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Main subregional agreements related to cross-border and transit transport in ESCAP region

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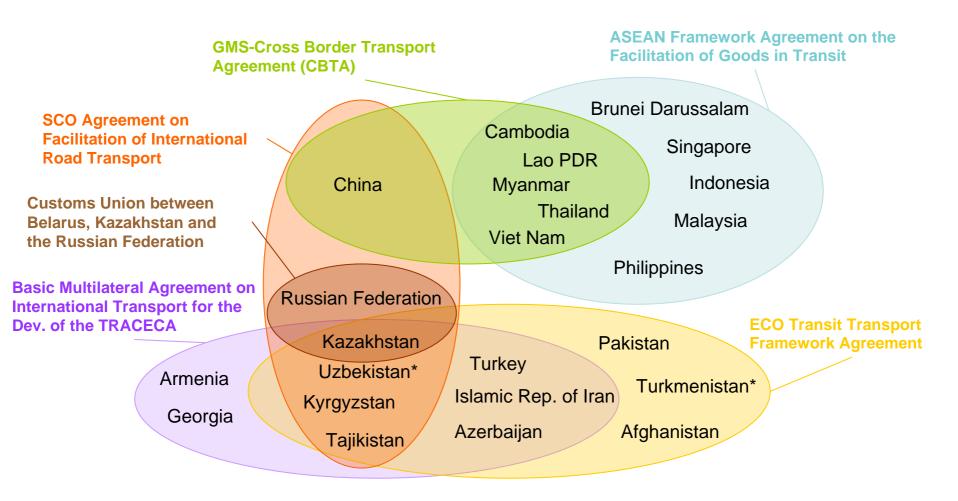
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Overview of Subregional Agreements

- ASEAN Agreements on Transport Facilitation;
- Agreements of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) and the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation related to Transport Facilitation;
- ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement, 1998;
- GMS Agreement for Facilitation of Cross-border Transport of Goods and People, 1999;
- Agreement on the Cross-border transport of Persons, Vehicles and Goods within the Framework of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC), 2010;
- Agreement between the Governments of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member States on Facilitation of International Road Transport (not yet signed);
- Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia Corridor (TRACECA), 1998.

Selected subregional transport agreements in the ESCAP region



ASEAN Agreements on Transport Facilitation

- ☐ Selected ASEAN agreements on transport facilitation:
 - Agreement on the Recognition of Domestic Driving Licenses issued by ASEAN Countries, 1985;
 - Agreement on the Recognition of Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificates for Goods Vehicles and Public Service Vehicles issued by ASEAN Member Countries, 1998;
 - Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, 1998;
 - Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport, 2005; and
 - Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Inter-State Transport, 2009.
- Participating countries: member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)

Agreements of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) and the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation related to Transport Facilitation

- CIS and EurAsEC Agreements attempting to establish a common transport area
- CIS Agreements to establish common standards for specific areas related international road transport
- EurAsEC Agreements to support integration of their member countires
- Customs Union's agreements on overall transport policy and specific issues
- CIS member States: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
 Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan;
- □ EurAsEC member States are: Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan;
- ☐ The Customs Union's members are Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation.

ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement, 1998

- Aimed to facilitate transit transport and provide necessary facilities, ensure safety and avoid unnecessary delay, and avoid fraud/tax evasion and harmonize administrative affairs;
- Composed of forty articles and eight annexes;
- Covers transit transport by road, rail, inland waterway, multimodal and access by port.
- Participating countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey (all – signed and ratified) and Turkmenistan (signed).

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reas related to transport, immigration, and quarantine;

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reement entered into force in 2003; and protocols are partly in force.

