



DIGITIZING GLOBAL TRADE - CAMBODIA

REDUCING TIME FOR IMPORTING EXPRESS SHIPMENTS AND SIMPLIFYING EXPORT PROCEDURES

CONTEXT

Cambodia places great importance on trade facilitation and logistics. The government currently implements a broad trade facilitation agenda as well as the National Logistics Master Plan. Measures that reduce time for import and export processes are very high on the agenda. Particularly, the government aims to modernise and speed up import procedures for express shipments. The volume of small parcel shipments

is increasing and getting more important due to the growing e-commerce sector.

To achieve this goal, great efforts in digitising the exchange of information are needed as paper-based procedures are not fast enough. On the export side, simplification and digitisation measures have the potential to create easier and faster export processes that benefit both customs and businesses.

WHAT WE DO



The Digitizing Global Trade (DGT) project in Cambodia aims to ease and digitise import and export procedures.

The DGT project works with the Cambodian General Department of Customs and Excise (GDCE) and the Cambodian private sector in easing and digitising import and export procedures. To facilitate import of express shipments, the project will enable GDCE to receive and process digital information on shipments prior to their arrival in Cambodia (pre-arrival processing).

Additionally, the project will simplify and digitise export procedures for selected products and provide traders and especially small and medium enterprises (SME) with the relevant know-how of export processes. All project activities will be implemented jointly with the local government and private sector stakeholders.



The Digitizing Global Trade (DGT) projects aim to simplify and digitise trade processes in certain countries. Next to Cambodia, projects are currently being implemented in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya and Rwanda. DGT has two components:

Component 1: Strengthening Pre-Arrival Processing (PAP)

Component 2: Simplification/Digitisation of Export Procedures and Export Facilitation

DIGITAL SOLUTION

The GDCE is using the customs IT system ASYCUDAWorld to process customs clearance documents for all export and import of goods. The DGT project intends to enhance GDCE's current software architecture to connect ASYCUDAWorld with express carriers. The digital exchange of information will allow for pre-arrival processing of express consignments.

RELATION TO THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

This project contributes towards the implementation of the following article of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation:

- Article 7.1: Pre-Arrival Processing
- Article 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit



THE BENEFITS

By improving trading environment, the project aims at

- Faster and simpler export processes,
- Reduction of time, cost and resources for import/export formalities for businesses and customs,
- Improved conditions for SMEs to access global value chains, generating more trade, investment and jobs.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

The DGT development partnership is open to all interested parties. Whether you are a business active in cross-border trade or a governmental institution interested in learning more about the project and potentially becoming a partner, please reach out to us.



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