Common Transit Convention and NCTS Implementation in Turkey

- **Common Transit Convention**

- **NCTS**
The Position of Turkey in International Transit System

- Turkey is a transit country due to its geographical location.
- One of the biggest beneficiary country of the transit systems.
The Position of Turkey in International Transit System

- 8 neighbouring country
- **2949 km** land frontier
- **8333 km** maritime boundaries
- Border gates:
  - 43 sea,
  - 26 land,
  - 11 air,
  - 7 railway
Transit Systems in Turkey

• **International**
  • T1/T2 (NCTS)
  • TIR
  • Others (Form 302, ATA Carnet)

• **National**
  • TR (NCTS)
  • TRIM/TREX (BILGE)
Common Transit Convention

Motivation factors for TURKEY

- Facilitation of border crossing
- Time and Cost saving
- Efficient controls
- Balance between the economic interest of operators and the interest of customs (simplified procedures, modulation of guarantee, authorised consignor/consignee, etc.)
- Alignment of legislation, formalities and procedures
- Safety/Security declaration can be combined with transit
Common Transit Convention

Gains and Expectations

• cut down delays of transit activities, (3 days saving for transit operations to EU and EFTA)

• efficient border control and risk analysis, (contributing decrease in smuggling)

• Increase in Transit operations (154,000 operations from EU+EFTA to Turkey, 163,000 operations from Turkey to EU and EFTA Countries in 2014)

• Uninterrupted transit to EU and EFTA (with the accession of Serbia and Macedonia to Convention)

• decrease in costs of trade operators (More than 57 million Euro saving for traders per year)
Milestones

- July 1968: CT
- Jan 1988: CTC & SAD
- Oct 1995: Application
- Jan 1996: SAD
- Nov 2000: Observer Status
- Jul 2005: NCTS
- Jul 2009: EORI
- Jan 2009: NCTS-TIR
- Jan 2011: S & S
- Aug 2011: CT Regulation
- Jan 2012: NCTS (national)
- Dec 2012: CTC
Milestones

1995 Application

2000 Observer

January 2012 National

December 2012 CTC

NCTS
Legal Arrangements (international)

Common Transit Convention

• Approved, Law no 6333, O.J. no 28339/30.06.2012
• Published, Decree no 2012/3686, O.J. no 28431(bis)/04.10.2012,
• Amendments for Croatia (2012/4) and Turkey (2012/3), Decree, O.J. no 28590/17.03.2013

SAD Convention

• Approved, Law no 6334, O.J. no 28339/30.06.2012
• Published, Degree no 2012/3685, O.J. no 28431(bis)/04.10.2012

Transit Manual

• Customs web site
Legal Arrangements (national)

- Customs Regulation (amended)
  - Published, O.J. no 28552/07.02.2013
- National and Common Transit
- Revoke Common Transit Regulation (Published, O.J. no 28035(bis)/24.08.2011)
- Instructions for proper and uniform application
- User manuals for both traders and customs officers
Cooperation With EU

• Twinning Projects
• Twinning Light Projects
• Cooperation with the EU and EU member states
• Issues on harmonization process of national legislative provisions
Organisation

DG CUSTOMS
- National transit coordinator
- Competent unit for legislative arrangements
- Competent authority for authorisations/simplifications in transit
- Guarantee office for comprehensive guarantee and waiver

DG RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL
- Competent authority for authorised consignor status
- Competent authority for simplifications in Customs formalities & trade facilitation
- electronic customs procedures (e-customs)

IT DEPARTMENT
- National Project Manager
- NTA (National Transit Application)
- Helpdesk
Help Desk

1. Level: Outsourced Help Desk
2. Level:
   - Legal and Business
   - IT
3. Level (IT and international calls)
Implementation

NCTS in National Transit (as of 01/01/2012)

• After finalizing relevant test procedures new software had been published
• NCTS was used for 11 months in national level
• The outcomes of the system had been observed and reported by the Commission
Implementation

NCTS Working Group

• Assigned by the Undersecretary for only working under this project for 3 months
• Customs Experts from different departments
• Visited every customs offices all over the country and gave support at the time of publishment of the system
• Trainings to both traders and customs officers
• Call center
Implementation

NCTS in International Transit (as of 01/01/2012)

• Used for transit to EU & EFTA Countries
• Traders can submit Safe&Security Data with TAD
• Thanks to correlation between “Turkish Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) ” and “ EU EORI” traders can use guarantees in EU member states (As of 20.03.2013)
Implementation

Trader/Principal

Office of Departure

Office of Transit

Discharge information

Office of Destination

Risk analysis

Result

S&S
Improvements

New Interface on Customs Framework
• Using common framework, easy to integrate to BİLGE and to make the developments.
• For Customs Officers: Better Performance (Smart Client)

Fully integration with the programs that are used at land border gates
• Provides saving time
• Easy and safe to make necessary controls
• Easier to finalize procedures of the vehicles with more than one TAD
Comparison Between TIR & Common Transit System

**TIR SYSTEM**
- 68 Members (58 Active)
- Single amount of guarantee (60,000 Euro in Turkey)
- Mode of transport (for multimodal transport, one of them at least must be realised by road)
- Paper based TIR Operations
- Limited Loading and Unloading

**Common Transit System**
- 28(EU)+4(EFTA)+Turkey= 33
- Comprehensive guarantee (100% of potential debt or reduced to 50% or 30%) or guarantee waiver (depending on specific criteria such as risky of the goods or trustability of transporter)
- Open to all modes of transport
- Computerized Transit Operations (NCTS)
- Unlimited loading and unloading
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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