



CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)

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CATS Rationale

There is significant scope for the enhancement of existing CAREC transit procedures taking into account international best practice (WTO TFA/WCO). Importantly, CATS will assist in:

- ➤ Aligning CAREC transit procedures with other regional transit systems procedures
- > Building customs-to-customs and customs-to-business partnerships
- Enhancing Customs-to-Customs information exchange; and
- >Supporting advanced Customs risk assessment of transit movements to enhance the security of the supply chain.



CATS Provisions

The key provisions of CATS are in accordance with international standards as recommended in the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and WCO Transit



Overall Objectives of CATS

Adoption of a systematic electronic processing of a single transit document is envisaged to reduce costs, increase speed, improve risk management and reduce corruption.

The main objectives of the CATS system is to:

- 1. Allow Customs-to-Customs information exchange as well as management by Customs of data on guarantees; and
- 2. Permit advanced Customs risk assessment of the transit movement to enhance the security of the supply chain



Achieving the CATS Objectives

How CATS will help achieve these Objectives:

- By creating a single harmonised electronic regional transit system
- ■By streamlining and harmonising existing transit documentation
- ☐ By providing a modern, risk-based affordable guarantee mechanism that rewards compliant Economic Operators



CATS – Update on the Status of CATS

- ➤ Several meetings/discussions held to finalize the Draft CATS Agreement (January to April 2019)
- ➤ A meeting with potential guarantors held in Astana workshop (April 2019)
- Two CATS Working Group Meetings held in Astana (April 2019)
- ➤ The Pilot CATS IT Specification and Software finalized and will be circulated for review



Pilot CATS IT Specification

The Software Functional Specification v1.0 consists of:

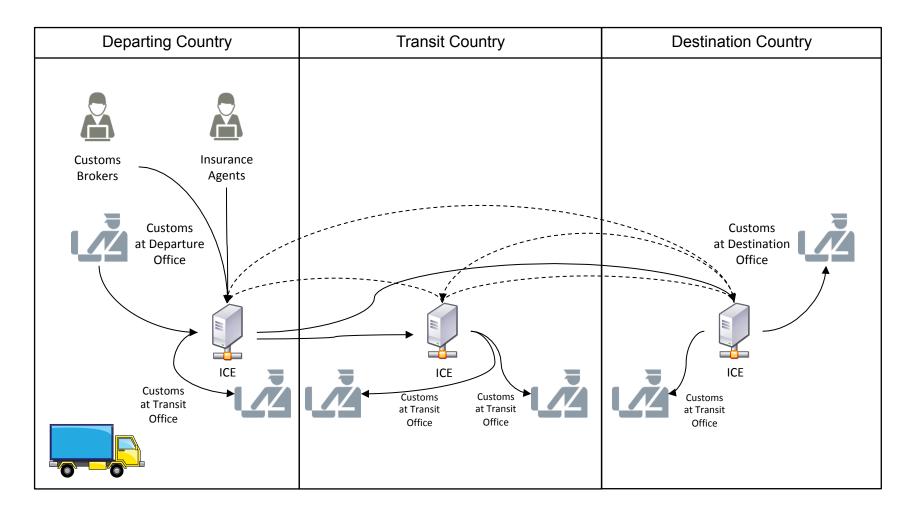
- 1. System Functionality
 - a. User Roles definition
 - b. Registration processes
 - c. CAREC Transit Document submission and approval processes
 - d. Guarantee Contract submission and approval processes
- 2. Technical Requirements
 - a. CATS Data Model
 - **b.** CATS Reference Codes
 - c. CATS Other Requirements



