

APPENDIX 4

APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Action Plans (2013 Update)

APEC SUPPLY-CHAIN CONNECTIVITY FRAMEWORK

Action Plan for Chokepoint 1

Lack of transparency/awareness of full scope of regulatory issues affecting logistics; Lack of awareness and coordination among government agencies on policies affecting logistics sector; Absence of single contact point or champion agency on logistics matters.

Objective

- To improve transparency of the regulatory environment affecting logistics and increase awareness of these issues among companies doing business in APEC economies.
- To improve coordination and awareness of policies affecting the logistics sector among government agencies.

Participating Economies

Lead Economy:

The United States

Other Participating Economies:

Australia, Chile, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Viet Nam

Action Plan

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<p>Initiative to Advance the Action Plan for Chokepoint 1 of the APEC Supply Chain Connectivity Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative will take a more systematic approach to addressing Chokepoint 1 through: (1) "Supply Chain Inventory" of policies and practices, (2) diagnostic reports based on the Supply Chain Inventory, and (3) targeted capacity building. (See 2012/SOM1/020anx4) - The initiative is being implemented with assistance from the World Bank, Development Economics Research Group, Trade and International Integration Unit. 	<p>US</p> <p><u>Co-Sponsors</u> Australia; Hong Kong, China; and Japan</p>	<p>CTI</p>	<p>SCCP</p>	<p>2012 - 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOM 1: Initiative approved. • SOM 2: Supply Chain Inventory for Chokepoint 1 and Terms of Reference for diagnostic reports by World Bank. • World Bank to develop first diagnostic report for presentation at CTI 1/SOM 1, 2013. <p>For 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank presented a draft diagnostic report at CTI1/SOM1. <p>For 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building activities to continue through 2014. • SOM 3: Second diagnostic report to be completed and presented to SOMs.
<p>APEC Guidelines for Advance Rulings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative included capacity building on the trade facilitative benefits of advance rulings 	<p>US</p>	<p>CTI</p>	<p>SCCP</p>	<p>2012</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>APEC Guidelines for Advance Rulings</p>

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<p>and to assist economies in implementing advance rulings through the development of APEC guidelines for advance rulings (</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research through a survey on the practices of Advance Rulings practiced by member economies. 					<p>endorsed at AMM (<i>See 2010/CSOM/003app06</i>)</p> <p>2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Advance Rulings General Survey of economies. Results reported at CTI 2 (<i>See 2011/SOM2/CTI/014</i>) • CTI 3: capacity building TPD held at CTI 3 to identify next steps on promoting implementation of advance rulings and to share economies' experiences. CTI briefed on outcomes. • Note: further capacity building could be implemented under the Initiative to Advance the Action Plan for Chokepoint 1 of the APEC Supply Chain Connectivity Framework
<p>Symposium on Supply Chain Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal for a private-public sector conference using real world examples from logistics providers to illustrate how the global supply/value chain operates; this specific 	<p>AUS CDA JPN SIN US</p>	<p>CTI</p>	<p>SCCP TPTWG</p>	<p>2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed in 2010.

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<p>concept could also be part of a broader logistics conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The objective would be to use this process to enhance awareness of regulations affecting logistics for the private sector and for economies to improve their understanding of where improvements could be made. 					
<p>Compendium of Best Practices of national Logistics Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To develop a compendium on best practices on the establishment of individual economy national logistics associations. - Key elements of the project are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A visit to Australia and another APEC economy with a national logistics association for first hand analysis of the role of government, key stakeholders and national logistic associations in the supply chain sector. 2. A Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD) in the margins of a CTI meeting in 2011 with presentations by relevant organizations. The TPD would develop and improve understanding within APEC on the role of government and national logistics associations as well as information sharing and best practice in developing and implementing national logistic associations. 3. A workshop in one of the participating 	AUS	CTI	SCCP TPTWG	2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project will demonstrate the role of logistics associations as a partnership between the transport logistics supply chain industry and government. <p>2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three workshops were conducted over a 12 month period in Melbourne, Bangkok and Hanoi. The project developed a generic template for a national logistics association, based on existing models from Australia, Singapore and Thailand. The template is being further developed for Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam as a practical guide for those economies to establish national logistic associations to suit their own circumstances.

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developing APEC economies to business case model and foundation for a national logistics association.					2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia is finalising the project and will circulate results within APEC. A compendium was produced on the benefits and best practices of collaboration between government and industry on policies and regulations on transport logistics industry
Improving the Understanding of Logistics Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To conduct a survey among industry to provide economies a better understanding of the various services involved in the logistics industry, - The objective would include improved policy coordination within APEC economies and a better understanding of how policy decisions can affect various elements of a supply chain - A particular output could include an assessment of the impact of logistics services on trade transaction costs with a view to identifying proven policy approaches that reduce these costs. 	AUS US	CTI	SCCP TPTWG	2012	No update

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 2

Inefficient or inadequate transport infrastructure; Lack of cross border physical linkages (e.g. roads, bridges).

Objectives

- To 'showcase' the efficient use of transport infrastructure within the APEC region.
- To share expertise on and understand the feasibility and legal requirements for establishment of Public-Private Partnerships.
- To encourage the development of 'informed' transport infrastructure through needs assessment and stakeholder consultation.

