



ACTS | ASEAN CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM

ROYAL MALYSIAN CUSTOMS

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INTRODUCTION



ASEAN

- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional organization established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand
- Five founding members—Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand
- Expanded – 10 countries (Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia)



ACTS | ASEAN CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM

- ACTS is supported by the European Union through the ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE Plus)
- Computerised Customs transit management system
- The ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)
- To streamline the Customs transit management process across ASEAN member states (AMS).
- To facilitate the movement of goods within the ASEAN region
- Create a more efficient and effective customs transit framework



ACTS | ASEAN CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM



KEY OBJECTIVE :

- Increase the efficiency of moving goods across land transport routes
- Reduce transaction cost and movement time for trading community
- Improve the prevention and detection of smuggling and fraud

KEY FEATURES :



- Computerized system for managing goods transit without immediate duties and taxes
- Requires only one final Customs formality, simplifying administrative processes



PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATE (PMS)

- Cambodia, Malaysia, Lao PDR, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- March 2024, Myanmar officially joins as the 7th Participating Member State of ASEAN Customs Transit System.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

AUTHORISED TRADERS :

- Importers & Eksporters
- Freight forwarders
- Transporters and sub-contractors
- Customs agents



LEGAL FRAMEWORK



The ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)

- AFAFGIT Protocol 1 – Designation of Transit Transport Routes and Facilities
- AFAFGIT Protocol 2 - Designation of Frontier Posts
- AFAFGIT Protocol 3 - Types and Quantity of Road Vehicles
- AFAFGIT Protocol 4 – Technical Requirements of Vehicles
- AFAFGIT Protocol 5 - ASEAN Scheme of Compulsory Motor Vehicle Insurance
- **AFAFGIT Protocol 7 and Technical Appendix – Customs Transit System**



SEALS

AMS Customs Seals



Approved Trader Seals (ATT)



ACTS IMPLEMENTATION

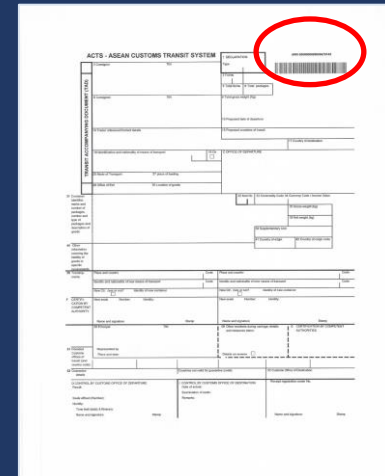
COMMON CODE

AHTN

- Harmonized Classification of goods for ASEAN (8 digit), P/R/E list of Goods

TAD

- Transit Accompanying Document
- Common data element



PRESCRIBED TIME LIMIT



24 HOURS

TRADER

- Regular trader
- Authorized Transit Trader (ATT)

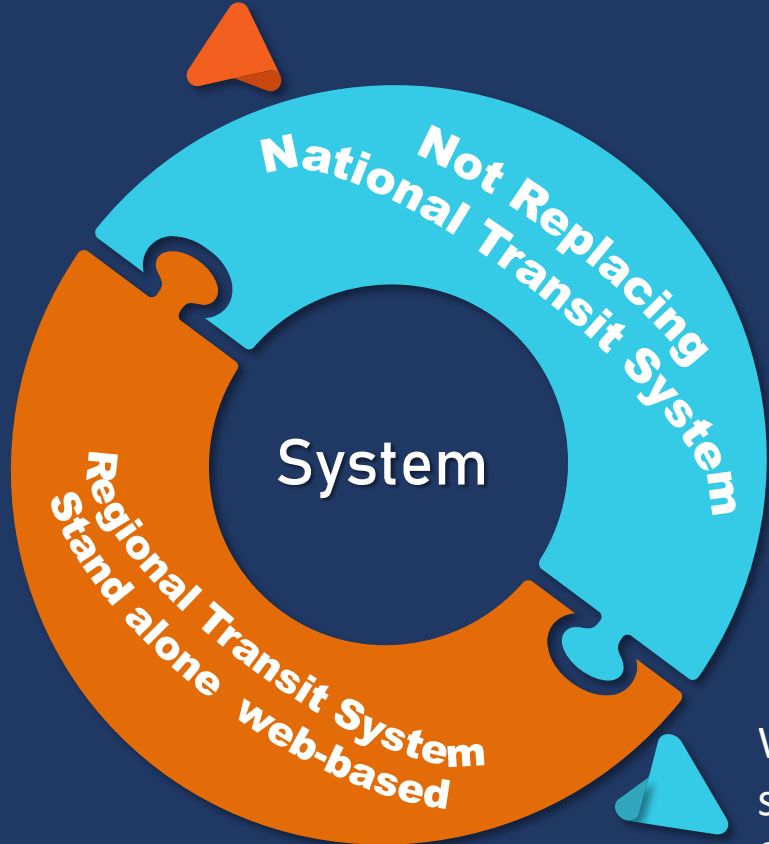


GUARANTEE

- Single & Multiple Journey

ACTS PROCESS & PROCEDURE UNDER PROTOCOL 7

A System of Customs control that allows for electronic messaging and commercially backed guarantees



