

## Country: Mongolia

### Background:

**Type of body:** National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee

**Official name:** Mongolian National Committee on Trade and Transport Facilitation

**Motivation for its establishment:** To accelerate the coordination of activities determining the purpose and action areas to facilitate international trade and transit transport of Mongolia, and to make Mongolia a land-linking transit country by supporting trade, transport and the logistics sector.

**Year of establishment:** 2006

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is dealing with WTO and Trade Facilitation issues.

**Former multi-agency group/committee:** No

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** Running

### Institutional Framework:

**Degree of institutionalisation:** According to the recommendation of UNESCAP, the Committee was established by the Government Resolution adopted by the Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism in 2006.

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** This committee and its working groups were established on ad hoc basis.

**Scope/mandate:** The Committee was established according to the recommendation of UNESCAP.

**Terms of reference:** The Committee has a national program named "Transit Mongol" approved by the government. The "Transit Mongol" program was submitted to the Government through the Working Group and its implementation is headed by the Minister of the Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development.

**Coordinating agency:** The main coordinating agency is the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Working structure of the group:** The chairman of the the Mongolian National Committee on Trade and Transport Facilitation is the Minister of Road, Transport, Construction and Urban Development (previously Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism).

Vice Chairman:

State Secretary of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade (public);

Chairman of Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (private);

Secretary:

Deputy Director of Transport Department of Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development;

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**Permanent technical secretariat:** The Secretariat of the Committee is located at the Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development.

## **Funding:**

**Budget:** The Committee does not have a formal budget. Members give small amounts of money every year. The officer of the Committee at the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry created a website of the committee in 2007. The Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry is responsible for day to day operation of the Committee and provides an officer's salary, printing costs etc.

**Sources of funding:** Regular budget of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Items covered by the budget:** The main costs are an officer' salary, fax, telephone and printing costs, etc.

## **Objectives / Focus:**

**Objectives:** Please refer to terms of reference.

**Working plan:** Yes, the Committee has a national program named "Transit Mongol", which was approved by the Government. Its implementation is headed by the Minister of the Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development.

**Monitoring and evaluation:** At the end of every year, each member prepares a report and sends it to the Secretariat (Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development). Then, the chairman of the Committee (the Minister of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development) introduces it to the parliament and government.

**Reporting form and supervisory authority:** According to the internal regulation of the Committee, the working group member's meeting should be organised on a quarterly basis and every member should make a report during the meeting. But, the Committee held only one meeting in 2008.

## **Membership / Composition:**

**Public or quasi-public agencies:** The Committee is composed of 22 Members, including:  
the Ministry of Road, Transport, Construction and Urban Development;  
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;  
the State Specialised Inspection Agency  
Standardisation and Metrology Agency  
Other Government Agencies and Organisations.

It is noteworthy to mention that the Committee does not have permanent appointed members. Only the coordinator of the Committee works as a permanent officer at the Mongolian National Chamber

of Commerce and Industry.

**Private associations or entities:** The Committee is composed of the following entities from the private sectors:

- Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- Mongolian Freight forwarders association;
- Trade and Transport Council at the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, etc.

## **Participation:**

**Frequency of meetings:** No

**Level of participation:** Active

**Meetings format:** No

## **Promotion / Communication:**

**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** Communication are sent by e-mails and fax to the Committee's members. Sometimes, The officer may call members.

**Interface with other working groups/committees on similar issues:** The Committee always invites members of the the Mongolian National Committee on Trade and Transport Facilitation to any kinds of meetings, seminars, workshops and training sessions on transport and foreign trade issues, trade facilitation such as Single Electronic Window etc.

## **Benefits:**

**Impact:** The Committee's work has an impact in both, public and private sectors.

## **Lessons learned:**

**Success factors:** The crucial factors are:

- Public and private partnership;
- Strong involvement of government agencies;
- Leadership.

**Greatest obstacles:**

- Regular exchange of information between stakeholders and members;
- The improvement of the coordination mechanism between the agencies.

**Lessons learned from your experience:**

- To change the existing rules and regulation on international trade procedures especially for the export and import;
- Better understanding between entrepreneurs and government officials, etc.



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## **Future plans:**

### **Plans for further development:**

To foster the implementation of the "Transit Mongol" national program;  
to set up efficient mechanisms to coordinate all related stakeholders; and  
To improve and facilitate the foreign trade environment.

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