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ASYCUDAWorld Transit Module
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- **Forms**: 2 documents (SAD and T1)
  - Transit declaration (SAD): to declare the transit of the goods (*automatic calculation of the guarantee, selection of goods to be controlled*)
  - Transit T1 document: to accompany the movement of the goods
    - **Note**: Link between declarations and Transit T1 documents

- **Transit types**: National, Regional and International

- **Types of goods** (containerized or not, community / third party)

- **Different movements** (2 or more countries, multimodal)

**OFFICE OF DEPARTURE**

1st step: Entering or generating the T1

1) *Generation of the T1 document*
   - Transit declaration (IM / EX / TR8)
   - T1 generation from 1 or more transit declarations (*total or partial clearance of declarations*)

2) *Entering the T1 document directly*

2nd step: Registration of the T1 document

3ème step: Confirmation of exit of the goods

- **Note**: other possible operations (cancellation, storage, modification)
**OFFICE OF PASSAGE:**
Control (optional)

**EXIT OFFICE (country of departure):**
Border exit

**ENTRY OFFICE (country of destination):**
Border entry

**OFFICE OF DESTINATION**

1st step : Arrival of goods

2nd étape : Confirmation of arrival

3rd step : Goods under Customs control

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**OTHER FUNCTIONALITIES:**

- Transmission of messages to countries concerned and acknowledgment of reception
- Re-entry border
- Guarantee Management (debit / credit)
- Diversion management
- Management of incidents, load break and differences
- Management of deadlines
- Possible configuration of the operating mode
- Integration of scanned joint documents and electronic signatures
- SW Technologies (barcode, internet, JMS)
- Ability to upgrade features (source code)
ASYCUDAWorld Transit Module

Regional Center (WAEMU / ECOWAS)

Country of departure

Operator

Transit Server SW

Exit office

Entry office

Country of passage

National DB

Entry office

Exit office

Country of destination

Operator

Declaration and Transit server SW

Exit office

Entry office

WAEMU - Corridor Lomé - Ouagadougou

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Prior steps
- Migration to ASYCUDAWorld (Benin in 2015, Niger in 2016)
- Deployment of ASYCUDAWorld at border offices
- Implementation of national transit with ASYCUDAWorld (standard module)

Progress of the project
- November 2016: Signature project UNCTAD / WAEMU (JICA financing):
- 2017: Acquisition and installation of equipment (WAEMU)
- February 2018: Installation of exchange modules
- March 2018: Technical and functional tests
- March 2018: Burkina-Togo working meeting (solution presentation, test results, customs procedures, protocol, start date, method)
- April 2018: Training of trainers and users
- May 11, 2018: Start of transit between Lomé and Ouagadougou (for the office of hydrocarbons only - about 100 T1 per day)
- May 28, 2018: Official launch ceremony
Le transit régional a officiellement démarré

Depuis le 11 mai 2019, les transit au départ du bureau des hydrocarbures de Lomé (Togo 124) à destination du bureau de Blégro Burkina (BF 080) sont enregistrés sur le système Sydsonia World de la douane togolaise et transmis automatiquement au Sydsonia World burkinabé.

Cette nouvelle procédure informatisée simplifie la procédure de dédouanement, réduit les délais et coûts d’acheminement des marchandises en transit, rend visible la déclaration de transit établie au bureau de départ jusqu’au bureau de destination et supprime les nouvelles déclarations de transit à la frontière.

Prior steps

- Migration to ASYCUDAWorld (Togo in 2014, Burkina Faso in 2015)
- Deployment of ASYCUDAWorld at border offices
- Implementation of national transit with ASYCUDAWorld (standard module)

Progress of the project

- Assistance in setting up exchange modules
- September 2018: Technical and functional tests (without UNCTAD assistance)
- October 2018: Progressive launch (without UNCTAD assistance)
- January 25, 2019: Official launch ceremony

Note: about 500 T1 per day
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ECOWAS Transit – Keys moments

- **PACIR Project (« Programme d’Appui au Commerce et à l’intégration Régionale ») in 2014-2015** (scenarios, functional and technical specifications with OMD support)

- **ALISA/PACIR activities : 2016-2017**
  - Regional Technical and Functional Meetings with Member States and Partners

- **ALISA / PACIR implementation projects: May 2017 - March 2019**
  - ECOWAS and World Bank projects signed for implementation of interconnection according to PACIR specifications
  - Launch of corridor “Côte d’Ivoire - Burkina Faso”: February 11, 2019
  - Launch of corridor “Togo - Burkina Faso”: March 10, 2019
  - Official launch ceremony: March 11, 2019 in Abdijan (SIGMAT project)
List of developed functionalities:

- Creation of the T1
- T1 registration
- Validation of the departure of the transit
- Notification of passage
- Re-entry border
- T1 cancellation
- Incident
- transshipment
- Diversion
- Arrival of goods
- Arrival notification
- Transit closure (conform / non-conform)
- Information request
- Status request
- Acknowledgment and error messages

ECOWAS Transit – Activities

1) « Technical training » : september 2017

2) « Development » : march to july 2018
   - development of PACIR interfaces, functionalities and messages in the standard ASYCUDAWorld module (several sessions with ECOWAS IT experts)

3) « Test and Validation » : July 2018

4) « Corrections and improvement » : August 2018
5) « **Functional training** » : August to October 2018
   - Development of training guides *(in Ouagadougou)*
   - Validation of training guides *(in Abidjan)*
   - Training of trainers from PACIR countries *(by trainers from Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso)*

6) « **Integration of PACIR transit** » :
   - In Côte d'Ivoire: August and October 2018
   - In Burkina Faso: in January 2019
   - In Togo: in February 2019

7) « **Test of PACIR transit** » :
   - Between Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire: December 2018 - January 2019
   - Between Burkina Faso and Togo: February 2019

8) "**Project Committee Meeting**": Dec. 2018
   - Evaluation of technical and functional tests
   - Evaluation of equipments
   - Identification of the actors of the pilot corridor
   - Launch date decision / Launch method
   - Reference data
   - Protocol of agreement
   - Drafting of regulation acts
   - Training
   - Update of the implementation action plan
   - List of contacts

9) « **Installation and test of VPN** » : January 2019
10) « **Users training** » : January 2019
11) « **Launch of pilot site** » : 11 February 2019
    *(for few operators)*
ECOWAS Transit – Perspectives

- **ECOWAS Meeting (25-28 February 2019)**
  - Presentation to Member States
  - Deployment plan

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- **Deployment of PACIR instead of standard transit**
  - Between Niger and Benin (May 2019) and between Togo - Burkina Faso and Niger (May 2019)

- **Deployment of transit on all corridors and for all operators** (Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Togo)

- **PACIR Skills Transfer**: Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria

- **Deployment on all corridors**

- **Mobile development**

- **Use of regional transit for CEMAC**
ECOWAS Transit – Perspectives

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