Regional Perspective of the Connectivity of Customs in the South Caucasus
Geographical significance of the South Caucasus

Reforms within Georgia Revenue Service

International Cooperation and Projects
Need for Cooperation

Source: http://chartsbin.com/view/zvm
Freedom of Transit

- Member of the WTO since 2000
- Contacting party to TIR Convention 1975 since 1994
- New initiative: accession to the Common Transit Procedure Convention within 4 years following the entry into force of DCFTA
- Political will: Ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

**Time Release Study – TRANSIT**

Time spent on Inspection of Docs and Registration of T1:
- Min. = 1 Min.
- Max. = 10 Min.
- Average = 3 Min.

Time spent on issuing SPS act:
- Min. = 1 Min.
- Max. = 2 Min.
- Average = 1 Min. 45 Sec.

Time spent on TIR Carnet filling:
- Min. = 1 Min.
- Max. = 2 Min.
- Average = 1 Min. 10 Sec.
Past

Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia

Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia

Phyto-sanitary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia

Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia

Transport Administration of the Ministry of Transport

Customs Broker

Cargo Carrier

Insurance Company
Customs Reforms

- Before 2005 import and export procedures required
  - 54 documents

- In 2009-2010 import and export procedures required
  - 4 documents

- Since 2011 import and export procedures required
  - 2 documents

According to the legislation economic agent is authorised to submit the bill of lading and invoice either electronically or on paper basis; both forms are equally acceptable.
Today

Revenue Service

Patrol Police
land and/or railway CCPs
airport CCPs
Sea Port CCPs
future CCPs

- BATUMI SEA PORT
- POTI SEA PORT
- Vake
- SADAKHLO
- RED BRIDGE
- MTKVARI
- GARDABANI
- LAGODEIKHI
- SARPI
- BATUMI AIRPORT
- NINOTSMINDA
- GUGUTI
- AIRPORT TBILISI
- KAZBEGI
- Kartsakhi
- AIRPORT KUTAISI
- AKHKERPI
- SAMTSTKARO
- KULEVI
- SENART
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Integration = Closer Cooperation

- Agencies
- Private Sector
- Revenue Service
- Ministries
- Foreign Customs Administrations
- Private Sector
- Revenue Service
- Ministries
- Foreign Customs Administrations
Inter-agency Cooperation

COLLABORATIVE CONTROL

REVENUE SERVICE

Passport/Vehicle DATA
PATROL POLICE

Tax payer’s registration DATA
Ministry of Justice

eCustoms
Inter-agency Cooperation

Transmission of data

Natural person got into the “red corridor”

Examination of risk criteria
Crossing the Border
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

- Memorandum of Understating
- Agreement
- Protocol
- Technical Provision Document
International Cooperation and Data Transmission

Coming soon

Summary declaration

Control

Summary declaration

Control
CONTROL PROCEDURES

Receiving Information

- Time related to customs procedures
- Saving resources
- Safety of supply chain
- Recognition of Customs Control Results

Release/Remedy Action

Implemented Control Results
International Cooperation and Data Transmission
PILOT PROJECTS

The Project Group on Exchanges of Advance Customs Information between the European Union and Eastern Neighbours - Pilot Projects

Georgia and Turkey - eTIR pilot project
eTIR Project – Georgia/Turkey

- Pilot country in the UNDA Project since 2013
- Expressed interest in the eTIR Project in 2014
- eTIR Project between Georgia and Turkey - March 2015

C-2-C electronic TIR messages exchange
Protocol between the Customs authorities of Georgia and Ukraine on advance exchange of information of goods and transport means crossing the borders of Georgia and Ukraine

*Technical Provisions on advance exchange of information of goods and transport means crossing the borders of Georgia and Ukraine*

GUAM Initiative on Advance Exchange of Customs Information
Goals to be Achieved in South Caucasus and Beyond

- Minimizing time spent on customs procedures
- Avoidance of duplication of customs procedures
- C-2-C Advance Data Exchange
- Implementation of customs control based on risk management

Trade Facilitation
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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