



#### 4 NATIONAL POLICY AND LEGISLATION IN TRADE AND TRANSIT

The main regulatory body in the trade and transit fields is the National Custom Service of Turkmenistan. It determines and enforces the national custom policy and surveys the application of all international agreements.

Transport of goods in transit through the territory of Turkmenistan is regulated as per the corresponding provisions of the Customs code.

A new custom code was adopted on January 1st 2011, replacing thus the previous one that dated from 1993.

In certain cases it is compulsory to use the convoy regime in accordance with the regulations about customs transit cargo rules approved by Order of State Customs Service of Turkmenistan No.5, 05.03.1999.

The main documents related to transit are:

- The letter of the State Tax Inspection of Turkmenistan “About charges for permits for entering Turkmen territory and passing in transit, imposed from foreign vehicle owners” No.1416/1, 19.12.1995.
- The letter of the State Tax Inspection of Turkmenistan “About charges for entrance to Turkmen territory and transit through its territory” No.899/1, 27.07.1995.

It is worth noting that Turkmenistan is not a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) but is a member of the World Customs Organization (WCO).