CATS Pilot System



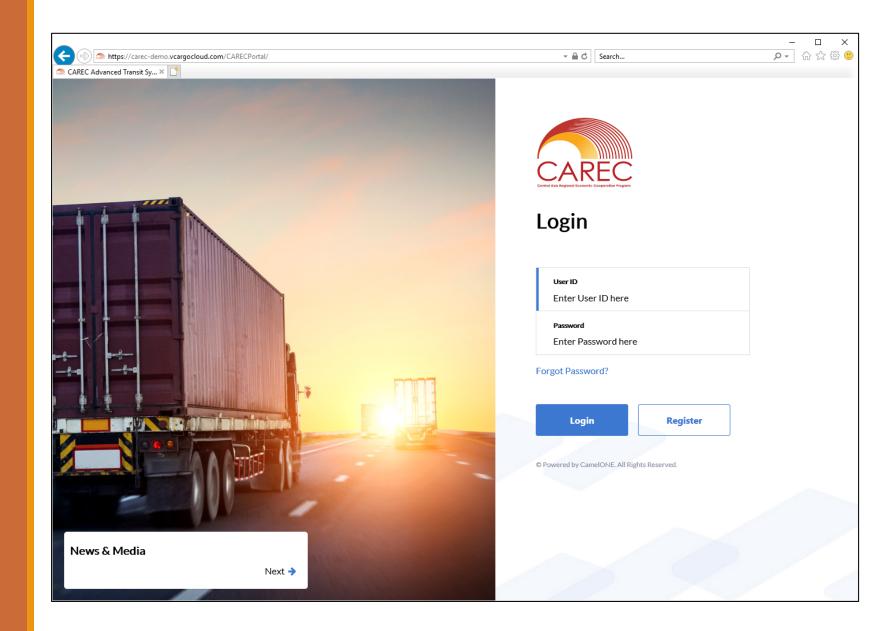
CATS Pilot Illustration (with Animation)



