



12th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting

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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 3 –
REGIONAL TRANSIT TRADE**

Customs Transit Regime

- ❖ CAREC's CCC prioritizes the promotion of regional transit trade
- ❖ Customs Transit Regime: Heart of a Transit System
- ❖ The efficiency of the corridor supply chain depends on the design of the customs transit regime and above all on its implementation

Core Transit Principles

- ✓ **Customs should ensure cargoes are secure by sealing vehicles.**
- ✓ **Principal of the transit operation should deposit a guarantee based on fiscal risk.**
- ✓ **Regulation of transit operators from a Customs and transport perspective.**
- ✓ **Customs should properly manage and verify information on goods in transit.**

Transit Arrangements in the Region

❖ Bilateral/Regional Agreements

❖ National Transit Regimes

- limited to national territory due to lack of chain guarantee systems.

❖ TIR

- provides a single procedure from the point of departure to destination

Key Issues

- ❖ **Lack of regional cooperation**
 - **Mutual recognition of customs controls and procedures, seals and stamps**
 - **Inadequate regional guarantee system**
- ❖ **Transport/Transit agreements lack customs transit components**
- ❖ **Weaknesses in Information Systems and Guarantee Management**
- ❖ **Quality of transport services**

The Proposed Regional Technical Assistance

Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Identify options for establishing an effective and affordable Customs transit regime for the CAREC corridors (corridor-based transit regime).
- ❖ Examine the feasibility of implementing a pilot Customs transit regime.

PROJECT OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

OUTPUT 1: Establish a guarantee mechanism

- Consultations between relevant stakeholders; banks, insurance companies, transporters, customs
- Assess feasibility to extend national guarantees across borders
- Review and assess the potential for a corridor-based Customs transit regime
- Develop an implementation plan to pilot test regional Customs transit (along 1 CAREC corridor)

OUTPUT 2: Streamline legal & regulatory framework

- Legislative evaluation of the compatibility between national transit legislations
- Prepare a set of draft requirements for a regional transit system

OUTPUT 3: Advice on ICT Systems Development

- Review current use of ICT in transit operations
- Develop system requirements and operational scope of an ICT system to support a regional transit regime



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