
Questionnaire on facilitation of rail border crossings¹

Question 1

How many and which border (interchange) stations exist in your country?

“Border (interchange) station” means a railway station where operational or administrative procedures are performed in view of enabling a border crossing of rail freight. This railway station may be at the border or near the border.

Question 2

What do you do to facilitate the procedures for granting visas for locomotive crews, refrigerated unit crews, persons accompanying freight shipments and staff at the border (interchange) stations engaged in international rail transport? Please describe specific actions or procedures by specifying a time and cost analysis of such procedures.

Question 3

Are there bilateral agreements between your country and neighbouring countries on the border crossing procedures mentioned in question 2? Please list these bilateral agreements and mention their basic provisions.

Question 4

Please specify in the table below for each border (interchange) station listed in Question 1 which of the following minimum requirements apply.

	Buildings (premises), plant, facilities and technical equipment	Phytosanitary, veterinary and other controls	Adequate traffic capacity	Inspection areas, warehousing for the temporary storage of goods subject to customs	Equipment, facilities, information technology and communication systems	Sufficient qualified staff of the railway, customs, border and other agencies	Receive and use data concerning the technical approval and the technical inspections of the rolling stock prior to the arrival of rolling stock
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2.							
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¹ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2013/sc2/ECE-TRANS-SC2-2013-06e.pdf>

Question 5

Do you cooperate with your neighbouring countries at border (interchange) stations on controls of rolling stock, containers, piggyback, semi-trailers and goods as well as the processing of shipping and accompanying documentation? Have you established any bilateral agreements where your country endeavours to arrange all forms of joint controls with your neighbouring countries? Please list these agreements, mention their main provisions and provide concrete examples of cooperation.

Question 6

Has your country established a mechanism for reciprocal recognition of all forms of control of rolling stock, containers, piggyback semi-trailers and goods?

Question 7

Does your country carry out customs controls relying on the principle of selection on the basis of risk evaluation and management? Please describe the procedures that are being followed.

Question 8

Does your country perform simplified controls at the border (interchange) stations and do you, as far as possible, move certain forms of controls to the stations of departure and destination? Please describe the procedures of such simplified controls at borders.

Question 9

Does your country have any bilateral agreements with neighbouring countries which ensure time limits for technical operations (involving the reception and transfer of trains at the border (interchange) stations, including all types of controls)? If yes, does your country ensure compliance with these time limits? Please specify these time limits for each technical operation and list any measures taken to reduce these time limits by improving the technology and equipment used.

Question 10

Does your country record delays of trains or wagons at the border (interchange) stations and do you transmit the information to the parties involved which then conducts analyses and proposes measures to reduce the delays? Please indicate such delays.

Question 11

Does your country endeavour to reduce paper documents or simplify documentation procedures by using electronic systems for the exchange of information corresponding to the information contained in railway consignment notes and customs declarations accompanying the goods? Please list and describe measures taken.

Question 12

Does your country have an established procedure for providing the customs authorities, in advance, with information on goods arriving at the border (interchange) stations as contained in the railway consignment note and customs declaration? If yes, please describe such a procedure.

Question 13

Does your country use the CIM/SMGS railway consignment note?