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: Australia

Other Participating Economies: Canada, Indonesia, Japan, United States

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<p>Study and Seminar on energy, transport and environmental benefits of transit-oriented development</p> <p><i>Specific Action</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of an analytical approach to assess the energy and environmental benefits of transit oriented development 2. Comparative case studies of benefits from developed and developing economies 3. Outreach seminar on project findings with particular attention to capacity building for developing economies 	United States	TPT-WG	EWG	2011-2012	<p>A “Transport, Energy & Intermodal Freight” workshop was held in Vietnam in April 2013. The workshop focused on development of useful analytical tools and metrics that can be used to assess and compare various Transit Oriented Development projects (TOD). The goal was to establish the energy, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and congestion reduction benefits associated with each assessed TOD. The workshop reviewed a number of different locations and discussed the energy and environmental benefits of these various types of projects. This project is now complete. Final recommendations will be made available on the APEC web site. Project co-sponsors included Australia and the Philippines.</p>
<p>Examine individual transportation/trade policies that use a gateway or trade corridor approach</p> <p><i>Specific Action</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seminar on gateway performance management and measurement to provide an overview of possible approaches to both performance measurement and performance management in the gateway 	Canada	TPT-WG	CTI	2012	<p>In collaboration with TPTWG and CTI, Canada organised a seminar in Singapore in February 2012 to define metrics for measuring supply chain performance. The results addressed the need for capacity building within APEC to strengthen performance measurement. The seminar leveraged links with international organizations that are working on logistics performance measurement, for example</p>

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and trade corridor context.					the World Bank and the International Transportation Forum (ITF). The seminar results informed the APEC Supply Chain Connectivity Self-Assessment Survey 2012 developed by the PSU.
<p>Analytical work on logistics infrastructure</p> <p><i>Specific Actions</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study on the travel time of goods vehicles on main economic corridors. 2. Study on the contribution of road transport in the manufacturing and household sectors. 3. Project to identify bottlenecks in the transport and logistics chain focusing on port sectors in the APEC region and to consider possible solutions to eliminate those bottlenecks by sharing best practices. 	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>Indonesia</p> <p>Japan (leading project work in TPTWG)</p>	<p>TPT-WG</p> <p>TPT-WG</p> <p>TPT-WG</p>	<p>CTI</p> <p>CTI</p> <p>CTI</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2012</p>	<p>These two studies to go ahead as self-funded project managed by Indonesian Department of Public Works.</p> <p>Japan organised a workshop in conjunction with TPT-WG on enhancing visibility of maritime container transport Experts speakers from Japan, Korea, People's Republic of China, Thailand and Chinese Taipei delivered presentations on the latest technology and developments in container tracking and visibility. Recognizing the difficulty in standardising all economies' initiatives due to each economy's established commercial measures, the workshop concluded that APEC members need to harmonize their container visibility platforms and that the next steps should</p>

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4. Study to identify specific needs of economies and international examples of best practice in land-side transport component of sea freight supply chains.	Australia	TPT-WG	CTI	2014	<p>be to discuss a possible container visibility platform in APEC.</p> <p>The study has commenced.</p>
<p>Sharing best practices for seamless intermodal cargo movement</p> <p><i>Specific Actions</i></p> <p>1. Workshop coinciding with TPTWG36 in St Petersburg in August 2012 to formulate best practice in physical transport infrastructure development and intermodal connectivity. The workshop will also consider ways to improve coordination within APEC of transport infrastructure national development plans.</p>	Russia	TPT-WG	CTI	2012	<p>The workshop was conducted at TPT-WG36 on 27-28 July 2012. Participants from eight APEC economies attended the workshop, including the Lead Shepherd of the TPT-WG, Program Director of the APEC Secretariat and invited guests from the International Road Transport Union (IRU). Delegates represented government, private businesses, academics and non-government organizations.</p> <p>The workshop provided an opportunity for APEC economies to network and exchange practices of transport physical infrastructure development, and seamless intermodal cargo movement in APEC economies and the Asia-Pacific Region.</p>

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<p>PPP implementation model to facilitate development of new transport infrastructure</p> <p><i>Specific Actions</i></p> <p>1. Expert workshops to assess best practice in PPP markets and prioritise reform measures in order to create a common approach towards private infrastructure investment. Two workshops were conducted in 2010 in Indonesia and Australia.</p>	Australia	SFOM		2010	The project was finalised in 2010.

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 3

Lack of capacity of local/regional logistics sub-providers.

Objective

To improve understanding on the current situation of local/regional logistics and to explore ways to enhance engagement and competitiveness of local/regional logistics sub-providers in the region.

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: China

Other Participating Economies: Brunei Darussalam; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; and the United States

Action Plan

(to be confirmed)

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<p>1. Review constraints affecting engagement of Small and Medium Enterprises</p> <p>-- Conduct surveys and study on the environment affecting SMEs, which may include:</p> <p>1) policy & institutional framework related to logistics development;</p> <p>2) status of small or medium logistics companies & other related companies of their own capabilities for development, such as use of ICTs, truck tracking systems, operation modes, and management skills including warehouse and trans-shipment management etc ;</p> <p>3) constraints affecting engagement of SMEs, especially the policy and business environment constraints.</p> <p>4) Free Trade Zone (FTZ) practice</p> <p>5) overall trend for development of regional logistics, such as technology development, changing needs and requirements of the markets, government blueprint for logistics development etc.</p>	China	SMEWG	TPTWG	2011-2012	<p><u>2011</u></p> <p>In 2011, China undertook a project 'Program for Enhancing the Capacity of APEC Local/Regional Logistics Sub-providers' as a kick-off activity to address chokepoint 3. This project included a survey, a seminar and a field visit. The seminar, including a field visit, was held on 24-25 August in Suzhou, China. Various issues constraining the logistics sub-providers were discussed, and some recommendations for further enhancing their capacity were generated from the seminar. The preliminary results of the survey were also presented in the seminar to facilitate the discussions. The final Report of the study program has been completed and circulated to members. The report has identified a number of follow-up actions for consideration.</p> <p><u>2012-2014</u></p> <p>As follow-up, a multi-year project on "Enhancing Logistics Performance through Training and Networking for APEC Local/Regional Logistics Sub-providers" has been approved and will be implemented over 2012-2014. The objective of the project is to (1) improve awareness of the changing international business situation, (2) promote awareness and understanding of supply chain</p>

