THE PROCEDURE FOR MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS IN TAJIKISTAN

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INTRODUCTION

The procedure for the maintenance of IMTS in Tajikistan Customs Service is based upon the UNIFIED METHODOLOGY of customs statistics of foreign trade of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) from November 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2013. In order to ease the process of the data collection, to ensure effective control of customs procedures, provide a faster and more accurate way of accounting for state revenues, provide accurate and comprehensive statistical information the project of Unified Automated Information System (UAIS) was implemented for the government body – Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in 2013.
LEGAL BASE

UNIFIED METHODOLOGY of customs statistics of foreign trade of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) 2013;

International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010);

International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of customs procedures, (Kyoto Convention 1973)

Bilateral agreements

(Exchange data with Russia and Uzbekistan (every month), Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan and Belorussia (every 3 months), Afghanistan, India, Iran, Turkey by request...)
UNIFIED METHODOLOGY OF CIS

GOAL

Define the concept of generating IMTS for the users of the statistics, including the legislative and executive branches, public authorities, international organizations, research institutions, and whole designated bodies.

FUNCTION

• Ensuring the reliable data on the state exports and imports;
• Analysis of the main trends, structure and dynamics of foreign trade flows;
• Providing customs statistics of foreign trades to the governmental authorities for decision making on foreign trade policy and regulation of foreign trade flows.
PROCESS OF DATA MAINTENANCE BY UAIS

UAIS is developed:

- to automate customs processes in order to ensure effective control of customs procedures;
- facilitate customs procedures;

- reduce the number of processed paper documents;
- supply accurate and detailed information about customs procedures, financial flows of duties and other customs fees;

- provide a faster and more accurate way of accounting for state revenues;
- provide accurate and comprehensive statistical information.
UAIS consists of 11 subsystems.

All the customs clearance procedures which are written in the Customs Code of Tajikistan are completed automatically.

- **Subsystem of Customs Statistics**
  It presents reports and statistical data. When customs officer place the declaration into the system, statistical data automatically will be accounted and separated according to the regions, subjects, time of exports and imports and other characteristics of the goods.

**SAP – System Operation Program**

By requesting the data it can develop the customs statistics and present in a short period of time.

25 types of reports to the Government, Tax Committee, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic and Trade Development, Statistics Agency are done by Customs Service.
PROS

- Time reduction;
- Easy and quick update of necessary information;
- Internal and external E-Exchange data;
- Reduction of financial costs;
- Transparency of procedures;

CONS

- Lack of Native Experts, IT, Programmers;
- System crashes;
- Short technical support;
- Secured email system;
NEXT STEP

**CENcomm** – is a communication tool developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to enable law enforcement agencies and other parties to exchange and disseminate information securely within a closed user group.

*The application is supported by all browsers, the WCO Secretariat strongly suggests the use of CHROME or Mozilla FIREFOX*
- Secured communication system – personal login and password
- Encrypted data storage on the WCO server
- Accessible only to closed user groups for the duration of their active operation/project
- Operational Coordination Unit (OCU) can be setup anywhere in the world. The only user requirement is an Internet connection
- Available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and soon in German and Arabic
CONCLUSION

The improvement of the information technology and communication in Tajikistan Customs Service, including the UAIS within the Unified Methodology of CIS and bilateral legal acts laid contribution to eliminate the artificial barriers and facilitate the customs clearance of goods and provide transparency in the management of customs procedures. However, it is very important for Tajikistan Customs Service to develop and update the necessary modern systems in order to increase the foreign trade turnover of Tajikistan with trade partners.
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