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There are 18 actual border check-points in Georgia;
(2 - marine, 2 – railroad, 3 – air, 11 – road);

Among them 15 check points are of international significance and 3 Inter state check-points:

- **With Russia** – Kazbegi (*Gantiadi, Leselidze and Roki – in occupied territories*);
- **With Azerbaijan (road)** - Red Bridge, Lagodekhi, Gardabani (Railway),
inter State check-points: Mtskheta, Samtatskaro;
- **With Armenia (road)** - Ninotsminda, Guguti, Sadakhlo (Road, Railway),
inter State check-point: Akhkerpi;
- **With Turkey** – Vale, Sarpi;

3 International Airports: Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi

2 Sea Ports: Poti Sea Port, Batumi Sea Port.

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“**Georgian Border Management Strategy**” was adopted by president of Georgia in 2008.

- This document determines state policy in regard to border management, which represents strategic goals and basic principles and formulates action plans and tasks;
- Georgian border management strategy was formulated with the assistance of temporary interagency commission of South Caucasus EU special representative’s office and Georgian national Security Council in frames of Georgian state border reform;
- Timeframe for the achievement of the above mentioned goals is planned to be 5 years.

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Georgian border management strategy is based on common border management model, which consists of 4 step border management:

1. Control activities of different security measures inside the country (coherent and coordinated activities by relevant government agencies);
2. Border control;
3. Cooperation with neighbor countries (cooperation between involved border management agencies on every level);
4. Preventive measures in third country.

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In each part of the above mentioned 4 step border management strategy, cooperation and coherence plays important role and involves 3 basic directions:

- **Intra-agency**
- **Inter-agency**
- **International**

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Intra-agency

- In 2007 tax , customs and financial police departments were merged into one unified structure - **Revenue Service of Georgia**;
- Revenue Service of Georgia (RS) executes imposed responsibilities on the whole territory of Georgia. It consists of central apparatus, special operational structural sub-groups and territorial bodies, which formulate united central system.

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Inter-agency

Principles of the integrated border management are defined by primary legislations, such as: Customs Code of Georgia, Law on Veterinary and other laws.

Procedures are described by secondary legislations, such as: joint decrees of the Minister of Finance and Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Finance and Minister of Internal Affairs.

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Inter-agency Cooperation on SPS

Integrated management between the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia

- Policy decision maker is Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia. This authority defines SPS procedures with its competent subordinated authority "The National Service of Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection (NC);
- Revenue Service carries out Border controls.

Border Control – RS

Internal Control – NS

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Interagency Cooperation on Passport Control

Integrated management between the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia

- Policy decision maker is Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
- RS – carries out passport control regarding drivers of vehicles at main border check-points. (Sarpi, Sadakhlo, Red Bridge, Lagodekhi);
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia carries out control on the other border check-points.

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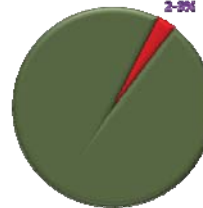
SELECTED weighting

- BEFORE REFORMS:
 - Mandatory weighting of ALL VEHICLES
- AFTER REFORMS:
 - Only SELECTED VEHICLES are weighted - substantially reduced number of weighted vehicles

WEIGHTED VEHICLES
BEFORE REFORM



WEIGHTED VEHICLES
AFTER REFORM



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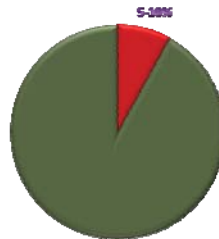
SELECTED checking of STOWING DIMENSIONS

- BEFORE REFORMS:
 - Mandatory checking of stowing dimensions of ALL VEHICLES crossing Georgian border
- AFTER REFORMS:
 - Only SELECTED VEHICLES are checked - substantially reduced number of weighted vehicles

CHECKED VEHICLES
BEFORE REFORM



CHECKED VEHICLES
AFTER REFORM



AS A RESULT OF THE REFORMS, THE TIME OF PROCESSING OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURES REDUCED ON AVERAGE BY 10 – 15 MINUTES

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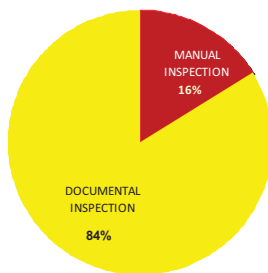
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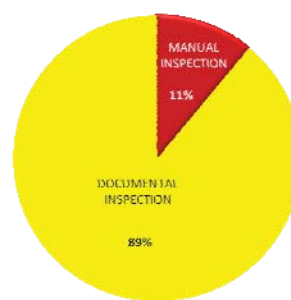
EXTENSION OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON OTHER REGIMES

- 2008: Risk management system is used only for control of import regime
- 2009: Risk management system extended to other regimes – decisions on initiation of inspection procedure are made by using automated system

SHARES OF MANUAL AND DOCUMENTAL INSPECTION
2008



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2009



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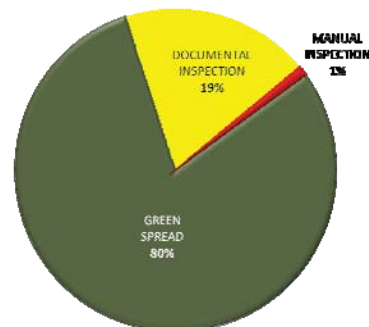


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Golden list

- Objectives: increasing of motivation for preliminary declaration
- Performed steps:
 - Number of members of the Golden List increased three times
 - Green Spread: No manual/documental inspection for members of the Golden list



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International

On October 20, 2009 Georgia joined 1977 Nairobi Convention "International Convention on mutual administrative assistance for the prevention, investigation and repression of customs offences".

Also in the frame of custom matters for improving the mechanism of international co-operation and mutual assistance, Ministry of Finance of Georgia worked out "the model of agreement on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters" based on the World Customs Organizations agreement model of 2004 "mutual administrative assistance in customs matters".



International

Ministry of Finance of Georgia has initiated the WCO model of "the agreement on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters" with 29 countries;

Nowadays agreements are in force with 12 countries:

Armenia, Estonia, Latvia,
Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Greece,
Ukraine, Iran,
Uzbekistan, Lithuania,
Turkey and Turkmenistan.



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