Customs-Railway Cooperation in Azerbaijan

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Necessary elements for effective railway transport

• Railways and related border infrastructure that meets modern transportation norms and cargo volumes;
• Legislative framework in line with international standards to ensure proper application of control functions by state agencies involved in the process;
• Customs authorities play key role in facilitation of procedures and operations related to border crossings during international rail carriages
Initiatives for development of transit corridors
Baku International Sea Trade Port

Presidential Decree dated 18.10.2007
Foundation in 2010

- Area – 400 Ha
- 1st phase – 10 mln tonnes, 50 000 TEU
- 2nd phase – 17 mln tonnes, 150 000 TEU
- 3rd phase – 25 mln tonnes, 1 mln TEU
Submission of advance electronic information to Customs

- Electronic pre arrival information about goods is one of main conditions for effective customs control during rail carriages.

- In May 2015 State Customs Committee and Azerbaijan Railways concluded agreement on exchange of advance information about goods and passengers transported by rail, as well as exporters and importers.
Simplification of formalities

- Facilitation of documentation based on international agreements – SMGS railway consignment note

- According to the decree of the Cabinet of Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan customs and railway authorities were entrusted to use CIM/SMGS railway consignment note

Use of CIM/SMGS will provide:

• Shorter transit periods;
• Simplification of border formalities;
• Electronic submission and exchange;
• Eliminating barriers for additional documentation;
• Single standard legislative framework;
• Regional expansion
Cooperation in the area of passenger control

MOU on passenger control between Customs – State Border Service – Railways:

• Customs and Border Service joint controls, clearance and release.
Use of cargo scanners

HCVG and HCVT (Smiths Detection) high energy X-Ray cargo scanners used for railway wagons checks

• reduce the need for manual inspection;
• manifest verifications;
• ability to transmit images to target center for more data analysis and storage.
Construction of railway infrastructure

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