Trade Facilitation in Central Asia

Упрощение процедур торговли в Центральной Азии

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“Trade Facilitation in Central Asia”

- **Regional Programme** with four Central Asian countries: Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan
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- **Financed** by the
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- **Rationale:**
  Support to the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)
- **Programme Objective:**

  Trade-oriented companies in Central Asia benefit from cost-cutting measures for trade facilitation.

Political Partners:

- Ministry of National Economy, Kazakhstan
- Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyz Republic
- Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan
- Ministry for Foreign Trade, Uzbekistan

Implementing Partners:

- Customs Authorities
- Transport Authorities / Ministries
- Standard Institutes
- Business Associations as well as Chambers of Commerce and Industry

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Objective:
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Component 1: Risk Management in customs authorities	**Component 2: Transport and Transit**	**Component 3: Private sector-friendly trade facilitation**
Output A: The customs authorities have established functional risk management systems.	Output B: Selected inter-state transport and transit procedures have been simplified.	Output C: The private sector is increasingly taking up features to shape and implement regional trade facilitation and promotion measures.

Component 1. Introduction of risk management in customs

- Approach focuses on national level to get the risk management functioning. Assistance in the exchange of experience at regional level.
- Target:
  - reduce number of physical inspections of goods & companies with low risk
  - target control to “risky loads“ (as well as income from controls).
  - decrease costs for trade-related companies.
- Tasks:
  - Optimization of business processes of customs authorities.
  - risk management trainings for customs officers.
- Cooperation:
  - in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan close work with IFC.
  - cooperation agreement with WCO to provide with experts.

Component 2. Harmonization and simplification of Transport and Transit procedures

- Approach concentrates on regional dialogue and the *Partnership for Transport and Transit Development* in Central Asia, implementation on national level.
- Target:
  - introduce new solutions for transit.
  - get existing regulations from paper to reality, promote open transport markets.

- Tasks:
  - Introduction of alternative guarantees like insurances, green corridors for agricultural products.
  - reinforce national implementation of international agreements (e.g. TIR).
- Cooperation:
  - Close work with USAID trade project.
  - Agreements with WCO and with IRU, discussion with ADB/CAREC.
  - Cooperation with UNECE (transport standards)?

Component 3. Private sector-friendly trade facilitation

Agenda setting for trade facilitation with strong private sector involvement:

- Approach accentuates the establishment of National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs) in each country and later to enhance cooperation.
- Target:
  - Set up of NTFCs or similar bodies and ensure involvement of private sector.
  - Solve five obstacles to international trade raised by private sector.
  - Interlink process of work of NTFCs on regional level.
- Tasks:
  ✓Tajik and Kyrgyz NTFCs set up, trade facilitation action plans elaborated.
  - support set up of NTFCs in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.
  - work on obstacles
- Cooperation:
  - Close work with IFC in Kgz. & Taj.
  - Cooperation with UNECE (regional approach in TFA implementation)?

first NTFC meeting in Tajikistan, 31 January 2017

Component 3. Private sector -friendly trade faciliation

Development of trade related services for the private sector:

- Approach aims at market-based services to ease efforts to enter foreign markets.
- Target:
  - develop or newly establish services in the field of quality management, information provision, insurance or other areas.
  - ensure cross-country accessibility of services (trade in services) for private sector (e.g. of customs brokerage, insurance, certification).
  - develop, improve service provision..
- Cooperation:
  - Work with USAID (regional trade fora), Hilfswerk Austria & UNECE (on apricot standard), IDB (on Halal). ITC (regionalize national trade portals)

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