

# State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan

## National Trade Facilitation

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## Advance Rulings

**28 February 2019**

Introducing Implementation of Advance Rulings according to Customs Modernization Plan (Concept). Customs Committee will be providing Advance Rulings on the Origin of the Goods, Customs Valuation and Tariff Classification.

Applicants for Advance Rulings will have clear instructions how to appeal if they are not satisfied with the decision.



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## Release and Clearance of Goods

### 01 February 2019

#### 7.1 Pre-arrival Processing

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2019, Azerbaijan State Customs Committee require Importers to fill in short customs declarations prior to arrival of goods to the customs territory of Azerbaijan Republic.

### April 2019

#### 7.4 Risk Management

Azerbaijan Customs introduced new Development Framework which oversees the targeting high-risk consignments and expediate the release of low-risk consignments.



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## Border Agency Cooperation

### 2019-2020

#### Joint Border Crossings

The Customs Committee is evaluating development and sharing common facilities. We are also looking forward to joint control zones at our borders.

### 2019

State Customs Committee reinventing its Cooperation with other border agencies to facilitate trade and reduce transit times. Such measures have been taken with 18 inter-government agencies.

As the operator of the Single Window for Trade, the committee, initiated multiple projects in the last few months with Border agencies to reduce waiting times on all border crossings



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## Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

### February 2019

10.2 Acceptance of Copies.  
Azerbaijan State Customs Committee accepts electronic copies submitted to National Single Window without the need to provide originals.

The committee is using innovative technologies to transform and simplify import, export and transit documentation. We are implementing Ethereum blockchain and Hyperledger Fabric to steer paper free trade. Smart contracts are replacing certificates of origin.



### June 2019

Azerbaijan Customs joined the TradeLens platform, which is jointly developed by IBM and Maersk. The use of blockchain can lead to detect fraudulent activities and make shipment data available as soon as they leave the exporter warehouse.

We are also beta testing our Smart Borders App which has multiple functionality such as E-queueing at border crossings, calculation of customs duties, live interaction with customer support and AI based Chatbot.

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