

*UNLOCKING THE TRADE POTENTIAL*

**TRADE FACILITATION IN NEPAL**  
*"PRIORITIES AND WAY FORWARD"*

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# TRADE AND TRANSIT STATUS

- ∅ **Landlocked** feature bordered by China to the north and India to the south, east and west
- ∅ Big export import gap generating huge **trade deficit**
- ∅ Export trade concentrated on **few products** (limited basket) and markets
- ∅ **Trade policy 2009** consistent with the WTO principles and adheres to the principles of liberal, open and transparent economic system.
- ∅ Trade Policy emphasizes on **Private Sector led** competitive economy.
- ∅ **Nepal Trade Integration Study** in implementation to strengthen supply capacity

## TRADE AND TRANSIT STATUS .. CONTD

- ∅ Bilateral **trade agreement** with 17 trading partners
- ∅ Acceded to **WTO** and joined to **SAFTA and BIMSTEC**
- ∅ SAARC agreement on Mutual Administrative **Assistance in Customs matters on 2nd Nov. 2005**
- ∅ Agreed routes for **mutual trade**
  - Nepal-**India** 27 bilateral trading points (Treaty of Trade)
  - Nepal-**China** 6 trading points(MOU)
- ∅ 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of foreign trade takes place with India thus remains a **leading trading partner**
- ∅ **Transit** facilitation agreement with India and Bangladesh
- ∅ **Kolkata/Haldia port** as the Gateway Port governed by Treaty of Transit and Rail Service Agreement with India.
- ∅ Kakrbhitta- Panitanki- Bangalabandh-Mongla route with **Bangladesh is govern by** Treaty of Transit with India and Bangladesh

# TRADE FACILITATION AND NEPAL

- ∅ **High emphasis** accorded to enhance TF Measures
- ∅ **Adoption of TF** measures in consultation with private sector and cooperation with development partners
- ∅ **Aid for Trade** has been mobilized for trade facilitation
- ∅ Private sector has witnessed **significant improvement**
- ∅ Nepal faces many challenges due to **infrastructure, energy constraints - road infrastructure in particular, geographical difficulties and landlocked position, poor resource mobilization** for export capacity building, **inadequate TBT and SPS Measures.**
- ∅ Despite several attempts to streamline trade and transit procedures, Nepal ranks **162 out of 183 and 151 out of 155** according to the DBTAB and LP Index
- ∅ *Nepal Introduced series of reform programs in TF following the accession to WTO. Focusing on soft and hard they include*

# REFORM INITIATIVES MEASURES UNDERTAKEN

## ∅Infrastructure Related:

- Four ICDs built and in operation along the Nepal-India border
- Construction of four ICPs underway along Nepal-India border
- One ICD being developed along Nepal-China border

## ∅Import Export Related

- Elimination of export import licensing
- Abolition of quantitative restriction and NTB on import
- Duty drawbacks and bonded warehouse facility for export
- Enactment of Multimodal Transport Act and Regulation
- Private Sector Development Committee and high level Nepal Business Forum (NBF) in operation
- Nepal Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee (NTTFC) established
- Investment Board, Board of Trade and Road Board constituted
- Trade Facilitation Committee in Customs HQ and Units in field offices
- Study on readiness to SW in Nepal

# REFORM INITIATIVES MEASURES UNDERTAKEN

## ∅ Customs Related

- Asycuda with broker module to 13 major Customs points
- Payment Simplification
- Selectivity introduced in 6 major Customs
- Gap Analysis completed for Revised Kyoto Convention
- Client Service Center in HQ
- Customs Automation: Agent Module, valuation and passengers software development
- Transparency in Customs procedure and harmonization
- Harmonization in working days/hrs. at border customs
- Study on documents harmonization and simplification and rationalization of fees and charges
- Strategic Customs reform and modernization Action Plan
- Revised Customs Act and Regulation in effect.

## REFORM INITIATIVES ACTIVITIES IN PIPELINE

- ∅ E-Customs Master Plan development
- ∅ Study on Logistic Development Plan, Multifunctional Lab, Institutional Development
- ∅ Exploring the feasibility of additional ICD at FWDR
- ∅ Feasibility study to establish regional hubs for products collection/processing /storage
- ∅ Implementation of E-Customs Master plan
- ∅ Study on Single Window and its implementation
- ∅ Accession to Revised Kyoto Convention on Customs

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