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					<p>relevant policies and regulations in each APEC economy, and (3) promote awareness and proficiency in modern cross-border supply chain practices and advanced logistics technologies; all in an effort to facilitate supply chain cost reduction, build potential for faster and easier execution of cross-border trade, and improve the cross-border logistics environment.</p> <p>During 2013, a consultant was engaged to undertake a literature review, research, studies and other field work concerning the building of the International Logistic Support (ILS) Network. A conference is being planning for Feb 2014 to review the findings and gather feedback that would support the development of the ILS network.</p>
<p>2. Help raise the quality of APEC economies' logistics services and management --Conduct training programs as a platform for communication and information sharing, which may include: 1) how to address constraints SMEs are facing; 2) how to develop markets which may include how to provide more integrated and value-added logistics services for an expanded niche market based on the essential capacity building, and how to achieve joint development and mutual benefits with their customers ; 3) experience sharing on green supply chain</p>	<p>China; Chinese Taipei; United States; Thailand; Hong Kong, China</p>	<p>SMEWG ECSG</p>	<p>TPTWG</p>	<p>2010- 2012</p>	<p><u>2010-2011</u> The ECSG completed an "APEC E-Trade and Supply Chain Management Training Course. Three phases of the training course have been organised in with last being held on 9-10 November 2010 in Hong Kong, China. The course sought to introduce the latest logistic management models for SME through education among APEC members, especially developing member economies; to identify the role of logistics supply chain management and its impact on SMEs as well as policy makers; and to have in-depth discussion on</p>

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<p>efforts;</p> <p>4) experience sharing on the training of international logistics personnel;</p> <p>5) experience sharing on trans-shipment operation models in APEC economies;</p> <p>6) how to utilize and maximize the benefits of FTZ including the effects of establishing FTZ at ports in the APEC region;</p> <p>7) organize site visit to FTZ at ports in APEC region;</p> <p>8) innovative concept of trade facilitation e.g., e-logistics, streamline customs procedures, utilization of new trade lane.</p> <p>--Work with ABAC to encourage exploration of opportunities for linkages and cooperative alliances among logistics providers in the region</p>					<p>challenges and opportunity by the expansion of logistic supply-chain management.</p> <p>The SMEWG hosted a seminar on Improving SME Competitiveness through Sustainable Business Practices on 14 May in Big Sky. This half-day participatory seminar included panel sessions that sought to address and discuss issues relevant to SME sustainability, including views from the SMEs, policymakers, and financial and multilateral development institutions. The goal of this seminar was to discuss and identify practical actions APEC can take to support material improvement in SME competitiveness through sustainable business practices.</p> <p><u>2012</u></p> <p>The ECSG conducted a workshop on “Capacity Building of Different Aspects in E-Commerce of Supply Chain Connectivity Implementation” in Kazan in May 2012. This project is a follow-up of the “Supply Chain Connectivity: e-Commerce as a Main Driver and Integration Tool” workshop that was held in San-Francisco, in 2011. The workshop discussed different e-commerce methods and tools for different supply chain connectivity aspects and their fulfillment and determined key supply chain connectivity aspects which maximize the implementation of the SCFAP as well as select the most effective e-commerce methods and</p>

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					<p>tools which are used for these purposes.</p> <p>The SMEWG held an <i>APEC Workshop on Transporting Goods and Services Reliably and Cost-Efficiently in Chinese Taipei</i> on 11 July 2012 which enabled economies and SMEs to share experiences and best practices. One of the key outcomes of the workshop was a draft <i>Compendium of Innovative Strategies Available to SMEs for Reducing Transportation Costs</i>.</p> <p>As a part of its multi-year project to enhance SMEs' natural disaster resiliency, the SMEWG developed a set of "<i>Guidelines on Promoting SME Business Continuity Plans to Strengthen Reliability of Supply Chains</i>", which was adopted by the SME Ministers at their meeting in St Petersburg.</p>

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 4

Inefficient clearance of goods at the border; Lack of coordination among border agencies, especially relating to clearance of regulated goods 'at the border'.

Objective

To improve the efficiency of clearance of goods at the border.

To enhance the coordination among border agencies, especially relating to clearance of regulated goods 'at the border'

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: Japan

Other Participating Economies: Australia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru and the United States

Action Plan

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<p>Implementation of Single Window system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a stock-taking study on the status of implementation of Single Window system (SW) for cargo clearance and difficulties in facing the development of the SW. - Adopt the UN/CEFACT SW Definition in developing their SW. The definition is “a facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfil all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements. If information is electronic, then individual data elements should only be submitted once.” - Adopt internationally recognized instruments and standards such as UN/EDIFACT, XML, and WCO Data Model in SW design to increase international interoperability. - Establish a coordination mechanism composed of stakeholders to discuss better coordination on cargo clearance at the border including the mechanism for establishment of SW. - Carry out assessment of the capacity building needs and provide Capacity Building for the development and the maximum use of SW, including experience sharing of trade-related documents/ information such as Certificate of 	Japan and Chinese Taipei	SCCP		2010-2013	<p>On-going.</p> <p>SCCP continues to work on the development of SW by 2020 and accelerate seamless data sharing between/among SW systems.</p> <p>The first stocktaking survey was conducted in 2010.</p> <p>Japan and Chinese Taipei conducted a Regional Workshop on Single Window under the framework of SCCP in 2011 in Chinese Taipei. The objective of this workshop was to identify the bottlenecks that APEC economies are facing in implementing SW systems.</p> <p>Upon confirmation of the necessity for having additional Single Window Workshops, Japan and Chinese Taipei held the second Single Window Workshop in October 2012. The objectives of this workshop were to share the information of good / bad practices, difficulties, and countermeasures in implementing SW systems as well as the SW systems interoperability and to have discussions based on the above.</p>

