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# **UNECE Trade Facilitation Tools in Central Asia**

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## **UN Economic Commission for Europe**

- f. 1947, 56 Member States now (incl. all ex-USSR)
- Technical: norms, standards, recommendations

Tools in 4 areas of Trade & Transport Facilitation:

- Trade information exchange
  - UN Layout Key for trade forms (Rec.1)
  - UNECE & UN/CEFACT codes; UNTDED
  - Single Window for export and import clearance (Rec.33)
- Public Private cooperation (Rec.4): NTTFCs
- Transit facilitation (TIR)
- Border-crossing facilitation (Harmonization Conv)



## **UNECE** Contribution to TTF in Central Asia

- Long term assistance through projects supported by the Czech Rep., UN Development Account, etc. on Trade Facilitation Committees (Rec.4 in AZ, AF, KG, MN, UZ), int'l standards, Single Window (Rec.33)
- UN Development Account project: incl. results

http://www.unece.org/trade/UNDev-account-project/welcome.htm

- Most projects of GTZ, USAID, ADB started from here
- UNECE / UNCEFACT Trade Facilitation Rec.s

http://www.unece.org/cefact/recommendations/rec\_index.htm

### **Rec.4: National TTF Cttees**

- Public-private mechanisms of cooperation (Rec.4) Stress not on structure but on functions!
  - Public-private, <u>interagency Forum</u> to discuss problems & develop solutions (edocs, draft laws...), <u>implement international standards</u>
  - Support WTO negotiations on TF
  - Support Single Window projects: PP and interagency cooperation
  - Act as partner in projects of international agencies: ADB, CAREC, World Bank, TRACECA, UNECE, etc.
- NTTFCs in Central Asia working with UNECE and other bodies:
  - AFPRO (w. UNCTAD); AZERPRO (w. TRACECA); Kazakhstan Single Window project interagency coop°; Kyrgyzstan SW project interagency group (NTTFC UNECE, UNESCAP, GTZ yet no function); Tajikistan SW project interagency group; Turkmenistan UNECE & BOMCA –awareness raising; Uzbekistan UNECE-Czech project UZPRO:Uzincomcentre,CCI
- UN Development Account project: seminar for NTTFCs in SPECA: 2009 in Kazakhstan

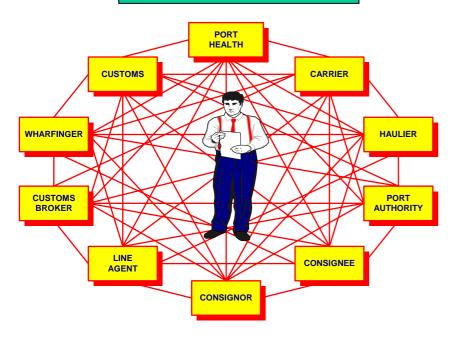
### The Single Window Concept in Central Asia Package of UNECE / UNCEFACT Recommendations

- UN Development Account Project (5th tranche)
- Standards for Single Window & data harmonization
  - Recommendation 33: The Single Window
  - Data Harmonization (draft Recommendation 34):
    - UN Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDED)
    - WCO Data Model (subset of UNTDED)
    - Core Components Library
  - Draft Rec.35: Legal issues in Single Window implement°
- This is the basis for all aid agency projects



## Rec. 33: The Single Window Concept

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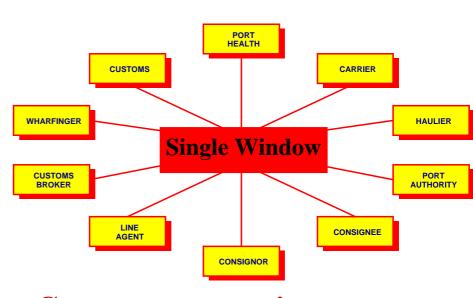


**Mountains of paper** 

30% mistakes

Weeks for clearance

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Customs, export, import, etc. processes together