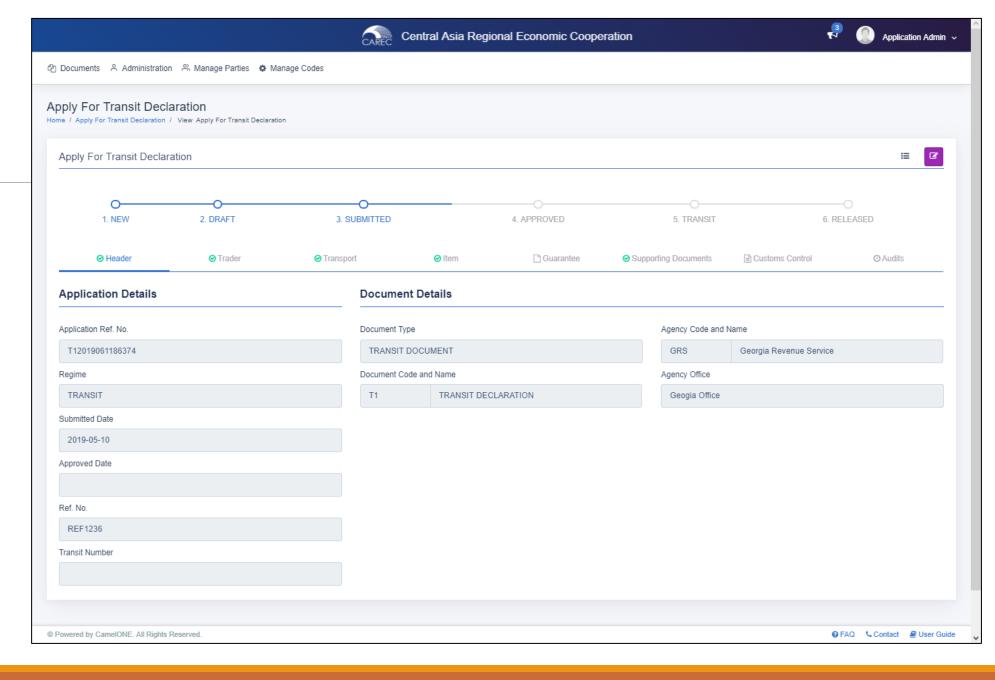




Screen captures of CATS Pilot System

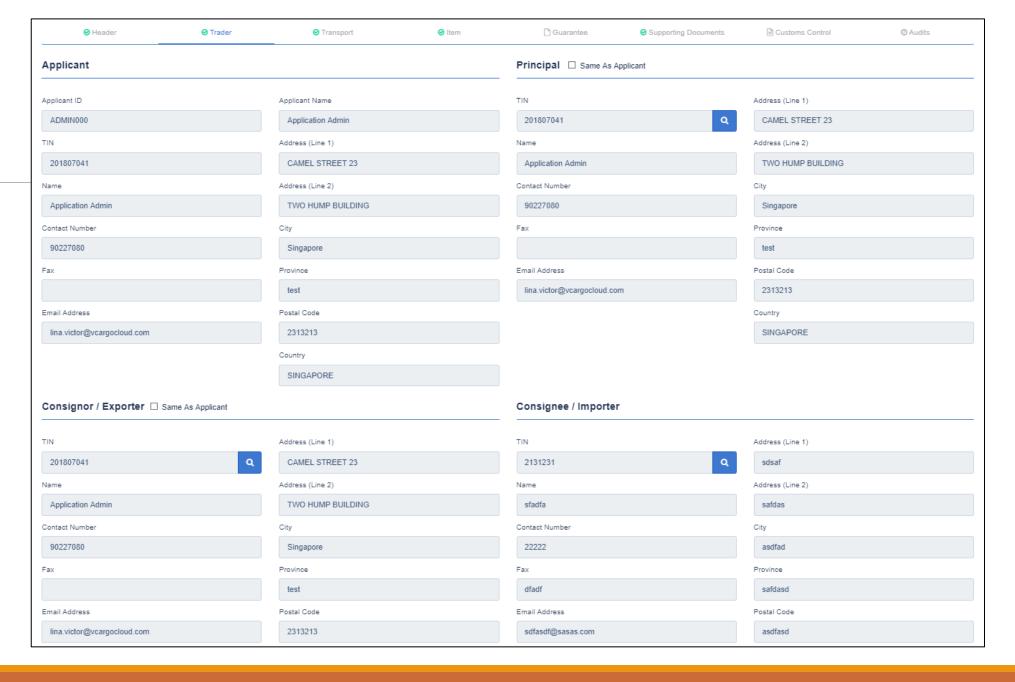


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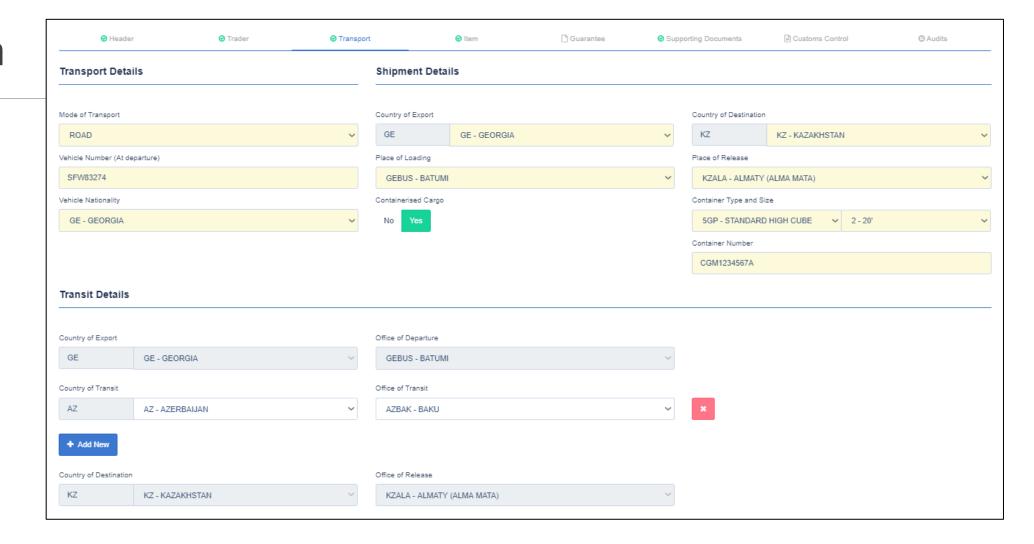


