



**Workshop on International Standards and Conventions
Relating to Temporary Admission
22-23 September 2016
New Delhi, India**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Purpose:** This two-day intensive workshop, comprising interactive lectures and group discussions, brings together government officials from SASEC countries involved in Customs administration and trade facilitation in their respective countries. The objective is to build capacity of SASEC administrations on International Standards and Conventions relating to Temporary Admission, raise awareness in preparation for future accession, and share knowledge on the process of accession. It also aims to facilitate trade in SASEC by promoting standardization and harmonization of formalities associated with temporary admission of goods and vehicles.
- Participants:** About 24 government officials from Customs, Transport, and Commerce/Trade Ministries of the SASEC countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka).
- Venue:** Hotel Shangri La, Eros, 19, Ashoka Road, Near Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001.

DAY 1 (Thursday): 22 September 2016	
08:45 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Introductory Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks Dr Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI• Objectives and structure of the workshop (ADB, ADBI) Dr Rosalind McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB
	Session 1: Overview of Temporary Admission Standards and Conventions in SASEC Countries
09:30 – 10:30	<p>“Temporary Admission” is a Customs procedure under which certain goods can move freely into a Customs territory with relief from duties and taxes.</p> <p>This session provides an overview of temporary admission issues in the SASEC countries. Country delegations will present the current situation in their respective country, with regard to the temporary admission of goods and vehicles including any special provisions in their domestic law on this subject; planned or ongoing activities relating to the International Standards and Conventions on Temporary Admission and the demand from private sector.</p> <p><i>Speakers: Representatives from SASEC countries will make a presentation.</i></p>

10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break and Group Photo</i>
	Session 2a: Istanbul Convention and ATA System – Basic Features
11:00 – 12:00	<p>The Istanbul Convention was adopted in 1993, merging 13 temporary admission agreements into a single instrument—the ATA Carnet, which allows temporary admission/importation of goods with no duties or taxes collected. The goods are covered by the ATA Carnet and secured by an international guarantee system.</p> <p>This session will discuss and explain the features of Istanbul Convention including the benefits to (i) contracting countries; (ii) Customs Administrations; and (iii) business communities. It shall also explain the protection of Customs interest by the Istanbul Convention; and the rights provided by the Convention to Customs and the appointed national issuing and guaranteeing association.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms. Lee Ju Song, Executive Director, International Chamber of Commerce ICC, Regional Office, Asia.</i></p>
	Session 2b: Istanbul Convention and ATA System – Operational Procedures
12:00 – 13:30	<p>This session will cover the operational procedures of the Istanbul Convention that protect the interests of Customs and national issuing and guaranteeing association; the responsibilities of Customs, national issuing and guaranteeing association, and users of the ATA Carnet System; and the steps needed for implementation.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms. Lee Ju Song, ICC.</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
	Session 2c: Istanbul Convention and ATA – Cases and Initiatives
14:30 – 16:00	<p>This session will highlight the successful experience of India and the ATA Convention/Carnet. It will discuss issues related to: (a) the role of the national issuing and guaranteeing association, and experience of the designated association of India in operating the Carnet system in India; and (b) initiatives to improve and expand the ATA Carnet system including the use of e-Carnet.</p> <p>It will also describe the steps required to adopt the ATA Carnet, together with an action plan for implementation.</p> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. Nirankar Saxena, Senior Director, BISNET, ATA Carnet Innovation, Science & Technology Commercialization, Disaster Management, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI); Ms. Lee Ju Song, ICC.</i></p>

16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
	Session 3: General Discussion
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Discussion on the relevance of the Istanbul Convention to the SASEC countries, key issues involved in its implementation and partnership with private sector. All delegations will be requested to offer their views, with ICC and FICCI resource persons also participating.</p> <p>[Guide Questions circulated]</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Satish Reddy, Trade Facilitation Expert (Customs), ADB</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap up for Day 1
	<p>End of Day 1</p> <p><i>Dinner hosted by ADB at the Shangri La Hotel for all workshop participants.</i></p>

	DAY 2 (Friday): 23 September 2016
	Session 4: Temporary Import of Goods and Vehicles – Paperless Systems and New Technologies
09:30 – 11:15	<p>Temporary admission of vehicles and transit of goods is vital to facilitation of trade with land-locked countries, and multi-modal transport. Conventions such as the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnet, New Computerised Transit System in Europe, ASEAN Customs Transit System are some examples of successful systems that enable duty free temporary admission of vehicles and transit of goods.</p> <p>This session will cover (i) the temporary admission of goods and vehicles; and (ii) the use of paperless systems and new technologies for transit/transport facilitation, including the European Common Transit System, and the ASEAN Customs Transit System.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Sandeep Jain, Economics Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)</i></p>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
	Session 5a: TIR Convention – Overview
11:30-13:00	<p>This session will explain the features of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnet (TIR Convention) including its role in facilitating the seamless international carriage of goods by road vehicles/containers across one or more borders, border crossing</p>

	<p>procedures, international guarantee chain and specifications for vehicles.</p> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. Kazeem Asayesh, Senior Adviser; Ms. Tatiana Rey-Bellet, Project Manager, International Road Transport Union (IRU)</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
Session 5b: TIR Convention – Operational Procedures	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>This session will cover the operational aspects of temporary admission of vehicles and cargo transit including the use of the Forms; and revenue protection provided by the Carnet System and paperless transit.</p> <p>At the end of this session, participants are expected to have a good understanding of the scope and coverage of the TIR Convention and the paperless transit system.</p> <p><i>Speakers: Mr. Kazeem Asayesh, Senior Adviser; Ms. Tatiana Rey-Bellet, Project Manager, (IRU)</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Session 6: Discussion on Accession to TIR Convention	
15:45 – 16:45	<p>This session will provide information to countries on the general road map for acceding to the TIR Convention, adopting the Paperless Transit System and the available assistance for executing the road map.</p> <p>This session will try to reinforce discussion on the promotion of harmonized national and regional standards and conventions relating to Temporary Admission. It will also discuss recommendations and strategies for participants to increase their capacity to implement the standards and conventions in order to carry out trade facilitation work in their own countries.</p> <p>ADB, together with resource persons from IRU and UNESCAP will guide the discussion.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Satish Reddy, Trade Facilitation Expert (Customs), ADB</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Session: Remarks by ADBI and Government of India
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI</i> • <i>Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Commissioner, Central Board of Excise and Customs, Government of India</i>