

Panama

ARTICLE 8: BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION

Through Executive Decree 28 of March 7, 2019, the Strategic Management Committee of the Customs Logistics Integration Program of Panama is created, in accordance with agreement No. 01-2015 (COMIECO-LXXIII) of October 22, 2015, the "Central American Strategy for Trade Facilitation and Competitiveness with emphasis on Coordinated Border Management" is approved. In addition to the Framework Agreement, Law 91 of August 30, 2019, in its articles 4 and 5 indicates that the control border will be carried out through a Bilateral Coordination Committee model. That is why on June 8, 2022, the Bilateral Coordination Committee (CCB) was created, made up of representatives of the institutions that operate on the border between Panama and Costa Rica, from both countries. Both countries carry out their Customs management according to Cauca and Recauca.

Regulatory Framework: Both countries carry out surveys of the regulatory framework and prepare a comprehensive legal proposal with an emphasis on Coordinated Border Management (GCF), the scope includes procedures, manuals, pilot operations and training. Infrastructure: two Integrated Control Centers are under construction in the juxtaposed Customs modality in Paso Canoas and Guabito, in addition to an "Integrated Control Point (PCI) with the intention of serving, neighborhood agreement, passengers on foot, light vehicles and neighborhood routes, including a housing complex with an office will be created in Río Sereno.