Many documents filed together

Appr. 1 hour for clearance

# Two directions of work in building a Single Window

### Policy work (~80% of the work - negotiations)

- Build political will
- Establish interagency management group
- Draft a concept paper, then a feasibility study
- Appoint a lead and an implementing organizations (e.g. Customs)
- Harmonize policy

### Technical work (~20% technical work)

- Establish interagency technical group
- Data harmonization alignment with international standards (10%)
- Developing the software for a SW system (10%)

# Role of the UN (just 1% of the aid money globally)

- Creating an enabling environment norms, conventions, international regimes
- Best practice dissemination (e.g. Rec.33: the Single Window)
- Standards (everyone should "speak the same language")
- Create access for the small and weak; raising efficiency

#### ОБРАЗЕЦ счета на оплату

#### INVOICE

 Customer
 Name
 SAFAK NAKLIYAT GEMI ACENTALIGI ORMAN URUNLERI INSAAT TEKSTIL SAN. VE TIC. LTD. STI.

 Address
 Camii Serif Mah.5216 Sok. Azizoglu Ish.Kat2NO:4/Mersin

 City
 Mersin
 State ZIP 

 Phone
 0-324-237-15-23
 Faks: 0-324-238-11-07

 Misc

 Invoice №
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 Date
 20.02.2004

 Contract №
 TRN-01

 Date of cont
 30.01.2004

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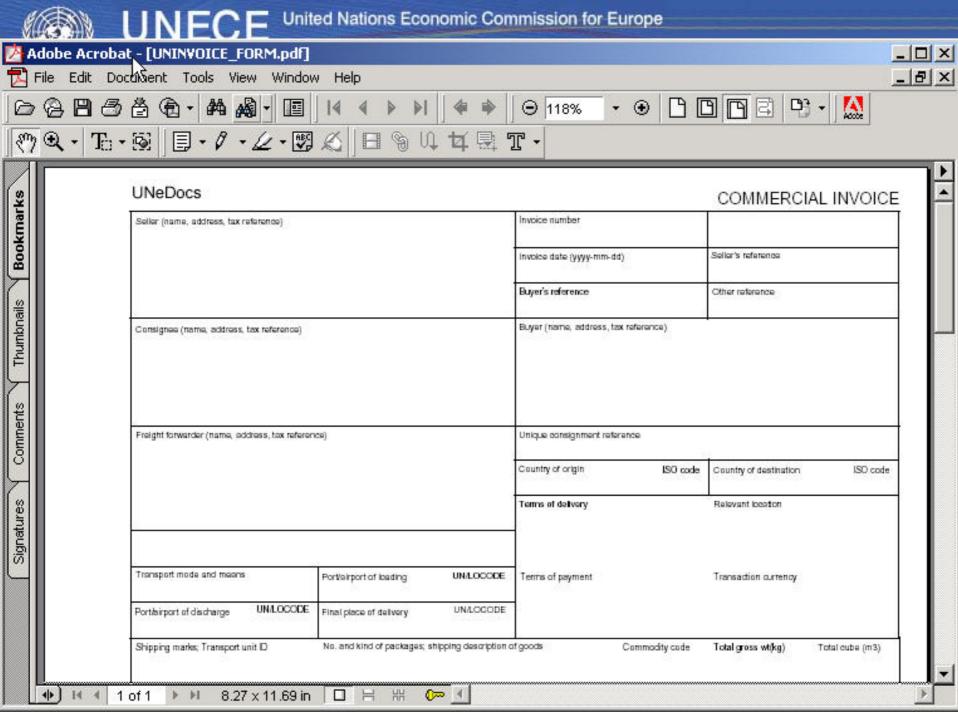
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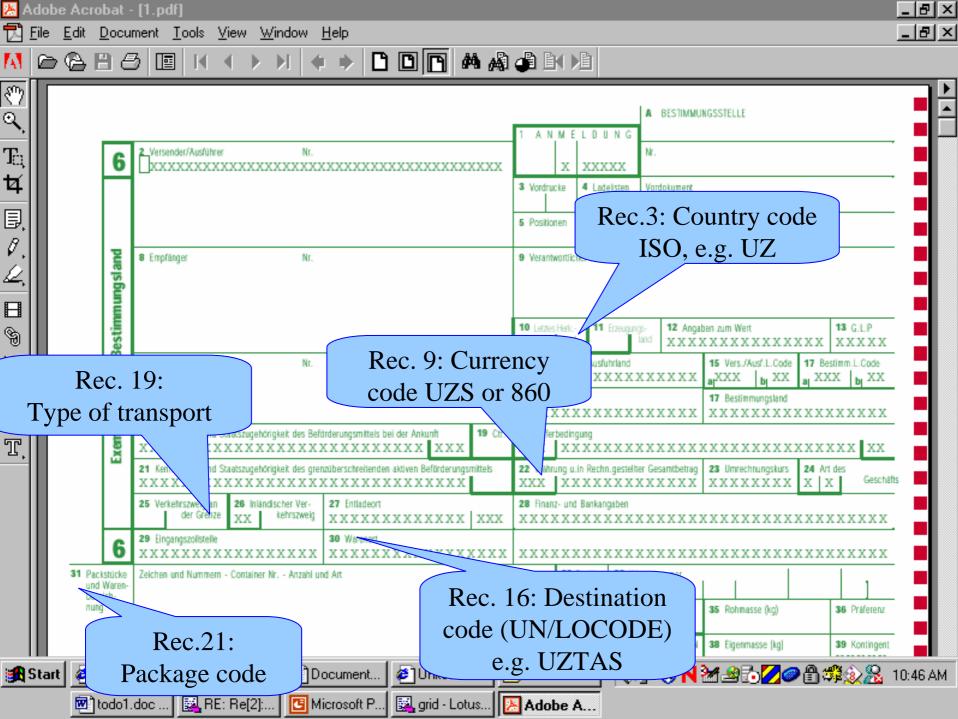
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Tax Rate(s)