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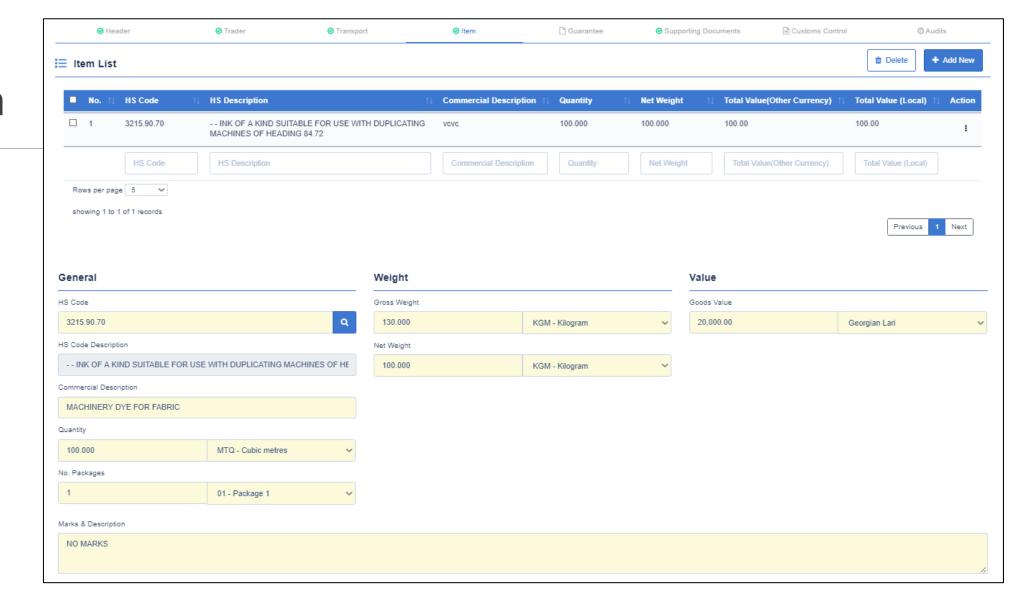


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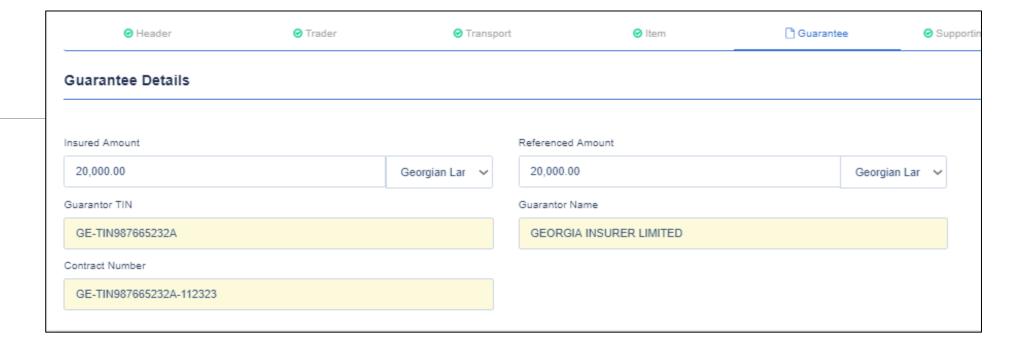


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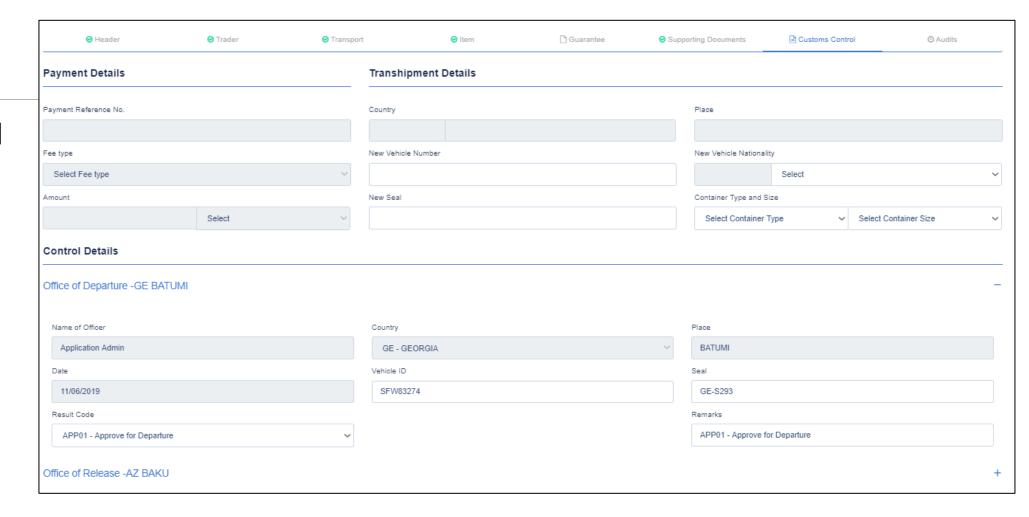