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Origin (CO) between SW systems.					The second stocktaking survey was conducted in 2012-13 to confirm the updated status and developments since the first survey in 2010.
<p>WCO Guidelines for the Immediate Release of Consignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement the principles of the WCO Guidelines for the Immediate Release of Consignments by Customs including adoption of the appropriate de minimis thresholds for low value shipments allowing duties to be waived. 	United States	SCCP	CTI	2012	<p>In 2011, APEC Ministers endorsed the <i>APEC Pathfinder to Enhance Supply Chain Connectivity by Establishing a Baseline De Minimis Value</i>, and instructed officials to develop a capacity-building program with the goal of increasing the participation of economies in the Pathfinder.</p> <p>For 2012, a capacity building initiative by the United States is being implemented. The initiative utilizes a case study approach to provide economies with detailed analysis to assist in the decision-making process to join the Pathfinder. The case study will focus on identifying and raising awareness of the benefits and challenges, including the economic benefits of enhancing supply chain performance and reducing administrative costs through improved allocation of government resources. Participation is voluntary for economies. Currently a case study is being conducted in cooperation with Viet Nam and the goal is to expand this process to other economies.</p>

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					<p>Questionnaire survey was conducted in 2013 in order to analyse the current policies of member economies.</p> <p>Ongoing: Work on next steps towards implementation of regulations in line with the World Customs Organization (WCO) Immediate Release Guidelines.</p>
<p>Time Release Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct Time Release Survey (TRS), when possible, to measure the effect of simplifying and facilitating cargo clearance at border. - Provide Capacity Building on TRS for requesting economies to conduct TRS. 	Japan	SCCP		2010-2013	<p>On-going.</p> <p>Questionnaire survey was conducted in 2013 in order to analyse the current policies of member economies.</p>

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 5

Burdensome procedures for customs documentation and other procedures (including for preferential trade).

Objective

- To ease the burden of exporters/importers by simplifying customs documentation and other procedures
- To increase the understanding of customs procedures and other procedures among businesses by enhancing transparency and predictability

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: Korea

Other Participating Economies: Australia, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, Chinese Taipei

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					<p>encouraging more economies to join the Pathfinder Initiative.</p> <p>Korea held workshop on FTA Rules of Origin in Seoul on 10-12 July 2012, as part of FTAAP Capacity Building Needs Initiative.</p>
<p>APEC Elements for Simplification of Documents and Procedures Relating to ROOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To work on 2 of the 5 elements proposed by Singapore in 2009¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To collect information on “reasonable long validity period” and “waiver of certificate of origin or declaration” - Economies would select and work on next element(s) - To exchange and assess best practices for confidence building and risk management, and to reach the best recommendations and establish principles. 	<p>Singapore</p> <p>Singapore</p> <p>Singapore, Korea</p>	<p>MAG</p> <p>MAG</p> <p>MAG</p>	<p>SCCP</p> <p>SCCP</p> <p>SCCP</p>	<p>2011</p>	<p>MAG collected information on two remaining elements: “harnessing IT to ease documentation and procedures of APEC elements for simplifying customs documents” and “minimum data requirements in FTAs” through two surveys launched in 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the “harnessing IT to ease documentation and procedures”, 13 economies had responded to its survey. On “minimum data requirements”, 14 economies had responded to the survey, which encompassed 40 FTAs or preferential trade agreements.

¹ Singapore proposed to promote the usage of five key concepts including (i) validity period, (ii) waiver of certificate of origin or declaration, (iii) minimum data requirements, (iv) clarity on treatment of errors made in certificates of origin or declarations, (v) harnessing IT to ease documentation and procedures

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				2012	<p>Revision of the survey on “minimum data requirements in FTAs” reported by Singapore at MAG1, 2012.</p> <p>Recent developments of report on “harnessing IT to ease Documentation and Procedures” presented by Chile at MAG2.</p>
<p>APEC Website on Tariff and ROOs (WebTR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member economies are to develop their respective website which will be later linked to the WebTR - To complete WebTR 	Japan, United States	MAG and CTI	SCCP	<p>By MRT 2010</p> <p>By AMM/AELM 2010</p> <p>2011</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>Web TR completed and launched in 2010</p> <p>MAG members’ agreement on desirability of expanding the scope and functionality of the WebTR in 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible ideas have been circulated and discussed at MAG meetings. <p>MAG considering a proposal from the U.S. to create “21st Century APEC Tariff Database” that could improve search functionality beyond what is currently possible with WebTR. The U.S. withdrew its proposal at MAG3 2012.</p> <p>MAG Convenor reminded members to update their links of WebTR, particularly in making it available in the English language at MAG2 2013.</p>

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<p>Strengthen Cooperation with the Relevant International Organizations, i.e. ADB (Asian Development Bank), ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations), ESCAP(Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific), OECD(Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), UNCTAD(United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), WB(World Bank), WCO(World Customs Organization), WTO(World Trade Organization)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore joint programs, - To facilitate work process and expand the horizon of capacity building program by optimising synergy, - To exchange views on how to implement action plans effectively by organizing roundtable discussion and Trade Policy Dialogue - To explore a partnership with the World Bank on research, data collection, and analysis and adapt relevant initiatives under the WB's Aid for Trade Facilitation Project to facilitate capacity building and technical assistance, e.g. advanced cargo information to facilitate pre-arrival risk assessment and pre-clearance. 	Korea, United States	CTI	SCCP and MAG	<p>2011</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2012</p>	<p>Invitation of WCO to attend MAG meetings agreed by MAG members in 2011, to continue discussion on possible areas for collaboration between MAG and WCO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WCO proposed that MAG and WCO collaborate on a comparative study of product specific rules by product sectors. - WCO made a presentation on its ROO database, which contains comprehensive information on ROO provisions in FTAs applicable to WCO. <p>3-year guest status granted for WCO to attend SCCP meetings, until 31 December 2013.</p> <p>With assistance from the World Bank, the U.S. to develop a checklist of internal policies and practices related to Chokepoint1 and individualized capacity building programs to assist economies in implementing the SC inventory for Chokepoint1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CTI1 approved the U.S. proposal to advance the <i>Action Plan for Chokepoint 1 of the APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework</i>. Australia, Hong Kong, China and Japan decided to join the project as

