



TA – 6437 (REG) Integrated Trade Facilitation Support for CAREC
Summary report by country

Azerbaijan

- The consultants visited Baku from 28/01/09 to 31/01/09.
- Interviews or workshops were arranged with the following bodies: Ministry of Transport; State Customs Committee; Association of International Road Carriers of Azerbaijan (ABADA); Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Migration.
- It is clear that a number of simplifications have been planned for implementation – most significant of which is a border-control single-window. This is to be operated by Azerbaijan State Customs who will be responsible for operating all cargo border checks, including phyto-sanitary, veterinary, hygiene etc.
- Presidential decrees have been issued which enable the changes. Now the over-riding concern is for practical implementation support in this and other areas.

Summary of findings

	Training Needs	Supply Offered
Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single window implementation support • Automated customs clearance • Post-customs Audit Control Procedures • Communications technology 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs basic technical training • Leadership <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Education Centre for Customs Control Officers - Baku
Other Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination between/contribution from all stakeholders (Ministry of Agriculture) • Support for legislative changes (All stakeholders) • Systems/equipment/skills for laboratory services: eg plant/animal health – quality control: (Ministry of Agriculture) 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABADA - Customs procedures for freight operators and drivers

China

- The consultants visited three centres in China: Beijing from 8/12/08 to 13/12/08; Urumqi in Xinjiang Uygur from 14/12/08 to 16/12/08; and Shanghai from 17/12/08 to 19/12/08.
- Interviews or workshops were arranged with the following bodies: China Federation of Logistics and Purchase (CFLP); China International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFA); General Administration of Customs; Urumqi Customs; Xinjiang Uygur Freight Forwarders Association; and Shanghai Customs College. A visit was also arranged to the Urumqi International Airport and the Urumqi Customs Container Terminals
- China has made considerable progress in developing trade facilitative processes: particularly in legislative and process reform, faster clearance for compliant traders, and early progress towards single-window operation. There exists an effective working relationship between most trade bodies and government authorities and discussion and coordination between them in developing trade facilitation has been effective so far.
- It was made clear that practical support/best international practice delivered in a culturally appropriate manner is what is required: also taking account of the existing level of knowledge of the recipients.

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	Training Needs	Supply Offered
Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single window implementation support • Electronic data interchange – implementation support • Post-customs Audit Control Procedures • Risk management approaches • “non-traditional” customs control procedures: particularly drugs/terrorism/weapons • Russian language training for border staff • Customs Port Management • Intellectual Property Rights • Data-exchange between law enforcement agencies • Cross-border co-operation • Energy supply control • Rules of Origin • Training Needs Analysis • Participative training skills 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic customs officer training • WCO trade facilitation framework • WCO e-learning system (English/French only) • Trader audit • Container security initiative (CSI) • Leadership development • Russian language <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urumqi Customs Training Centre • Shanghai Customs College
Other Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain security (CIFA) • Logistics skills/procedures (CIFA/CFLP) • Multi-modal transport: risks & liabilities (CIFA/XUFFA) • Letters of Credit (CIFA) • Training skills (CIFA/XUFFA) 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIATA logistics/forwarding modular training

Kazakhstan

- The consultants visited two centres in Kazakhstan: Almaty from 25/01/09 to 26/01/09 and Astana from 27/01/09 to 28/01/09.
- Interviews or workshops were arranged with the following bodies: Economtransconsulting; Chamber of Commerce; Customs Control Committee; Ministry of Transport and Communications; Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- Kazakhstan has strong trade-side organisations, pushing hard for simplifications and promoting and helping design the adoption of facilitative border processes. There has been extensive consultation with Government agencies and agreement that Kazakhstan Customs will adopt and manage a border control single window. Parallel to this, a public/private partnership is developing a number of customs terminals, or “hubs” to concentrate clearance activities.
- Again, it seems that a priority for development is practical implementation support for the simplifications to enable further progress.

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Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single window implementation support • Electronic data interchange – implementation support • Post-customs Audit Control Procedures • Risk management approaches • Supply Chain Security (AEO) • Training skills 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernising legislation • Customs basic training <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Finance Training Centre
Other Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics skills/procedures (Freight Forwarders Association/High Tech Logistics/) • Training skills (Ministry of Transport and Communications) 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economtransconsulting Logistics Process Training • Certificate of Origin training

Kyrgyz Republic

- The consultants visited Bishkek from 19/01/09 to 21/01/09.
- Interviews or workshops were arranged with the following bodies: Ministry of Economic Development and Trade; State Customs Committee; GTZ; EU-UNDP/BOMPCA; Ministry of Agriculture; Border Service; Association of Freight Forwarders; Chamber of Trade and Industry; American Chamber of Commerce.
- The Kyrgyz Republic, like its neighbours, is keen to develop facilitative processes and has set in train a number of initiatives to promote this: the largest of which is the development of a pre-customs single window. The trade side feels that it would like to be able to contribute more to the process of change and they see development of the communication and consultation process as a priority.
- EU-UNDP/BOMPCA has sponsored a number of structural and process changes to selected border crossings and GTZ has been active in supporting other process simplifications.
- Again, it seems that a priority for development is practical implementation support for the simplifications to enable further progress.

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Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single window implementation support • Personnel management • E-learning development • Single Administrative Document (SAD) development • Drafting legislation • Drug smuggling 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs basic training • Pre-customs single-window practical experience • Single window theory <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs Training Centre
Other Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics skills/procedures (Freight Operators Association of Kyrgyzstan) • Information Technology/database operation (Freight Operators Association of Kyrgyzstan) • Automated systems development (Border Service/ Freight Operators Association) • Leadership training for trade associations (American Chamber of Commerce) 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-border immigration control • FIATA logistics/forwarders modules <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border Agency Training Centre

Uzbekistan

- The consultants visited Tashkent from 22/01/09 to 24/01/09.
- Interviews or workshops were arranged with the following bodies: Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations, Investment and Trade; State Customs Committee; Business Logistics Development Association; International Road Carriers of Uzbekistan; a visit was also arranged to Tashkent Airport and Customs Container Terminals
- Uzbekistan, like its CAREC neighbours, has planned changes to border processes in order to facilitate trade: including a pilot single-window implementation. Also like its neighbours, it is looking for practical support to implement the initiatives.
- The trade side is active in Uzbekistan and has been involved in consultations with government on simplifications and is keen to develop its skills base and contribute to the process of facilitation.

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	Training Needs	Supply Offered
Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single window implementation support • Single window declarations • Customs Control in Free Economic Zones/Free Trade Areas • Officer skills in relation to Trade Facilitation • Certificates of Origin • Risk profiling/management • Post-customs control • WCO trade facilitation framework • Assessing efficiency & productivity • ICT development 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic entry • Legislation development • Basic customs training • Anti-corruption • HR development process <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Customs and Military Institute • Customs Academy
Other Trade Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics skills/procedures (Association of Business Logistics Development) • Customs procedures for freight operators (International Road Carriers of Uzbekistan) • Customs procedures for Free Economic Zones (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade) 	<p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular Logistics training (in development) <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tashkent Economic University