



TRADE FACILITATION And COORDINATED BORDER MANAGEMENT (CBM) PAKISTAN EXPERIENCE

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What is Coordinated Border Management (CBM)

- The term Coordinated Border Management (CBM) refers to a coordinated approach by border control agencies, both domestic and international, for seeking greater efficiencies over managing trade and travel flows, while maintaining a balance with compliance requirements (WCO, 2009)
- ❖ The CBM is also known in the following terms:
 - ❖ Integrated Border Management
 - ❖ Collaborative Border Management
 - ❖ Comprehensive Border Management



WCO APPROACH OF CBM



Pakistan Customs has adopted above Approach for CBM₄



CBM in Context of Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)

Article 8 of TFA: Border Agency Cooperation

1. National Border Agencies Cooperation:

Coordination of their activities in order to facilitate trade

2. Coordination with Neighboring Countries: Cooperation on mutually agreed terms to coordinating procedures at border crossings to facilitate cross-border trade which may include:

- *(a) alignment of working days and hours;*
- *(b) alignment of procedures and formalities;*
- *(c) development and sharing of common facilities;*
- *(d) joint controls;*
- *(e) establishment of one stop border post control.*



Pakistan Customs Experience: (Factsheet)

- ❖ 17 - Collectorates / Offices (Sea-Air-Dry Ports handling trade
- ❖ 2.6 million Containers Annually
- ❖ 03 Container Sea Ports
- ❖ 06 International Air Ports
- ❖ Border 6,700 Km (Afghanistan, India, Iran and China)
- ❖ Declarations Processed (2014-15)
= 1.15 million

National Entry & Exit Points:

Customs Frontiers PAKISTAN





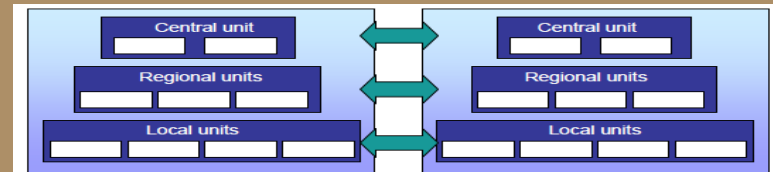
CBM: Pakistan Customs Experience (National)

1. Pakistan Customs is the lead implementing agency in Border trade regulations
2. **Delegation of Powers:** Through different statues by different agencies to Customs (Drugs, Antiquity, State bank, Inland and provincial tax collection etc.)
3. **Joint Enforcement Operations:** Pakistan Customs regularly undertakes with Police, Rangers, ASF and Maritime Agency etc.
4. **Joint inspections:** Customs coordinate intra and inter agency border trade procedures for inspections, lab tests with other border agencies and Ministries (Quarantine, Agriculture etc.).



CBM: Pakistan Customs Experience (National)

- 5. Exchange of Information:** The formal arrangements for exchange of information MOUs exist between State Bank of Pakistan and IATA
- 6.** The information regarding violation of compliance of trade laws is frequently shared formally and informally among border agencies.
- 7. Joint Trainings:** In cross cutting fields such as Money Laundering and fraud investigations are organized with other agencies.





Pakistan Customs ICT System Key to CBM

❖ Pakistan's Customs ICT System is Known as Web Based One Customs (WeBOC).

