



Trade Facilitation and Simplification of Customs Procedures in Turkey



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INTRODUCTION TO TURKISH CUSTOMS



Number of Customs Administrations: **147**

Number of Sea Ports: **76**

Number of Sea Border Gates : **54**

Number of Air Ports: **48**

Number of Land Border Gates: **25**

Number of Railway Gates: **7**

X-RAY:

There are 19 X-Ray scanning systems in border gates of Turkey.

In addition, 1 Train X-Ray, 5 Mobile X-Ray and 15 mobile baggage X-Rays are planned to be deployed.

Detection Dogs: 25 dogs to detect illegal drugs

4 dogs to detect explosives

3 dogs to detect tea and cigarettes

Modernization of Border Crossing Points:



BUILD- OPERATE- TRANSFER MODEL

A Model based on **Public-Private Partnership**

There are 22 projects to rebuild customs establishments, and 7 of them are completed.

BUILD

- The border gate facility is rebuild.
- **Financed by private company**

OPERATE

- Operation of commercial facilities
- Operating activities **by private company**

TRANSFER

- Transfer of facilities to the public **free of charge**



COUNTRY	2007 FOREIGN TRADE VOLUME	2001 FOREIGN TRADE VOLUME
RUSSAIN FEDERATION	28.235.000-USD	29.945.000-USD
UKRAINE	6.001.000-USD	6.541.800-USD
GEORGIA	935.650-USD	1.406.700-USD
AZERBAIJAN	1.233.160-USD	2.326.260-USD
SYRIA	1.052.050-USD	1.946.500-USD
IRAN	8.056.580-USD	16.051.160-USD
IRAQ	2.954.000-USD	8.396.000-USD
SRI LANKA	98.011-USD	170.767-USD



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-CARAVANSERAI PROJECT

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SINGLE WINDOW:

Turkey has prepared draft “authorized economic operator” communiqué, and general instruction of single window; negotiations with shareholders has started and work-flow is preparing.

Joint use of Border Gates

- Joint or juxtaposed customs offices, joint customs control
- Aims the simplification and harmonization of border procedures.
- Elimination of duplicated controls and processes.
- Agreements with 4 neighbour states have been signed.

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Paperless Trade: Blue Lane

Legislation for paperless trade, like e-signature and customs procedures has been designed. Exporters, having the privilege to use the so called Blue Lane, do not have to attach paper documents to the declaration. Turkey now applies pilot practices in order to extend paperless trade to other regimes and Lanes.

Entry Summary Declaration

Entry summary declaration is the statement of goods and transportation vehicle submitted electronically before arrival to entry customs office with the purpose of making a risk analysis of the cargo entering into Customs Territory of Turkey in terms of safety and security. Entry summary declaration should be lodged for all goods brought into Turkish Customs Territory.

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The New Computerized Transit System (NCTS):

NCTS is a European wide system, based upon electronic declaration and processing, designed to provide better management and control. It is used by all EU Member States, the EFTA countries, and two new members of the Common Transit Convention, Croatia and Turkey. Each country's own NCTS processing system is connected, through a central domain in Brussels, to all of the other countries. Since NCTS became mandatory on the 1 July 2005, paper transit declarations are only accepted from private travellers (with goods in excess of allowances) and during NCTS fallback. Turkey has started NCTS in domestic use and will be involved in European NCTS at the end of 2012.

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Turkey-Russia Simplified Customs Procedures:

There is a simplified customs system between Turkey and Russia in order to overcome trade obstacles and promote trade. Companies who regularly submit accurate information about goods coming into Russia, receive benefits when going through customs procedures, including the exemption of their shipments from customs controls.

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THE eTIR PROJECT

The eTIR system offers benefits to all actors involved in the TIR system. First, it brings additional security and risk management opportunities, thus reducing the risk of fraud. Second, advanced international cooperation will allow all actors to significantly reduce their administrative burden and to maximize the benefits of integrated supply chain management. Finally, the provision of advance cargo information and the exchange of information in real time will speed up the TIR procedure.

The preparations of the eTIR pilot project between Turkey and Italy are at the final stage and a meeting will be organized in December 2012 in Italy to consider technical works for the implementation of the pilot.



THANK YOU

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