

Concept Note

Feedback Workshop on Trailer Swapping Concept Paper

Under Project on Sustainable Freight Transport and Logistics in the Mekong Region

GIZ and FRETA, the GMS Freight Transport Association have partnered together under the EU funded SWITCH program to promote sustainable freight transport in the CLMVT counties. The program is aimed at reducing fuel consumption and the resultant emissions from trucks. Old trucks are particularly bad as they don't burn the latest fuel. Old trucks also burn more fuel than newer trucks and require a lot of maintenance to keep them going. Myanmar and Cambodia have the oldest trucking fleets in the GMS with an average age of over 20 years. This means they burn too much fuel and emit too many harmful gases.

Access to finance is one of the elements of the SWITCH program. It is designed to help SME transport companies to get better funding so they can renew their fleets, put newer trucks on the road and reduce fuel burn. However, it is not as simple as that. It is a complex mesh of actions that are interdependent and need to be taken together to improve the problem. In Myanmar, there is also the issue of the trucking fleet itself. The majority of the trucks have come in from Japan and Korea second hand. They have already had a life before they arrived. The recent move to a 5-year age limit will help in one area. However, it will not address the capacity shortfall predicted by 2025.

The recent JICA report predicts that by 2030, the number of ton kilometres moved in Myanmar will rise from 59 Billion in 2015 to 158 billion in 2030. It also predicts that 71 % of this freight will move by road. The container traffic increase is set to rise from 1 million in 2015 to 5.1 million in 2030. It also predicts that there will be 4,266 trucks at the border on any given day with double that number on route. Myanmar will need a lot of trucks and they need to be the right kind of trucks able to move the freight while burning as little fuel as possible.

This seminar will bring together the stakeholders from the Government Ministries involved as well as the private sector of freight transport, finance, vehicle producers and transport users to discuss the options. A paper will be delivered by FRETA for discussion and debate. The paper will then be modified to take account of feedback from the stakeholders and presented to Government.

Objective:

1. To present a study on Trailer Swapping and Cross Border Trails
2. To discuss about the study and receive feedback from participants for a paper modification

Expected output:

1. Result of a study on Trailer Swapping and Cross Border Trails are delivered
2. Feedback of a study is received through discussion and debate for a paper modification

Target group:

- Representatives of Ministry of Transport from Cambodia, Laos PDR Myanmar and Thailand
- Representatives of freight transport associations
- Experts in freight transport sector
- Project partners (GIZ, Mekong Institute, GMS-FRETA)

AGENDA

Feedback Workshop on Trailer Swapping Concept Paper

Under Project on Sustainable Freight Transport and Logistics in the Mekong Region

21st January 2019, 13:00-17:00 hrs.

Theatre I Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Double Tree by Hilton, Sukhumvit 26, Bangkok

13.00-13.15	Registration
13.15-13.30	Opening remarks Ms. Wilasinee Poonuchaphai, Project Co-Director/GIZ
13.30-14.00	Trailer swapping as a boost to cross border trade By Mr. Allan Davidson, YOMA Fleet Myanmar
14.00-14.45	Presentation: Concept paper on Trailer Swapping by Mr. Paul Apthorp, Consultant
14. 45-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-15.20	Presentation: Trailer Swapping by Representative of UNESCAP
15..20-15.40	Comments and feedback from survey by Mr. Somsak Wisetruangrot, Thai International Freight Forwarders Association (TIFFA)
15.40-16.00	Presentation: Cross Border Trails by Representative of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association (MIFFA)
16.00-16.30	Comments/feedback from participants
16.30-17.00	Next steps and closing