



BANGLADESH DELEGATION

National TF Action Plan

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Objectives and Scope



Objectives:

- To Simplify trade procedures
- To reduce time and transaction cost of doing business
- To enhance trade competitiveness

Scope:

- Implementation of the measures in the WTO TF Agreement
- Involving all the stakeholders
- Use of automation and complementation

Action Plan



- **1. Establishment of National Trade Facilitation Committee – by December 2013**

- **2. Time Release Study**
 - Phase I – Chittagong Port – December 2013
 - Phase II – Benapole Land Port – February 2014

- **3. Enactment of Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) Measures**
 - Phase I: Preparatory work – to be supported by ADB and IFC
 - ✦ A) Preparation of draft – December 2013
 - ✦ B) Stakeholder consultation – January – February 2014
 - ✦ C) Enactment Procedures – by March - June 2014
 - Phase II: Implementation
 - A) Formation of the Committee – December 2013
 - B) Process Simplification – July 2014
 - Phase III – Regulatory Impact Assessment – April 2014

Action plan (Contd.)



- **4. Introduction of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)**

- Phase I – Formation of Working Group – November 2013
- Phase II – Issuing directive for AEO Implementation – December 2013
- Phase III – Full Implementation in 2 years

- **5. National Risk Management Structure**

- Phase I – Formation of National Implementation Team – December 2013
- Phase II – Stakeholder Consultation – January – March 2014
- Phase III - Compilation of Detailed RM Profile – June 2014
- Phase IV– Full Implementation – October 2014

- **6. Post Clearance Audit**

- Phase I – Implementation on a Limited Scale – July 2014
- Phase II – Full Implementation – by 2015

Action plan (Contd.)



○ 7. Implementation of ASYCUDA World System

- ✦ Phase I: Introduction in Chittagong, Benapole and ICD Custom Houses - June 2014
- ✦ Phase II: Connectivity with Banks – October 2014

8. Implementation of National Single Window

Phase I – Initiation of the Process at Chittagong Custom House – June 2014

Phase II : Interface with Chittagong Port ICT System – October 2014

9. Establishment of National Trade Portal

- ✦ Phase I: Initiation of the process – December 2013
- ✦ Phase II – Establishment of full-fledged NTP – December 2014

Obstacles



- Lack of financial resources
- Lack of technical capacity
- Inadequate human resources
- Lack of appropriate institutional mechanism
- Lack of adequate infrastructure
- Resistance to change



Thank you!