Customs Office Codelist (COL)



Web-based, stand alone system, no integration with Sistem Maklumat Kastam (SMK)

Customs Office ASEAN Highway 2 (AH2) For ACTS Implementation

KEDAH

- Bukit Kayu Hitam
- Alor Setar
- Sg. Petani

PULAU PINANG

- BWCT
- NBCT

PERAK

- Taiping
- Ipoh Cargo TRM

AH2

KUALA LUMPUR

- Import/ Eksport dan Zon Bebas KLIA
- Zon Bebas - Sungai Way
- WPKL, Kelana Jaya

SELANGOR

- Old Putra Association (OPA), Subang

MELAKA

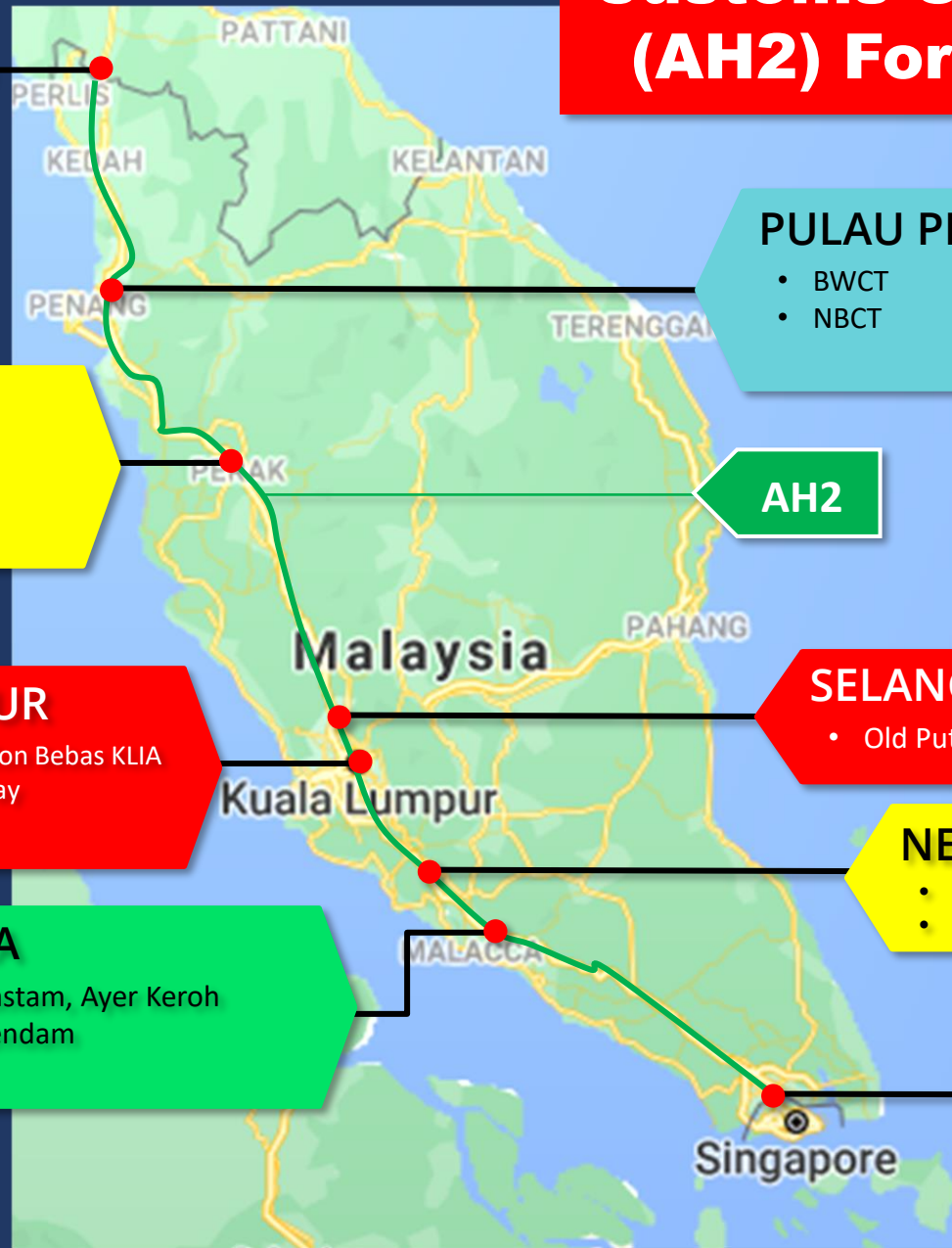
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- Batu Berendam

