



PAKISTAN'S TRANSIT REGIME & ADOPTION OF CAREC **CATS / ICE**

Current transit framework, operational features, and considerations for integration with the CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE)

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... 1. Pakistan's Current Transit Regime

Two operating pillars, both delivered through the Custom's WeBOC system



Bilateral Transit

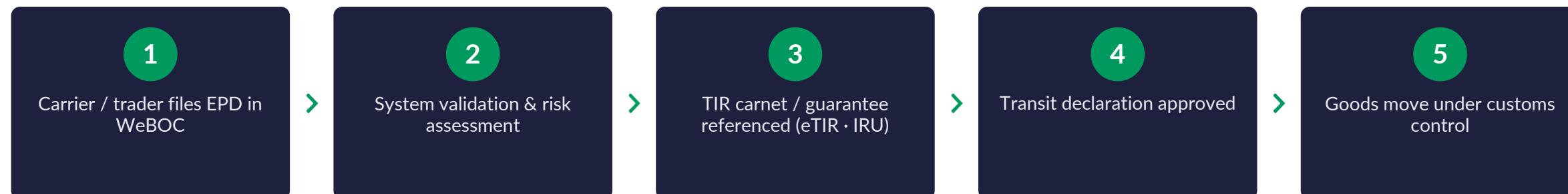
- Country-to-country transit under bilateral agreements
 - Afghanistan transit trade (APTTA)
 - Pakistan Uzbekistan Transit Trade
 - Pakistan Tajikistan Transit Trade
- Processed and controlled end-to-end within WeBOC



TIR & eTIR (Multilateral)

- Contracting party to the TIR Convention; IRU as the international guarantee chain
- Pakistan fully integrated with TIR and live eTIR operations
- Single internationally-recognised carnet and guarantee across borders

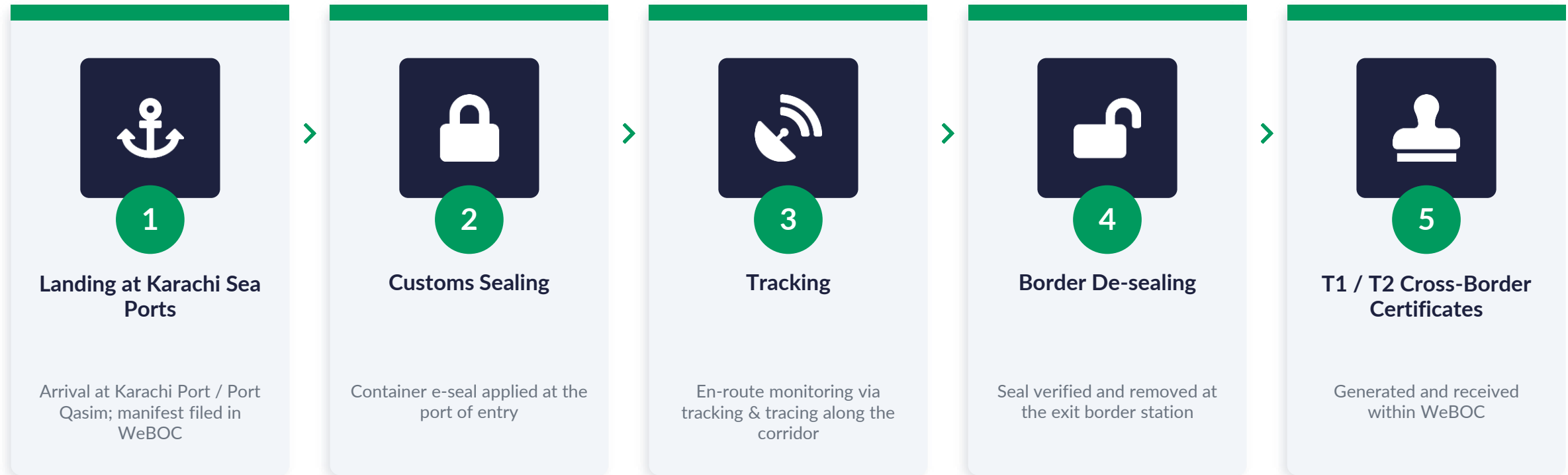
Electronic Pre-Declaration (EPD) – submission flow



... 2. Key Features of the Transit Process



Movement of transit cargo from sea-port entry to exit border – managed within WeBOC



... 3. Questions & Clarifications on CATS

Information required to assess integration of WeBOC with the CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)



Technical Specifications

- CATS Common System Specifications, data model & message formats – alignment with WCO Data Model / eTIR?
- API / integration requirements to connect WeBOC to CATS & ICE?
- Centrally vs nationally developed CATS application, requirements & conformance testing?



Legal Issues & Alignment

- Interaction of the Multi-Country Framework Agreement (MCFA) with our TIR / eTIR and bilateral (APTTA) obligations?
- CATS regional guarantee vs the IRU / TIR guarantee chain – coexistence or replacement?
- Domestic legislative changes required for ratification?



Functional Alignment

- Mapping of the single CATS transit declaration to WeBOC's EPD and T1 / T2?
- E-seal & tracking standards – interoperability with existing WeBOC sealing / tracking?
- Handling of sea-to-land transit (Karachi entry) vs land-only corridors?



Clarifications

- Pilot scope, Pakistan's accession timeline and corridors?
- Costs, funding and capacity-building support?
- Transition path – CATS running parallel to, or replacing, TIR & bilateral arrangements?

... 4. Information Common Exchange (ICE)

Pakistan already operates Customs-to-Customs data exchange that ICE could harmonise regionally

Existing customs-to-customs exchanges



Tajikistan

Exchange of bilateral exports information



Uzbekistan

Exchange of bilateral exports information (In progress)

Complements PSW's existing G2G Data Exchange Integrations (China, Azerbaijan, Iran and others).



Pakistan welcomes ICE

- ICE acts as the regional orchestrator / hub – aligned with the bilateral exchanges we already run
- Can ICE standardise and subsume existing bilateral G2G channels under one message framework?
- Message standards and the onboarding process to the central ICE platform
- Can Pakistan connect to ICE ahead of full CATS adoption?
- Security, hosting, connectivity and the legal basis for cross-border data sharing