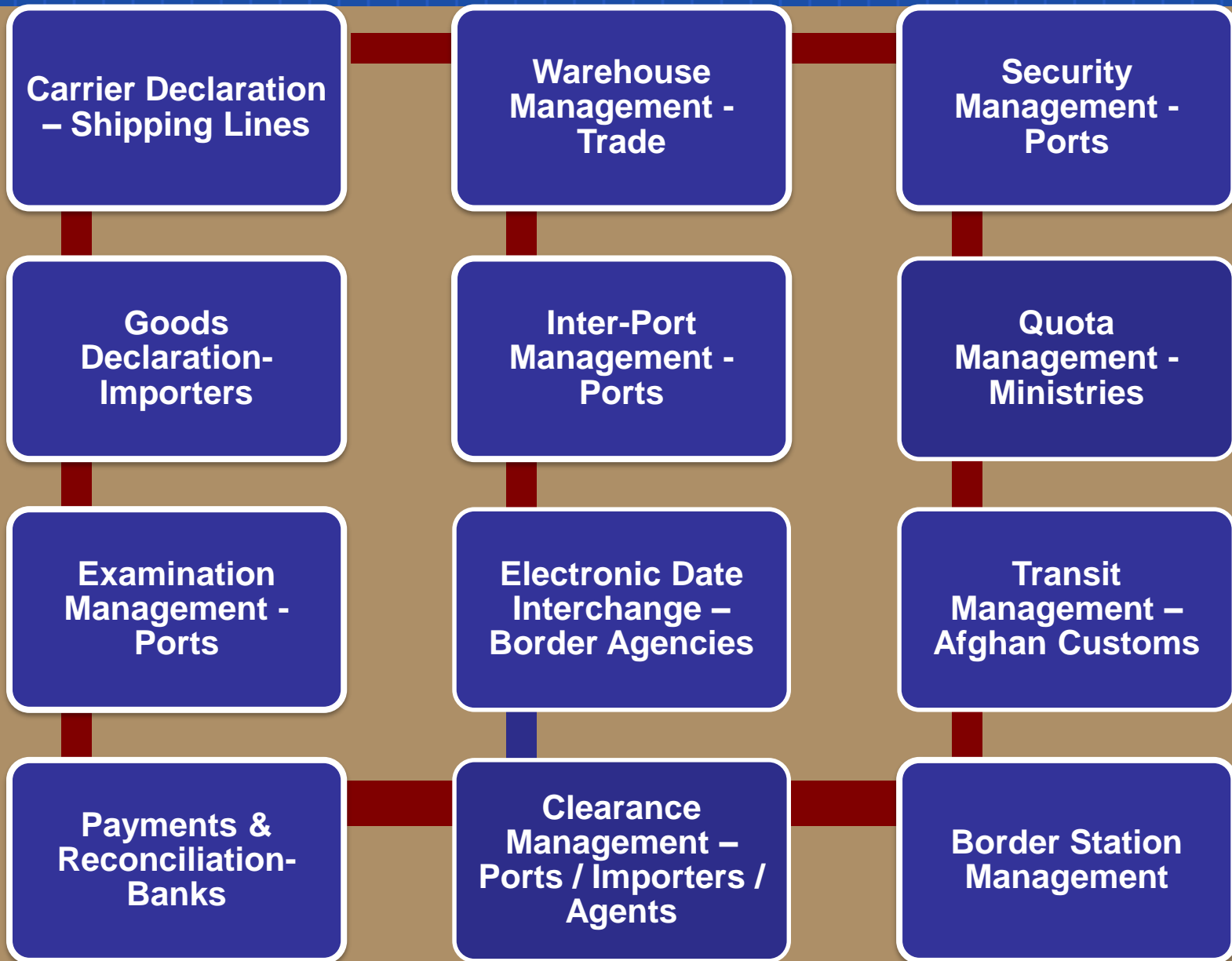
Its main features are:

- ❖ Having all three Pillars of CBM
 - ❖ Intra Agency (All Customs Stations Connected)
 - ❖ Inter Agency (Border Agency Interface) and
 - ❖ International C to C Connectivity
 - ❖ EDI based Management Information Exchange System with other border agencies



