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Principal Action I: 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

Description of Activities	Target Date	Indicators of Achievement	Institutions Responsible	Risks & Assumptions
Acceleration of the negotiations on the remaining Annexes and Protocols for the CBTA.	At the latest by 31 December 2005	 Finalization of CBTA by all GMS member countries. Simplified and harmonized transport regulations and procedures adopted by GMS member countries. 	CBTA Joint Committee GMS Transport Ministries	Risks - Lack of political commitment in GMS Countries. - Overlap/duplication with other external assistance.
Implementation of roadmap for the Annexes & Protocols related to transport and logistics.	At the latest by 31 December 2008	 Improved transparency of above regulations and procedures through GMS-wide public information website/portal. 	GMS SFA-TFI Units	Assumptions - Effective coordination between GMS countries. - Activity supports CBTA. - Activity takes full account of, and seeks to integrate with, other relevant initiatives, activities and projects.

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Principal Action II: Improve and develop facilities (e.g. multi-modal interchanges, container depots, freight distribution centers etc.) to support the development of an efficient and integrated GMS trade logistics network

Description of Activities	Target Date	Indicators of Achievement	Institutions Responsible	Risks & Assumptions
Conducting a feasibility study for the development of logistics facilities/interchanges to promote multi-modal logistics in the GMS and along the economic corridors.	At the latest by 31 March 2006	 Development of logistics facilities, serving as transit and distribution hubs for intra-GMS trade Development of multi-modal logistics hubs and interchanges Logistics facilities are fully operational, 	GMS Trade, Transport and ICT Ministries GMS SFA-TFI Units	Risks - Overlap/duplication with other external assistance. Assumptions - Availability of project/loan finance.
Build facilities and make them operational.	At the latest by 31 December 2009	 self-funding and sustainable Greater use containerized cargo shipping/trucking Adoption of integrated IT systems in logistics facilities for cargo tracking, customs post-clearance, warehouse and distribution management, freight booking etc. 		 Buy-in from GMS member countries. Activity supports CBTA. Activity takes full account of, and seeks to integrate with, other relevant initiatives, activities and projects.

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

Description of Activities	Target Date	Indicators of Achievement	Institutions Responsible	Risks & Assumptions
Develop the capabilities of relevant GMS ministries, freight forwarding & logistics associations, and logistics professionals, in modern logistics best practices and management concepts, through properly designed HRD inputs. Adoption of a Skills Development Fund (SDF) for logistics industry upgrading	At the latest by 31 December 2006	 Completion of a training needs analysis, in each GMS country, in respect of trade logistics and supply chain management. Development of an industry standard for the logistics profession. Design and delivery of tailored training curricula and other HRD interventions for GMS logistics officials & industry professionals. Establishment of SDF for GMS logistics industry upgrading. 	GMS Trade and Transport Ministries GMS Freight Forwarding Associations GMS SFA-TFI Units	Risks - Lack of logistics industry commitment in GMS member countries. - Overlap/duplication with other external assistance. Assumptions - Availability of training budget. - Activity supports CBTA. - Activity takes full account of, and seeks to integrate with, other relevant initiatives, activities and projects.