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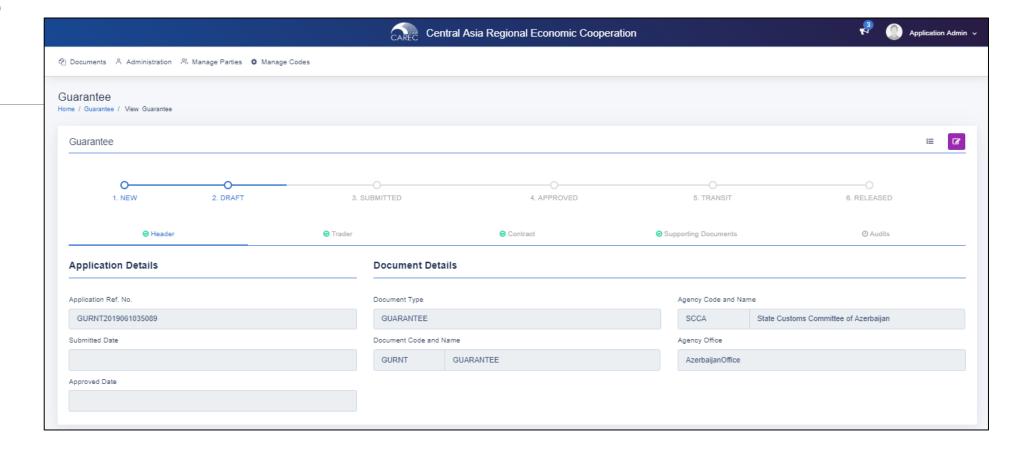
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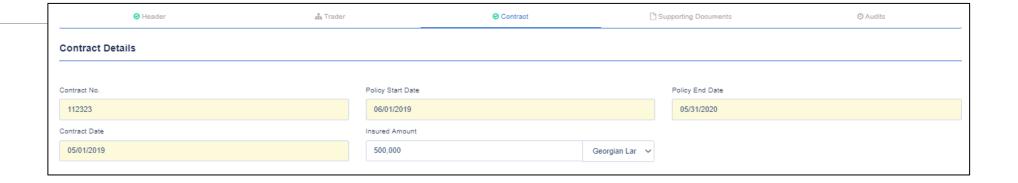
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Moving Forward



CATS – NEXT STEPS

The five key next steps include:

- Further meeting of CATS Working Groups in Georgia (July 2019) to finalize outstanding issues
- ➤ Signing of the Agreement to pilot test the CATS prototype (September 2019)
- **►** Installation of CATS Software (October 2019)
- Provision of Training on CATS (November to December 2019)
- > Implementation of CATS pilot stages (January to July 2020)



Conclusion

A regional system would help CAREC countries participate in the global value chains that are the most dynamic segment of the 21st century global economy by:

- Providing an opportunity to eliminate the duplication of effort in complying with the requirements of several transit systems;
- Streamlining and harmonising transit documentation; creating a single electronic messaging system and removing the manual processing of documentation;
- Establishing a modern risk based affordable guarantee mechanism which would reward compliant operators e.g., AEOs.
- •Reducing Customs processing time at the border.
- Provide compatibility with existing transit systems e.g EU NCTS.



Questions