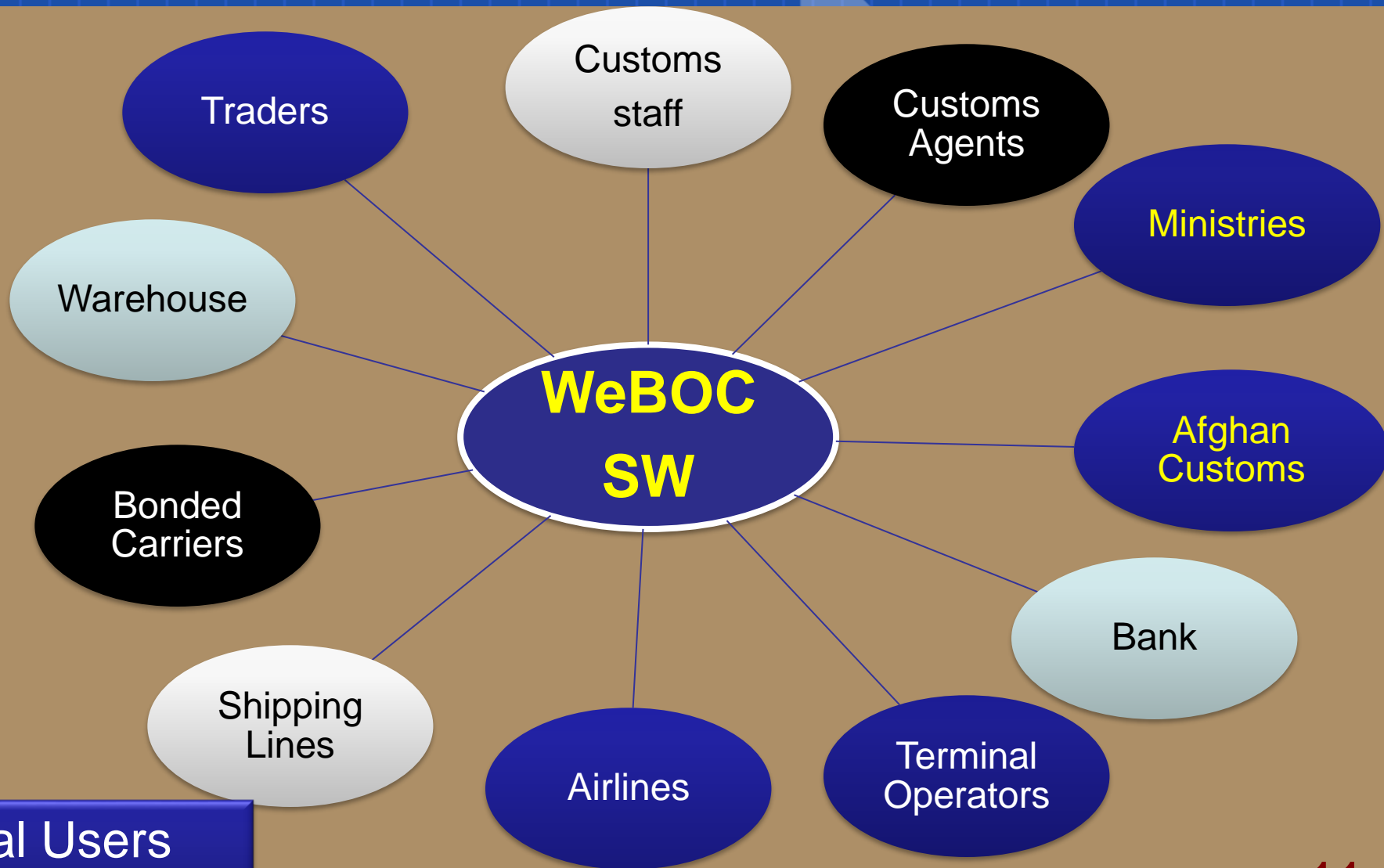


Major Modules for Inter Agency Electronic Information Exchange in WeBOC ICT System





Border Agency Connectivity through Pakistan Customs Single Window System



Total Users
Now: 40,401



Pakistan Experience: (International Level)

- ❖ Afghanistan Customs is Connected through WeBOC ICT System which brought effectiveness in Transit Trade Management
- ❖ EDI Connectivity with China is being developed for effective trade compliance





Challenges

- ❖ Structuring continued Inter Agency Cooperation
- ❖ Infrastructure Development for Co-location of Agency offices
- ❖ Mutually exclusive Priorities of different Agencies
- ❖ One Stop Border Posts at Afghan and Indian Border





Lessons Learnt

- ❖ Achieved higher efficiency in handling border trade
- ❖ Marked reduction in delays and costs of trade
- ❖ Elimination of transit trade frauds and better compliance
- ❖ Growth in revenue collection and better protection of society

Future Plans consist of :

- ❖ State of art Border Trade Complexes at Afghanistan, India and China crossings. (For Co- location of agencies)
- ❖ Development of Integrated Transit Trade Management System (ITTMS).



CBM is all about Connecting the Dividing Borders

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