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				<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>co-sponsor.</p> <p>A representative from WCO introduced a recent study on correlation between HS and other code systems at CTI 3 2013 in order to enhance understanding of member economies regarding discussion on global data standards.</p> <p>The WCO introduced the implementation plan for ECP (Economic Competitiveness Package) to accomplish 'Customs in the 21st Century'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the end of 2013, through 6 WCO regional workshops ECP action tools will be developed and accepted. Starting from 2014, capacity building will be implemented. <p>The Korea Customs Service with the WCO has been conducting the analysis study on the effectiveness of AEO MRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By measuring cost effectiveness of AEO MRA in businesses, introduction of AEO program and expansion of AEO MRA can be promoted.
<p>Simplification and harmonisation of customs procedures on the basis of revised Kyoto Convention</p> <p>To promote each economy's accession to and/or implementation of the revised Kyoto Convention</p>	New Zealand	SCCP			<p>SCCP is working toward simplification and harmonisation of procedures based on the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ten economies have acceded to the RKC. Those economies which have

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					not acceded yet have adopted major principles for trade facilitation stipulated in the convention.
<p>Explore the possibility of adopting electronic certificates related to customs procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore the possibility of implementing electronic certificates of origin issued by an authority among the APEC members when applicable, i.e. under preferential agreements. - To further develop electronic certificates of origin Pathfinder - To develop other initiatives for paperless trading by studying best practices and sharing information, etc. 	<p>Mexico</p> <p>Korea, Chinese Taipei</p>	<p>ECSG</p> <p>ECSG</p> <p>ECSG</p>	<p>SCCP</p> <p>SCCP</p>	<p>2011</p>	<p>ECSG developing projects on the use of paperless trading in commercial processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These projects aim at using “e-solutions” or electronic procedures and processes in cross-border trade in order to save time and costs for firms and government agencies seeking regulatory compliance information from traders. Areas covered by these projects include e.g ECOs; electronic invoicing, business requirements for data harmonisation and single window, best practices in paperless trading, e-negotiations, archiving of e-documents and e-trade financing. - A workshop on “Supply Chain Connectivity: e-Commerce as a Main Driver and Integration Tool” was held in San Francisco on 19 September 2011, the objective of which is to discuss ways for improving the “soft infrastructure” of supply chain by e-commerce tools implementation.

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				2012	<p>Successful implementation of the ECO (electronic certificate of origin) project between two member economies, Chinese Taipei and Korea, since May 2010, moving beyond its pilot stage. Several other economies have been also preparing or considering their participation in the implementation of the ECO.</p> <p>Chinese Taipei's update on the PTS on the current status of the "Electronic Certificate of Origin Project" (co-lead by Singapore and Korea) which has been implemented between Chinese Taipei and Korea since May 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More users have joined the live project. 16 exporters from Korea and 25 importers from Chinese Taipei and growing transaction number has been reported. <p>Workshop on the "Study on the Readiness of ECO Implementation in Cross-border Trade in APEC Region" was organized by China in Beijing in July 2012.</p> <p>Joint Study proposed by Korea to promote introduction of e-B/L world wide at ECSG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Korea held working level meeting with Japan in November 2011 and

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				<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>with China in May 2012, and agreed to cooperate in the joint study.</p> <p>Consulted about the establishment of the exchange system for electronic certificates of origin under Korea-Chile FTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed on the standard items of FTA electronic certificates of origin and the schedule for introduction - Diplomatic notes and uniform rules are under discussion to guarantee legal effectiveness. <p>Joint Study project “Enhancing Reliable Supply chains by e-B/L Exchange in APEC Region” commenced by Korea to promote introduction of e-B/L worldwide at ECSG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With co-research with China and Russia, co-sponsoring with Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam. - Aim to address necessary steps for the practical use of e-B/L among traders, carriers, forwarders, banks and other parties in international trade for enhancing supply chain connectivity. Also identifies the viability of the e-B/L international exchange model.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held kickoff meeting in May and undergoing environment and need analysis of each nation - The outcome of the project will be presented in a workshop that will be scheduled at the fourth quarter of 2013. <p>A project "Enhancing the Global Supply Chain Efficiency by E-Manifest Exchange in the APEC Region." Proposed by China at ECSG.</p>

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 6

Underdeveloped multi-modal transport capabilities; inefficient air, land, and multimodal connectivity.

Objective

- To improve the efficiency of air, land and multi-modal connectivity in the region and to open up more options, enabling businesses to optimize supply-chain efficiency and operate across-the-border in the fastest, cheapest and most reliable way possible.

Participating Economies

Lead Economy:

Singapore

Other Participating Economies:

Canada, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Russia

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Proposed Action (Title and brief descriptions)	Coordinating Economy	Coordinating sub-foa /working group	Other sub- foa/working group involved	Finalisation Date	Update for 2013 ²
<p>Study the economic impact of enhanced multi-modal connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the key impediments affecting multi-modal connectivity in the Asia Pacific region today; Explore the potential economic impact of increased multi-modal connectivity on the Asia-Pacific region in terms of economic growth, trade flows, and regional economic integration; Propose actions to address these impediments to multi-modal connectivity. 	Singapore (co-sponsored by Hong Kong, China)	CTI	TPTWG	2011	Completed in June 2010
<p>Explore further work on air transportation in the APEC region to meet Asia-Pacific supply-chain, business and economic requirements.</p>	Singapore; [New Zealand; the United States]	CTI	TPTWG	2015	The United States organised a Conference on Air Cargo, Trade and Economic Growth in San Francisco in the afternoon of 15 September 2011 under the auspices of TPTWG. The objective of the event was to bring together government officials, private sector participants, and relevant trade associations to have a conversation on

² No new updates from 2012 version.

