



CENTRAL AMERICAN STRATEGY

FOR TRADE FACILITATION
AND COMPETITIVENESS

MANDATE

In October, 2015 the Central American Strategy for Trade Facilitation and competitiveness was approved by the Council of Ministers of Economic Integration (COMIECO). This regional effort derives from a mandate of the Summit of Central American Presidents, which recognizes the positive impact of trade facilitation.

Through the Mandate of Punta Cana, the Central American Presidents instructed “the Council of Ministers of Economic Integration to adopt and implement a Central American Strategy for Trade Facilitation and Competitiveness emphasizing the Coordinated Border Management, in coordination with sectoral councils and competent authorities”



COORDINATED BORDER MANAGEMENT

Coordinated Border Management (CBM) aims to promote coordination of public sector agencies and the private sector to improve procedures for tax collection, control and security in points of entry (border crossings, ports, and airports) and facilitate the transit of goods and people, in a framework supportive of efficacy in control and efficiency in the use of resources.

FIVE PRIORITY MEASURES

1

Anticipatory
transmission of
documents for
cargo

2

Single
conduction of
migration control in
country of
departure

3

Electronic
system for the
emission and
transmission of
Phyto and zoo
sanitary
certificates

4

Registry of
cargo units
with Radio
Frequency
(RFID) devices

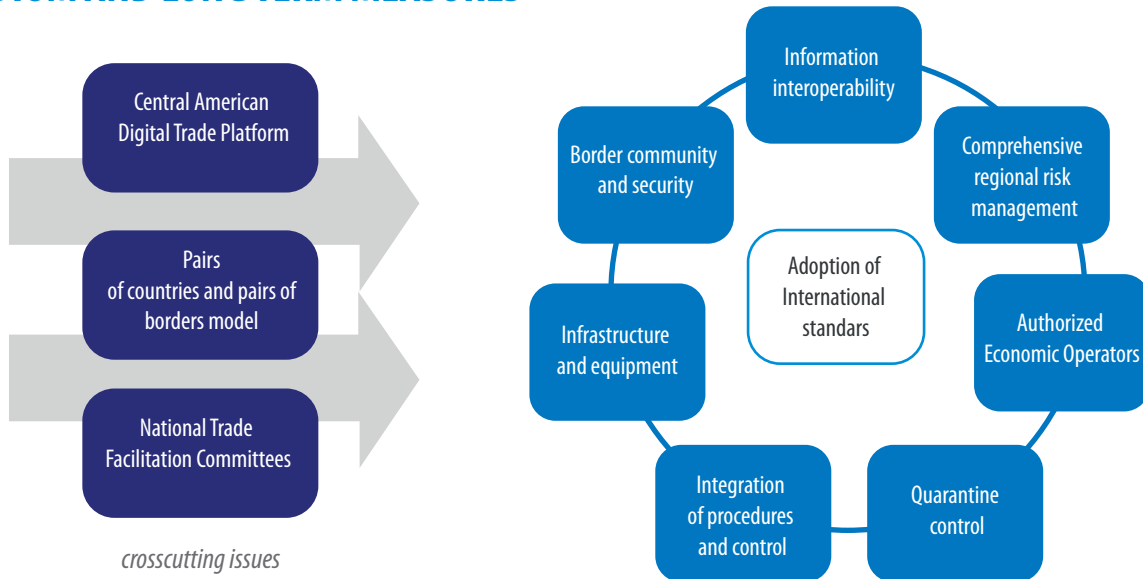
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Installation of
cameras in
border
crossings

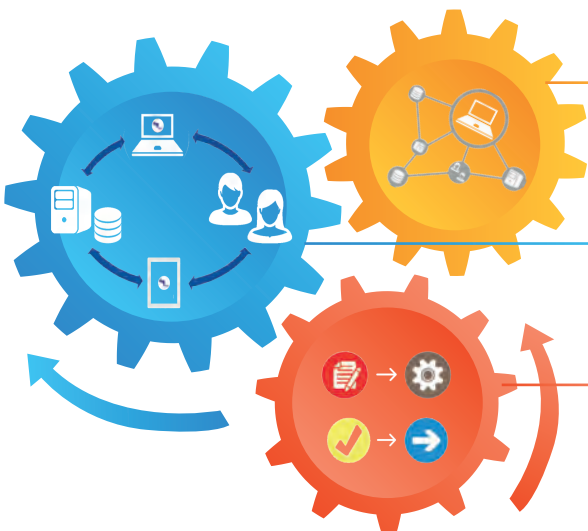


● **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE PRIORITY MEASURES**
 in Pedro de Alvarado - La Hachadura, Agua Caliente, El Florido, El Amatillo, Guasaule, Peñas Blancas y Paso Canoas.

THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM MEASURES



COORDINATION SCHEMES



1. Central American Commerce Digital Platform: SIECA is working on the implementation of the Digital Platform, which is divided into 3 phases.

2. Pairs of countries and pairs of borders model: each border has its own characteristics and particularities.

3. National Trade Facilitation Committees: The Trade Facilitation Agreement of the WTO mandates the incorporation of this Committees, in order to manage and monitor the improvements of trade facilitation and compliance with the Agreement.