

Prime Minister's
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Trade Facilitation in the Perspective of NTCIP

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Trade Facilitation Committee under NTCIP



Composition of TFC (Internal and External Stake Holders)

Central Board of Revenue, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Industries, Ministry of Ports and Shipping, Planning Division, KPT, Port Qasim authority, KCCI, LCCI, PIFFA, PHDEB, Clearing agents association, NLC, EAD, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, IPO, Dry-port's association, Shipping agents association.

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BROAD MANDATE

- **Port charges and dwell time rationalisation.**
- **Major Trade Facilitation measures (Reduction in Clearance time/ Dwell time, Developing Freight forwarding, shipping, warehousing & Dry ports development).**
- **Cold Chain Improvement.**

Main Objectives of TFC



- **Modernizing trade & transport logistics practices so that Pakistan can compete regionally and globally**
- **Developing a Trade facilitation strategy**
- **Implementing CARE (Customs Administrative Reforms) faster and accelerating Customs Reforms**
- **Simplification of Ports procedures, reduction in dwell time with concerted efforts of all stake holders.**

Main Objectives (Continued)



- **Development of Freight Forwarding (FF), Insurance, Banking in support of trade logistics**
- **Revamping / modernizing other trade organizations (such as FPCCI,)**
- **Publicizing efforts of Trade Facilitation in the forums of WTO, SAFTA, ECO**

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



- In pursuance of the NTCIP decision PACCS has been rolled out to also to Pakistan International Container Terminal (Karachi) and Qasim international Container terminal (QICT). The roll out started in Aug 2006 and presently the full container load at these terminals of the two ports of Karachi and Port Qasim is being handled by PACCS.
- On request of CBR the Secretary Ports & Shipping held a meeting with relevant stake holders i.e trade, freight forwarders, terminal operators wherein a committee has been formed under representative of KCCL to find ways and means to harmonize rules and services being provided

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



to shippers and consignees. The committee has been entrusted the task to resolve the charges related disputes as well. Further progress is awaited.

- For speedy, non intrusive inspection / clearance and trade facilitation Scanners at Lahore, Mughalpura dry-port, NLC dry port, ,Port Qasim and Jamroad Transit station have been installed by NLC. The Scanners for Chamman and Sust are being procured. The specifications of scanners for future installations has been finalised by CBR & notified.

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



- **PIFFA & Ministry of Commerce jointly held an international /regional Transit Trade workshop at Karachi on Jan 13, 2007 where the transport and freight associations of Central Asian states, Afghanistan, and China participated. Detail presentations on Port facilities, Customs procedures and facilities, railway and road networks were given . The conference was also attended by the ADB, World Bank ,FIATA & IRU representatives. The opportunities available for transit trade using our Transit route were specifically highlighted.**

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF TFC



- **Abolition of Goods Declaration fee and Sealing de–sealing expenses by Customs, resulting in significant reduction in cost of doing business.**
- **The IC3 program will be launched on May 2, 2007.**
- **Ministry of Commerce has been requested to draft a regional as well as Pak- Afghan transit trade agreement in consultation with all stake holders including CBR. The ministry has started drafting a revised agreement. CBR has forwarded its proposals to MOC.**
- **Development of Post Clearance audit as per International best Practices in hand . Pilot launched.**

ACHIEVEMENTS OF TFC



- **The electronic filing of Carrier declaration and Electronic filing of goods declaration modules implemented nation wide. Training to all stake holders imparted. 97 % of Goods declarations being filed electronically.**
- **Drafting of new rules for a new sealing regime and automated Transit and transshipment procedures completed and have been notified and implemented for effective trade facilitation.**
- **A multi agency modern transit terminal has been constructed at Jamrud (Near Peshawar) for effective , speedy and smooth clearance of transit cargo .**

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF TFC



- **24X7 working at ports by Customs and other agencies started on 1-2-07. All government agencies are now available round the clock for clearance of international cargo at all Customs ports.**
- **PHDEB hired Consultants for 3 pre-feasibility studies on Improvement of Cool food Chain facilities. Feasibility studies have been completed and sent to Ministry of Commerce . PC 1s are being drafted accordingly. (Ministry of Commerce & PHDEB)**
- **The wet charges at the ports reduced significantly by 15% to make our ports competitive resulting in reduction of the cost of doing business .**

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ACHIEVEMENTS of TFC



- **Abolition of examination of Afghan Transit Trade Cargo at Karachi . Maximum facilitation for Customs Clearance and transportation of Afghan Transit Cargo ensured. 65% of Afghan Imports Transiting through Pakistan.**
- **The plans for Infrastructure development , refurbishment of Customs offices for PACCS roll out finalised . Development work for the Model Customs collectorates in progress nation wide. Reformed , re-structured formations to be in place with effect from 1-7-07.**
- **The free time at Ports reduced from 7 days to 5 days resulting in reduction of choking of ports and effective inventory management by the trade .**

FUTURE TARGETS



- **PACCS roll out to Off dock Terminals.**
- **Complete electronic connectivity of all Customs stations with One Customs.**
- **Finalization of infrastructure development plans for dry ports for PACCS roll out.**
- **Finalization of National Trade Facilitation Strategy (MOC/NTTFC).**
- **Rationalization of Port related charges and Introduction of Transparent Pricing. (MOP&S)**

FUTURE TARGETS



- **Ending of Double charging (Port handling) by Lines and TOs (MOP&S).**
- **Development of Pakistan Automated Commercial Community system by CBR as a Virtual Trade platform and clearance system connecting all stake holders in a paperless environment. (CBR)**
- **Completion of Initial stage of study on Customs clearance time and performance indicators . (CBR)**
- **Re-negotiation of Afghan Transit Trade agreement with Afghan Government . (MOC).**
- **EDI to be developed at ports for smooth electronic flow of information with PACCS. (CBR)**
- **SOPs drafted for dry-port operations in conformity with PACCS (CBR/ Ministry of Commerce/ Dry port Association).**