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					the role greater air cargo liberalization could play in advancing economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region.
<p>Project Proposal: “Application of navigation systems in monitoring and optimizing management of multi-modal transportation”</p> <p>Key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss the importance of systemic use of navigation information to raise efficiency and security of multi-modal transportation; • To advocate the advantages of navigation information systems application for cargo and passenger traffic control and synchronization of multi-modal transportation. 	Russian Federation (Australia, Brunei Darussalam; Korea; Thailand; USA)	TPTWG	SCSC	2011	<p><u>2011</u></p> <p>Commencement of self-funded project Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Application for Seamless Transport Supply Chain Connectivity in APEC which seeks to address the issue of multi-modal connectivity and enhanced management of transportation within seamless supply chains through wider application of various GNSS technologies by APEC economies. A two-day workshop and an exhibition was held in Vladivostok, Russia on 2-4 October 2011.</p> <p>The workshop was held in conjunction with another APEC-funded project, Transborder Control and Optimal Transborder Logistics (TPT 06/2010), which has been completed successfully. The final report was issued with the APEC Principles of Transborder Logistics Services Optimisation. The objective of the principles in a broader sense is to improve the efficiency of the processes associated with trading in goods and cargo flows across national borders by simplifying and harmonizing trade and transportation procedures and practices and optimizing transborder</p>

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					<p>logistics. In a narrow sense the principles aim to overcome Chokepoints 1, 4, and 6 pointed in APEC Supply Chain Framework Action Plan.</p> <p><u>2012</u> A workshop on <i>Automated transport management systems (ATMS) implementation for optimizing logistics within the Asia-Pacific with an emphasis on ITS and GNSS application</i> is scheduled for October 2012. The workshop aims to create the opportunity for participants to share experiences and best practices in the areas of construction, harmonization of approaches to transportation and cargo flow monitoring, and logistics management systems use. Participants are expected to formulate recommendations for the wider introduction of transportation and cargo flow management systems. These recommendations will inform the establishment of a mechanism of coordination of activities aimed at the enhancement of global supply chain routes in the Asia-Pacific region through advanced ATMS technologies.</p>
<p>Introduce the Secure and Smart Container (SSC) concept for intermodal transport (with a practical application mode)</p>	<p>Project led for TPTWG by People's Republic of China</p>	<p>TPTWG</p>		<p>2010</p>	<p>Completed in June 2010</p>

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<p>Provide training in management of security, safety and emerging technology in intermodal transportation and supply chain systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three such seminars have been successfully conducted in Manila, Jakarta and Vietnam 	Project led for TPTWG by United States	TPTWG		Most recent seminar (Vietnam) conducted in October 2009	Most recent seminar (Indonesia) conducted in September 2010 ³
<p>Supply Chain Visibility Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss within relevant fora (e.g. CTI, SCSC, ECSG, SCCP, TPTWG) and hold seminars and workshops for enhancing “supply chain visibility” to determine the feasibility of constructing an information network to share cargo status information in the multi-modal logistics 	Japan, Korea; Chinese Taipei; The United States	CTI	SCSC, ECSG, SCCP, TPTWG	2010 - 2012	Ongoing. Currently developing questionnaire survey and feasibility study (at SCSC).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold the “APEC Supply Chain Visibility Workshop” aiming at constructing an information network to share cargo status information in the multi-modal logistics by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing the knowledge as to the positive effects of constructing the information network on productivity and efficiency of manufacturing 	Japan; Korea; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Hong Kong, China; The United States			Sep 2010	Completed in Sept 2010

³ “Workshop on Airport Safety Oversight & Advanced Tech”

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<p>industry, logistics industry, and customs procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying the minimum required information to be shared through the network to construct the information network. - Identifying activities by international standardising bodies, industries, ports and customs, which are necessary to construct the information network. 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss a possible information network for sharing cargo status for improving multi-modal logistics and global supply chain. - Introduce advanced efforts in APEC members to improve visibility of container cargo movements through sea-ports. - Conduct pilot projects with a view to proving the effectiveness of the required information and other elements identified by the above-mentioned workshop. - Formulate guidelines on how APEC should move to construct the interoperable information network to 	Japan; Korea; Chinese Taipei; The United States	CTI	SCSC, ECSG, SCCP, TPTWG	2011-2012	<p>Work is underway to implement the Supply Chain Visibility (SCV) Initiative by recommending a set of standards for the purpose of the realization of the SCV, to APEC members. This project composes of 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I collects information about current status of the supply chain in APEC region through the questionnaire survey to transportation players (forwarders, land and sea transporters, port operators, shipper, consignee, customs and other relevant authorities) (May 2011 through an APEC funded project, CTI07/2011T) • Phase II (self-funded, August 2011) - Pilot examinations under the supply chain visibility network are

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share cargo status in multi-modal logistics.					<p>conducted by Japan and other economies. After the pilot examination, considering results of Phase I and II projects, an investigator will conduct interviews with transportation players to make recommendations to APEC members for supply chain improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase III (CTI 28/2011T) - a set of draft recommendations for member economies to establish common technical grounds for visualized, trans-border logistics in the APEC region will be developed based on results of Phase I and II and other additional input from other economies' experiences. These were discussed at a workshop that took place on 21 May 2012 in Kazan where participants shared best practices for enhancing supply chain visibility in the APEC region and agreed on next steps to promote supply chain visibility. • Japan held workshop in conjunction with TPTWG 36, August 2012 in St Petersburg. _Workshop focused on discussing ways to enhance visibility of maritime container transportation, with an aim to share best practices on sharing data of Container Terminal Operation

