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1.	Strategic Action Plan for Customs Modernization	To set priorities and develop a roadmap for customs modernization	February 2013	Workshop: February 2013	Submission of the plan for review and finalization by NBR: February 2013	Final approval: June 2014	The current modernization initiatives also align with the customs modernization plan.	A workshop was jointly organized with WCO where officials of customs were facilitated to draft an strategic action plan. The plan was further reviewed for timeline in late 2014.
2.	Customs Act update & gap analysis	Legal basis for customs modernization Compliance to RKC, SAFE FoS, WTO TFA	April 2013	Gap Analysis: 1 month	Review Amendments: Sept 2013-May 2014	1. Regulatory Impact Assessment: May 2014 2. Bangla Translation and Review: June-	WBG has completed its support. Further assistance will be provided for preparing Comparative Statement as and when	The team from WBG closely worked with the core committee formed at NBR for this purpose. The support also facilitated GoB in meeting

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						August 2014	needed by NBR.	SASEC Tranche 2 conditions.
3.	Conduct TRS of Chittagong, Benapole, Dhaka Custom House and Dhaka ICD	Identify time required at each step of the clearance process, at customs, port and other government agencies and recommend measures to reduce time, simplify processes	April 2013	Design tools and methodology: April-August 2013 (For Chittagong)  March 2014 (Benapole)  January 2015 (Dhaka Custom House and Dhaka ICD)	Orientation of data collection team: June-September 2013 (For Chittagong)  April 2014 (For Benapole)  March 2015 (DCH and Dhaka ICD)	Piloting and actual survey: Chittagong-September-November 2013  Benapole-April-May 2013 DCH and Dhaka ICD (TBD)	The reports have been submitted to NBR and NBR shared them with all the stakeholders, also published on NBR Website.	The support also facilitated GoB in meeting SASEC Tranche 2 conditions.
4.	Conduct RIA	Regulatory Impact Assessment of the	May 2014				The WBG team worked	This support facilitated the

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		proposed amendments to Customs Act					with the RIA Committee formed at NBR and ADB Consultant and supported in developing a broad-based RIA within a week	GoB in meeting SASEC Tranche 2 conditions
5.	Development of NTP	Single point information repository for trade related information, alignment with WTO TFA requirement for access to information	April 2013	Formation of Steering Committee by the MoC: June 2014 Prototype development: September - November 2014 Formation	Data Collection and hosting on website: December 2014-June 2015	Official launching: August 2015  Maintenance: 1 year after launching	Currently data collection and hosting are going on.	WBG is working with the MoC and a steering committee of all concerned government agencies and leading private sector associations.

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				of a committee of focal persons from each government agency: October 2014				
6.	Implement Risk Management	Enhance revenue assurance, assess trade risk, target scarce resources towards high risk transactions	September 2013	Assessment of current RM practices: September 2013- February 2014 Presentation of the findings: March 2014	Formulation of policy documents related to RM: September 2014	Implementation of RM: As per agreed upon timeline and action plan: October 2014-(as per RM Action Plan)	Centralized RM Unit formed at NBR, Capacity building of assigned officials being carried out, other tasks being carried out as per action plan	This will help Bangladesh to align with RKC, SAFE FoS, WTO TFA and implement customs modernization strategic action plan.

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7.	Assessment SOP and Valuation	To improve valuation practices based on analytics and proper valuation practices as per international best practices	September 2014	Assessment of current practices: September 2014	Development of action plan: April 2015	Implementation as per action plan: April 2015 onwards (as per timeline set in the action plan)	A draft report is being reviewed by WBG management	
8.	Stream Lining Ware Housing	To simplify current practices for licensing and auditing	September 2014	Assessment of current practices: September 2014	Development of action plan: April 2015	Implementation as per action plan: April 2015 onwards (as per timeline set in the action plan)	A draft report is being reviewed by WBG management	
9.	TFA Self-Assessment & NTFC	To identify present status of alignment with WTO TFA and	TFA: September 2014	Approval of ToR by the MoC and	Conduct self-assessment	Finalize the report based on	A draft report will be submitted to	

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		support reform initiatives for modernization  To create a platform to monitor and guide trade facilitation based modernization and reforms, to facilitate coordinated border management	NTFC: May 2013	NBR and consultation with assigned working group of NTFC: July 2014 Operationalize NTFC, finalize ToR: August 2013	, review legal provisions and prepare a report: September 2014- March 2015 Strengthen secretariat of the NTFC: March 2015- (as per action plan)	feedback from the stakeholders-April 2015 Support reform initiatives for alignment with WTO TFA- June 2015-(as per agreed upon action plan)	the MoC and NBR in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of March 2015 for review and finalization.  NTFC awaits cabinet approval to perform as per WTO TFA provision	
10.	Implementation of TRS Recommendation	Reduce time and simplify processes	November 2014	Chittagong customs house, port and OGA- Formation	Benapole custom house, land port and OGA- after Chittagong	Dhaka Custom House and Dhaka ICD- After Benapole		

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				of committee -December 2014  Review by the committee: February 2015 Implementation- April 2015 onwards (as per action plan)				
11	Automation of BSTI and PQW	To simplify certification mark, import permit and Sanitary Phytosanitary Certification using ICT based solutions	June 2013	ICT Capacity Assessment: February 2014. Business Process Mapping	Procurement and ICT system development: September 2014-(as per agreed	Connectivity with ASYCUDA World: TBD	Currently the procurement for software development is ongoing.	WBG is working closely with BSTI and PQW for these activities. The automation will contribute to National

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				(completed in September 2014 )and Recommendations for BPR: (September 2014) Scoping Study on BSTI and PQW: (March 2014)	upon timeline, expected to be in place by Oct 2015)			Single Window.
12	CCI&E Automation for ERC and IRC	To simplify and automate export and import registration certificate	June 2014	Prototype development: July-September 2014	Connectivity with ASYCUDA World: (as per agreed upon timeline between NBR and CCI&E)	Roll out: August 2015	Currently the interfacing with AW is being carried out	WBG is working closely with the MoC and CCI&E for this. The automation will contribute to National Single Window.



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13	Support to roll out ASYCUDA World	To connect the LCS and develop capacity of NBR IT team	June 2012				Two servers have been provided and training on advanced ICT skills supported for all IT staff at NBR.	