

Border Trade Cooperation

Introduction

- Pakistan share long land border with India, Afghanistan, Iran and China- 6,774 km
- Over 3000 km with Afghanistan and Iran
- Pakistan is Afghanistan's largest trading partner, while Afghanistan is Pakistan's second largest export market
- Iran is one of the major importer of Rice and citrus and exports petroleum products, electricity and fruits to Pakistan
 - Over the years both exports to and imports from Iran has declined

Introduction (Contd)

- Afghanistan 2,250 km
- Iran 909 km



Trade Statistics

Afghanistan (import/ export)

(source: PAJCCI/FBS)

Year	Export (\$ million)	Import (\$ million)
2013-14	1,742	198
2014-15	1,327	188
2015-16 (Feb)	1,346	226

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Transit

(source: PAJCCI/FBS)

Period	Commercial (\$ million)	Non Commercial	Total
2009-10	2,157	1,165	3,322
2010-11	1,871	11,65	3,036
2011-12	1,256	525	1,781
2012-13	1,319	564	1,884
2013-14	2028	688	2717
2014-15	2550	-----	2550

Period	Commercial Cargo (Containers)
2009-10	75288
2010-11	56203
2011-12	27924
2012-13	27401
2013-14	36274
2014-15	49507

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Iran

(source: FBS)

Year	Exports (\$ million)	Imports (\$ million)
2009	400	922
2010	207	962
2011	162	572
2012	153	153
2013	98	168
2014	53	164

Border Stations with Iran

- Taftan
- Anam Bostan
- Dalbandin
- Nok Kundi
- Gabd
- Suntsar
- Qila Ladhast
- Jiwani
- Rideeq- Mand
- Chidgi – Panjgur
- Border Point 250
- Border Point 139 - Kataghar

Border Stations with Afghanistan

- Nawa Pass
- Shahi Bin Shahi
- Mirkhani – Chitral
- Arandu- Chitral
- Khapakh
- Torkham
- Shaheedano Dand
- Kharlachi
- Burki
- Teri Mengal

Border Stations with Afghanistan

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- Ghulam Khan
- Lawra Boya Datta Khel Road
- Khand Narai
- Angoor Ada
- Zhob
- Gaznali
- Qamar Din Karez
- Qila Saifullah
- Shaighalu
- Gulistan
- Chaman

Major Stations

Torkham

- **Torkham** is the largest and busiest International crossings between Pakistan and Afghanistan
- It connects Nangarhar of Afghanistan with Pakistan's Khyber Agency (FATA)

S.No.	Year	Export Value (Rs million)	Import Value (Rs million)	Transit Goods Value (Rs million)
1	2013-14	153,359	73,793	210,505
2	2014-15	160,194	65,213	246,005
3	2015-16	122,464	69,919	271,571
4	2016-17 Upto August 2016	12,163	7,096	45,927
Total		448,181	216,022	774,010

Major Stations (Contd)

Chaman

- The Vesh- Chaman border crossing is one of the major crossings between Afghanistan and Pakistan

Period	Number of Trucks Import	Number of Trucks Exports
2013-14	21840	35367
2014-15	16378	23793
2015-16	16628	28583
July to 15th Sep.2016	4105	7689

Major Stations (Contd)

Taftan

- Historic trade route with Iran/ CARs/ Turkey
- Railway link available

Period	Number of Trucks Import	Number of Trucks Exports
2014-15	1094	17827
2015-16	2297	21095
July to 15th Sep.2016	468	3875

BAC measures

- Afghanistan
 - Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA 2010)
 - Cooperate to gradually achieve “coordinated controls”- inspection jointly and simultaneously
 - Coordinate hours of operation of their adjacent Customs Stations
 - To maintain rapid and reliable telecom services
 - Provision of sheds and spaces for goods in transit to and from Afghanistan
 - Multiple entry permits
 - To recognize domestic driving licenses, registration documents
 - Cooperation between Customs for speedy clearance
 - To accept mutual recognitions of checks and findings of their respective Customs officials
 - To harmonize codes and description of commodities

BAC measures (contd)

- Travelling of Afghani trucks/ drivers on Road Pass to Pakistan for six months
- New border management initiatives at Torkham and Chaman
 - Immigration Offices
 - Baggage Scanners
 - Automated Customs Clearance System (WeBOC)
 - Data Interchange
 - Border Customs Meetings

BAC measures (contd)

- Iran
 - PTA 2004
 - Agreement with Iran for travelling on Rahdari
 - Coordinated working hours- presently 10 hours
 - The Cargo Vehicles of both the countries cross over on Carnet
 - Joint Border Trade Committee Meetings (4 sessions so far)
 - Trade and Customs meetings for removing obstacles and information exchange
 - Border markets at crossing points
 - Security and facilities - Iranian drivers
 - Electronic exchange of Customs data- email- EDI is proposed
 - Multiple entry visa for drivers for 6 months

BAC measures (contd)

Iran and Pakistan have signed 5 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in December 2014

- Joint Investment Committee to identify areas for investment in both countries
- Bank branches and facilitate a currency swap for bilateral trade
- Cooperation between Pakistan's Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) and Iran's counterpart organization would be enhanced
- To establish a sister port relationship between Karachi and Chahbahar
- Trading centers along the Iran-Pakistan border - as common markets to sell goods at concessional rates of customs and other duties in order to control illegal cross border trade

Way Forward

- Need for establishing EDI links with both IRAN and AFGHANISTAN for Real time data access
- Ratification of TIR for transit goods
- Organized coordination to avoid duplication of work
- Harmonization of processes and documentations
- Issuance of Alerts for changes in trade/ Customs rules and procedures
- Mutual Assistance/ Recognition Agreements- Customs