TOTAL \$ 2 004,50

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# **UN/LOCODE - Code for Trade**and Transport Locations

- UN/LOCODE (UNECE Recommendation N°16) 5-alpha code: ISO 2-alpha CC + ; 3-alpha location code:
- Astana KZ AST (earlier KZTSE or SUTSE Tselinograd)
- Baku AZ BAK (22 entries in AZ)
- Baku airport AZ GYD
- Belgrade RS BEG (country code: YU -> CS -> RS)
- Istanbul TR IST (519 LOCODE entries for TR)
- Shanghai CN SHA; Hong Kong HK HKG
- London GB LON (3529 LOCODE entries in UK)
- Yet GBLHR Heathrow airport; TV Tuvalu; ME Montenegro
- Used by ISO, ICANN, IATA
- >48,500 trade & transport related locations in ~240 countries/territories

# Did you say Paris?

Six locations in the world called "Paris"

US IL PRP Paris

US KY PZT Paris

US TN PHT Paris

US TX PRX Paris

CA ON PAO Paris

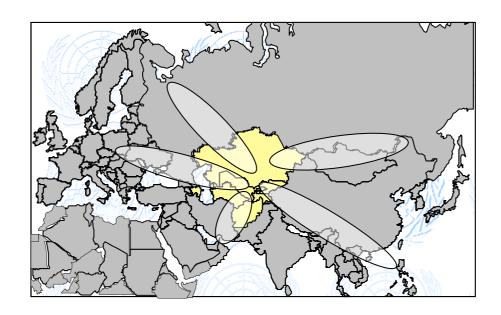
FR 75 PAR Paris

The Paris in Canada is identified by CAPAO, the Paris in France by FRPAR

...just try to send a container to Paris in Canada without a UN/LOCODE



## THANK YOU!



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