

CAREC Cross-Border Transport Facilitation: Update

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Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan Cross-Border Transport Agreement

- Signed and ratified by two countries
- Protocol on Afghanistan's accession
 - Signed by Tajikistan and Afghanistan
 - Awaiting signing by Kyrgyz Republic
- New protocols may be needed
 - On market access and permits
 - On a proposed simplified customs transit regime
- Proposed revised implementing action plan

Proposed Implementing Action Plan

- Implementation should be:
 - gradual so that it can be adjusted as it develops
 - sequenced based on analysis of criticality of provisions
- Immediate focus on highly critical provisions
 - traffic rights exchange, operator licensing, market access
 - cross-border movement of vehicles
- Next priority are moderately critical provisions
 - mutual recognition of 3rd party motor liability insurance
 - customs transit
 - abolition of non-cost related charges
 - facilitation of border-crossing formalities

Roundtable Seminar on Corridor-Based Transport Facilitation Arrangements

- Agreed with National Focal Points to hold seminars
- Seminar to be held in Beijing on 2-3 July
 - Presentations by 10 countries on their agreements
 - Presentation of model CBTA
 - Presentations of experience in Latin America, and Viet Nam/Cambodia and Viet Nam/Lao PDR/Thailand
 - Recommendations on possible future approaches for CAREC

Next Steps

- Afghanistan's accession to the Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan Cross-Border Transport Agreement (CBTA)
- Prepare implementation of the CBTA
 - Start carrying out action plan
 - Negotiate new protocol
- Conduct seminar(s) on transport facilitation arrangements in the CAREC region