	Priority
16.	There is a need to expand the 'Country of Destination' list and allow Customs Officers to search using either numerical or alphabetical codes. – AZ and GE	An expanded country list has been implemented during the Parallel Test. We will implement a multi-functional dropdown that can be searched using either numerical or alphabetical codes. (not implemented yet)	--
18.	The 'Quantity' field for Packages should be '0' when "No Packaging" is selected as its Unit of Measurement (UOM) - AZ	We will allow '0' to be submitted	--

Parallel Test – Other Findings

Critical findings from the Parallel Test

- The Customs Offices for Transit and Release may not be known from the TIR input.
- The driver sometimes change the route while truck and cargo is in transit.
- For movements that are exiting the region, the Country of Release (in CATS) are not pre-determined.

Prototype v2.0

Impact to CATS:

- Add the capability for the Economic Operator to specify partial release of cargo at different BCP.
- Change of Guarantee Balance based on partial release of cargo.
- Add the capability for Customs to be able to change (amend) the transit offices.
- Made UI changes based on the High and Medium feedback received.

Impact to ICE:

- Changed the XML messages such that partial release information is included.
- Added another XML message such that amendment is being sent to other CATS.

Thank you.

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