

**TABLE OF PRIORITY ACTIVITIES: TRADE LOGISTICS**

<b>Strategic Objective</b> ~ To Simplify and Harmonize GMS Cross-Border Transport Regulations/Procedures, and to Promote the Development of Trade Logistics and its Associated Facilities, to Increase the Efficiency of Goods Delivery and Reduce Trade Transaction Costs along GMS Economic Corridors				
<b>Principal Action I:</b> Review, simplify and harmonize GMS cross-border transport regulations/procedures by accelerating the finalization of the Cross-Border Transport Agreement (CBTA), and signing of the remaining Annexes and Protocols, and carrying out its initial implementation at the pilot border crossing points along GMS economic corridors				
<b>Description of Activities</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Indicators of Achievement</b>	<b>Institutions Responsible</b>	<b>Risks &amp; Assumptions</b>
Acceleration of the negotiations on the remaining Annexes and Protocols for the CBTA.  Implementation of roadmap for the Annexes & Protocols related to transport and logistics.	At the latest by 31 December 2005  At the latest by 31 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Finalization of CBTA by all GMS member countries.</li> <li>– Simplified and harmonized transport regulations and procedures adopted by GMS member countries.</li> <li>– Improved transparency of above regulations and procedures through GMS-wide public information website/portal.</li> </ul>	<p>CBTA Joint Committee</p> <p>GMS Transport Ministries</p> <p>GMS SFA-TFI Units</p>	<p><b>Risks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Lack of political commitment in GMS Countries.</li> <li>– Overlap/duplication with other external assistance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Effective coordination between GMS countries.</li> <li>– Activity supports CBTA.</li> <li>– Activity takes full account of, and seeks to integrate with, other relevant initiatives, activities and projects.</li> </ul>



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**Principal Action III:** Upgrade and build capacity within the logistics/freight forwarding industry through human resource development

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<p>Develop the capabilities of relevant GMS ministries, freight forwarding &amp; logistics associations, and logistics professionals, in modern logistics best practices and management concepts, through properly designed HRD inputs.</p> <p>Adoption of a Skills Development Fund (SDF) for logistics industry upgrading</p>	<p>At the latest by 31 December 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of a training needs analysis, in each GMS country, in respect of trade logistics and supply chain management.</li> <li>- Development of an industry standard for the logistics profession.</li> <li>- Design and delivery of tailored training curricula and other HRD interventions for GMS logistics officials &amp; industry professionals.</li> <li>- Establishment of SDF for GMS logistics industry upgrading.</li> </ul>	<p>GMS Trade and Transport Ministries</p> <p>GMS Freight Forwarding Associations</p> <p>GMS SFA-TFI Units</p>	<p><b>Risks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of logistics industry commitment in GMS member countries.</li> <li>- Overlap/duplication with other external assistance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Availability of training budget.</li> <li>- Activity supports CBTA.</li> <li>- Activity takes full account of, and seeks to integrate with, other relevant initiatives, activities and projects.</li> </ul>