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					System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia to take forward ongoing project on “<i>Sharing Best Practices for Seamless Intermodal Cargo Movement – Phase 1 Physical Infrastructure</i>”. Aim is to develop a listing of best practices on transport infrastructure development and modal connectivity for intermodal cargo movement, and conduct a workshop on these best practices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting capacity building activities for facilitating implementation of the guidelines mentioned above to enhance “supply chain visibility” 	Japan, Korea; Chinese Taipei; The United States	CTI	SCSC, ECSG, SCCP, TPTWG	2012-	
<p>Project Proposal:</p> <p>Security monitoring model and network for regional supply chain with a particular focus on food security</p> <p>Key Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of existing problems and impediments to supply chain security among APEC economies • Improved transportation security and cooperation on supply chain security monitoring among APEC economies • Potential development of a supply chain 	Project led for TPTWG by People’s Republic of China	TPTWG		Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2011	Project is underway. TPTWG has commenced the implementation of its project on “Security Monitoring Model and Network for Regional Supply Chain with a Particular Focus on Food security” with expected deliverable to be baselines (policies, management, and technology applications) including a case study on food transportation security for developing a supply chain and transport security information monitoring network.

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and transport security information- monitoring network					
Optimization of the supply chain through computational modelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a computational tool for modelling and optimizing the transportation network. • The tool will integrate problems typically treated in a piecemeal fashion, including economic, environmental and safety considerations, and analyse trade-offs between them while predicting network performance. 	Canada	TPTWG	CTI	2012	Canada has completed its self-funded project on “ <i>Focus Group on Supply Chains Connectivity Framework: Public Performance Measurements – Internal Indicators</i> ”. A focus group workshop on supply chain performance measurements and internal indicators was in Singapore on 17-18 February 2012. The key objective of the project was to determine the feasibility of implementing quantitative supply chain performance indicators for APEC trade and investment.
Electronic Freight Management (EFM) Information Exchange Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy a test adoption of EFM over an international trans-Pacific supply chain where containerized goods moved by ocean carrier from Asia, land at a Canadian port and continue overland to a final destination such as a distribution centre • This will track information exchange associated with clearing containerized goods through customs, port and terminal, and rail carriage systems for inland transportation and will also 	Canada	TPTWG	CTI	2011	

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include inter-modal systems involving motor carriers providing transportation to distribution centres.					

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 7

Variations in cross-border standards and regulations for movements of goods, services and business travellers

Objectives

- To enhance the security and quality of cross-border communications through minimising the impact of variations in standards and regulations. This can be achieved through:
 - coordinated action to reduce the time to repair submarine cables
 - encouraging the establishment of a trusted online environment through cyber security initiatives.
- To reduce the cost of communications for international business travellers through the introduction of competitive tension in the international mobile roaming market
- To promote road safety standards through developing:
 - best practice approaches for marketing road safety measures;
 - best practice approaches to planning, funding and priority setting for road infrastructure and for network operations and management
 - promoting the use of applicable international standards for safety in and the safe use of vehicles

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: Australia

Other Participating Economies: Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Japan, Peru and USA.

Action Plan

Proposed Action (Title and brief descriptions)	Economy	Sub-fera / working group	Other sub-fera/ working group involved	Finalisation Date	Update for 2013
<p>Improving Submarine Cable Protection <i>Specific Action</i></p> <p>1. A survey of economies on their submarine communications cables. Economies have nominated a designated point of contact to coordinate/facilitate stakeholder contact in their respective economies.</p> <p>2. Development of an inventory of legislative instruments and regulatory requirements relevant to submarine communication cables that operate in each economy. Development of a best practice guide to protection of submarine cables.</p> <p>3. Raise awareness at Ministerial level of the importance of submarine communications cables and the impact and attendant cost to economies of outages.</p>	<p>Australia</p> <p>Australia</p> <p>Australia</p>	<p>CTI/TEL</p> <p>CTI/TEL</p> <p>CTI</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>TEL</p>	<p>Sep 2011</p> <p>Sep 2011</p> <p>2012</p>	<p>A survey listing APEC economy points of contact on submarine cable regulatory and repair matters was tabled at TEL 44 in Kuala Lumpur in September 2011. The survey lists legislative requirements and will support further work on promoting cable resilience.</p> <p>Australia is hosting a workshop on submarine telecommunications resilience in Bali on 15-16 October 2013. The workshop will bring together relevant officials from APEC economies and experts from the submarine cable industry to discuss the economic impact of disruptions to the submarine cable network and promote practical measures to enhance their protection and resilience. The workshop will explore the benefits of stronger business-government partnerships in protecting submarine cables. CTI and TEL are considering how to foster industry-government collaboration.</p> <p>The importance of submarine cable protection was recognized in the St Petersburg declaration issued at TELMIN9 in August 2012.</p>

Proposed Action (Title and brief descriptions)	Economy	Sub-foa / working group	Other sub-foa/ working group involved	Finalisation Date	Update for 2013
<p>Reducing International Mobile Roaming Charges <i>Specific Action</i></p> <p>Development of multi-pronged approach which will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training sessions for telecommunications regulatory authorities; 2. Development of an Action Plan - a report describing the IMR market within APEC economies and details of the multipronged approach available to regulators to improve consumer awareness and foster a reduction in roaming charges. 	<p>Australia</p> <p>Australia</p>	<p>TEL</p> <p>TEL</p>		<p>TBA</p> <p>2014</p>	<p>Australia is exploring means of funding the training sessions.</p> <p>Australia is attempting to secure funding for the engagement of a consultant as part of an overarching strategy on IMR.</p>
<p>Road Safety Standards for Heavy Vehicles <i>Specific Action</i></p> <p>In response to a directive by Transport Ministers from Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand, Australia developed a compendium on heavy vehicle standards.</p> <p>The compendium includes measures to address driver fatigue, a Safety Code of Practice for Heavy Vehicles, and address issues relating to improving driver efficiency through a Professional Driver Training Program, initially for developing economies.</p>	<p>Australia [lead], co-sponsors: Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand</p>	<p>TPTWG</p>	<p>ABAC</p>	<p>Jan/Dec 2011</p>	<p>A compendium of road safety measures for heavy vehicles in APEC transport supply chains was finalised and circulated within TPTWG. The compendium provides a practical guide for dealing with driver fatigue, improving driver efficiency and developing a safety code of practice for heavy vehicles.</p>

Proposed Action (Title and brief descriptions)	Economy	Sub-fera / working group	Other sub-fera/ working group involved	Finalisation Date	Update for 2013
<p>Electronic Data Interchange Linkages between Seaports</p> <p><i>Specific Action</i></p> <p>A project to develop a best practice checklist for electronic sharing of maritime cargo information to reduce supply chain blockages. The project demonstrated supply-chain benefits by highlighting electronic data interchange linkages between port community systems. It built on APEC's work on single windows, cross-border paperless trade and certification. Deficiencies in information infrastructure linking major seaports as well as overlapping information requirements by seaport authorities are major impediments to effective functioning of supply-chains in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>	Australia	CTI	TPT/ECSG/SCCP	2013	<p>A workshop was held in Shanghai in February 2013 to raise awareness of the benefits of electronic port linkages. The workshop explored options for overcoming deficiencies in information infrastructure linking ports. The project delivered a compendium containing workshop outcomes, best practices and benefits of effective linkages between ports. Key outcomes were reported and discussed at TPT-WG37, for APEC-wide consideration.</p>

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Action Plan for Chokepoint 8

Lack of regional cross-border customs-transit arrangements.

Objective

Determine how Customs Administrations take care of transit by a non-party for the application of preferential treatment. In this context how and which documents are required for this compliance at the customs administration of the importing economy. For all the above it is necessary to establish a common understanding -not only for APEC customs administrations, but moreover for trade operators- on the documentation that justifies and accredited this transit.

It is also important to determine, if possible, a general overview regarding a timeframe for this transit in a non-Party, for store goods and splitting goods; all the above, under the surveillance of the customs administration of this non-party economy.

Participating Economies

Lead Economy: Chile

Other Participating Economies: Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Singapore

Possible Work Streams (Annex 3 of 2009/AMM/011app08)

- Examine and identify issues relating to transport and customs-transit and work towards addressing them.
 - e.g. Identify and examine the policy, technical, and regulatory issues involved in the passage of goods through 3rd party territory

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Proposed Action (Title and brief descriptions)	Coordinating Economy	Coordinating sub-fora /working group	Other sub- fora/working group involved	Date	Updates for 2013
<p>Questionnaire to all APEC member economies in order to request information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which documents are acceptable by customs administrations for accreditation of goods in transit? - Is there a timeframe for these goods in a third country? - Is the division of the original consignment permitted in distribution centers /Free Zones? 	Chile	SCCP	CTI	2010-2012	<p>SCCP is completing a revised questionnaire on the treatment of transit by a non-party for application of preferential treatment, including how and which documents are required for this compliance at the customs administration of the importing economy.</p> <p>The questionnaire structures mainly in a binary system of responses (yes / no), the latter in order to obtain more accurate answers that would allow greater certainty in the analysis of the results.</p> <p>17 economies answered the questionnaire. Colombia a guest in the SCCP, answered it voluntarily, showing great interest through the entire process.</p> <p>The analysis of the responses is in the development process and at first sight it can be observed that the differences in requirements is diverse; for example, some member Economies deny preferential treatment to goods subject to transit operation, deadlines are different, among other.</p>

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					<p>However, there are answers that are quite similar among some economies such as the specific declaration for a transit operation, route conditions guarantees report and others.</p> <p>The final report was presented to member Economies during the SCCP 1 meeting in Jakarta in February 2012. This report included some proposals in terms of possible guidelines, which have suffered modification in order to achieve a better consensus.</p>
Elaborate a comparative study in order to determine trends and best practice in the APEC Region, regarding a critical issue in the framework of bilateral trade agreements.	Chile	SCCP	CTI	2013	The comparative study was elaborated by our National Customs Authority and was presented during SCCP 2 in Medan.
Present to all stakeholders the result of the information gathering exercise	Chile		CTI	TBD by the SCCP/ CTI	This has yet to be done directly but has been presented to the Virtual Working Group, and we expect to present it to the stakeholder during SCCP 1 in China.
Further discuss concepts to draft APEC guidelines for Transit and Transshipment.	Chile	SCCP	CTI	2011/2012	Draft Customs-Transit Guidelines for APEC FTAs is under consideration in the SCCP and CTI.

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Draft if possible APEC guidelines for Transit and Transshipment.	Chile	SCCP		2013-2014	A draft set of guidelines was presented during SCCP 1 which received several comments from different economies; those comments were included in the new set of guidelines which are yet to be adopted. We expect that these guidelines will be discussed and adopted in a future workshop that is being planned for next year on the sidelines of SCCP 1 or 2.
Identify specific issues and impediments relating to cross-border customs-transit arrangements for logistics companies that operate in the APEC region.	Singapore			2012	<p>CT11: Seven impediments that companies faced in cross-border customs transit were identified (see 2011/SOM1/CTI/018).</p> <p>CT12: Suggested approaches in addressing the impediments, based on industry feedback and inputs from economies were compiled. (see 2011/SOM2/CTI/012)</p>

Measurement

The proposed guidelines will be measure considering the number of response of APEC member economies. In this area, the questionnaire was elaborate based for further determine the percentage of compliance on this matter. This information would be tabulate and will permit numerical conclusions.