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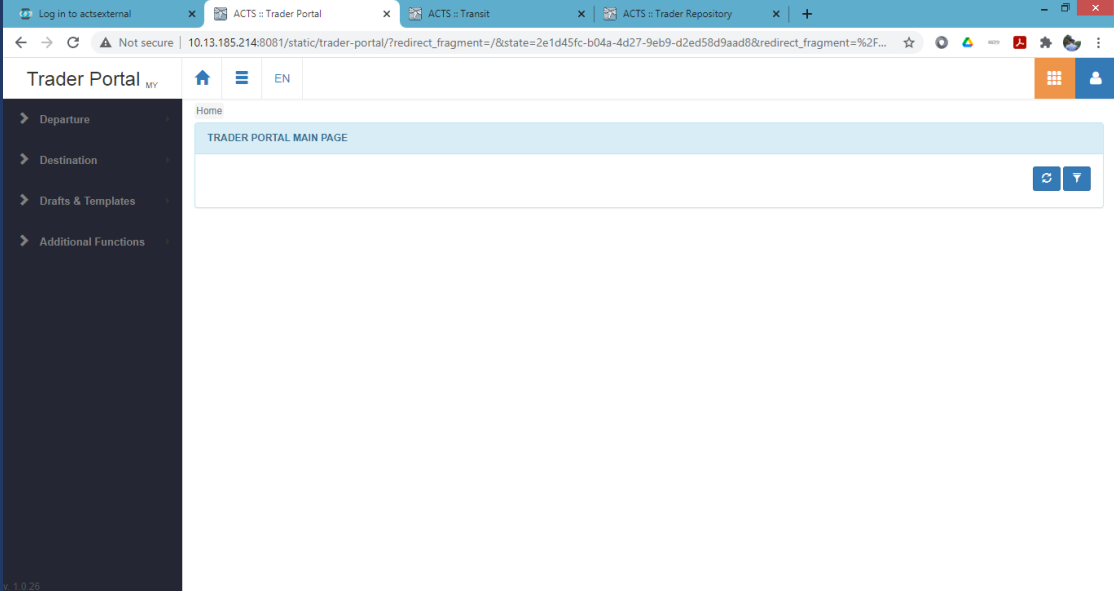
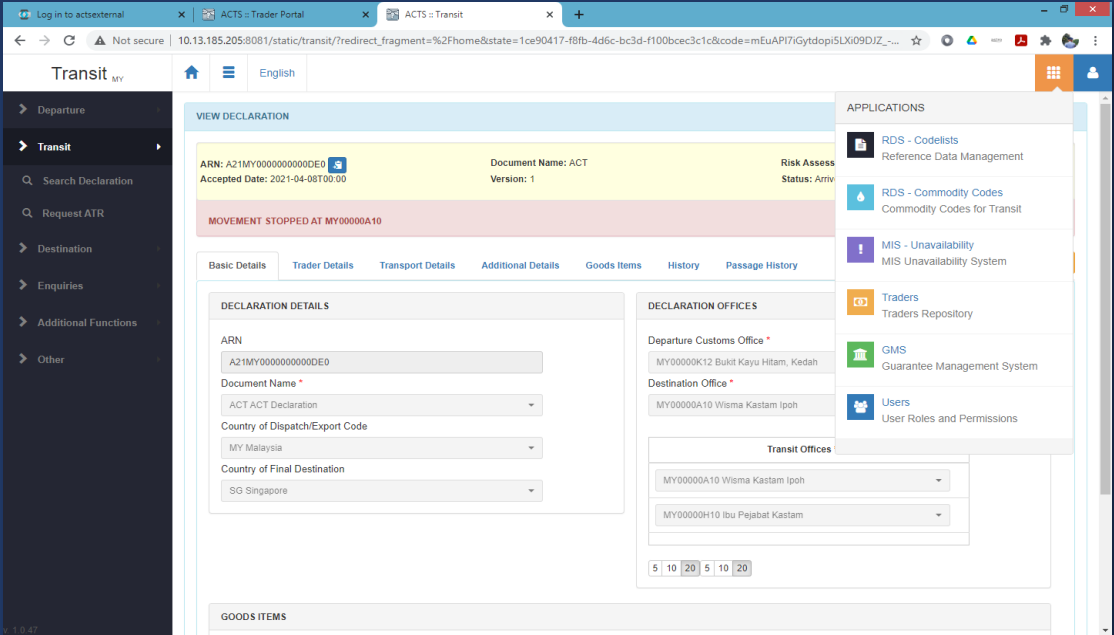
- Seremban
- Nilai Inland Port

JOHOR

- Tanjung Kupang
- Senai Cargo
- Muar (Bakri)
- BSI
- Batu Pahat
- Kluang



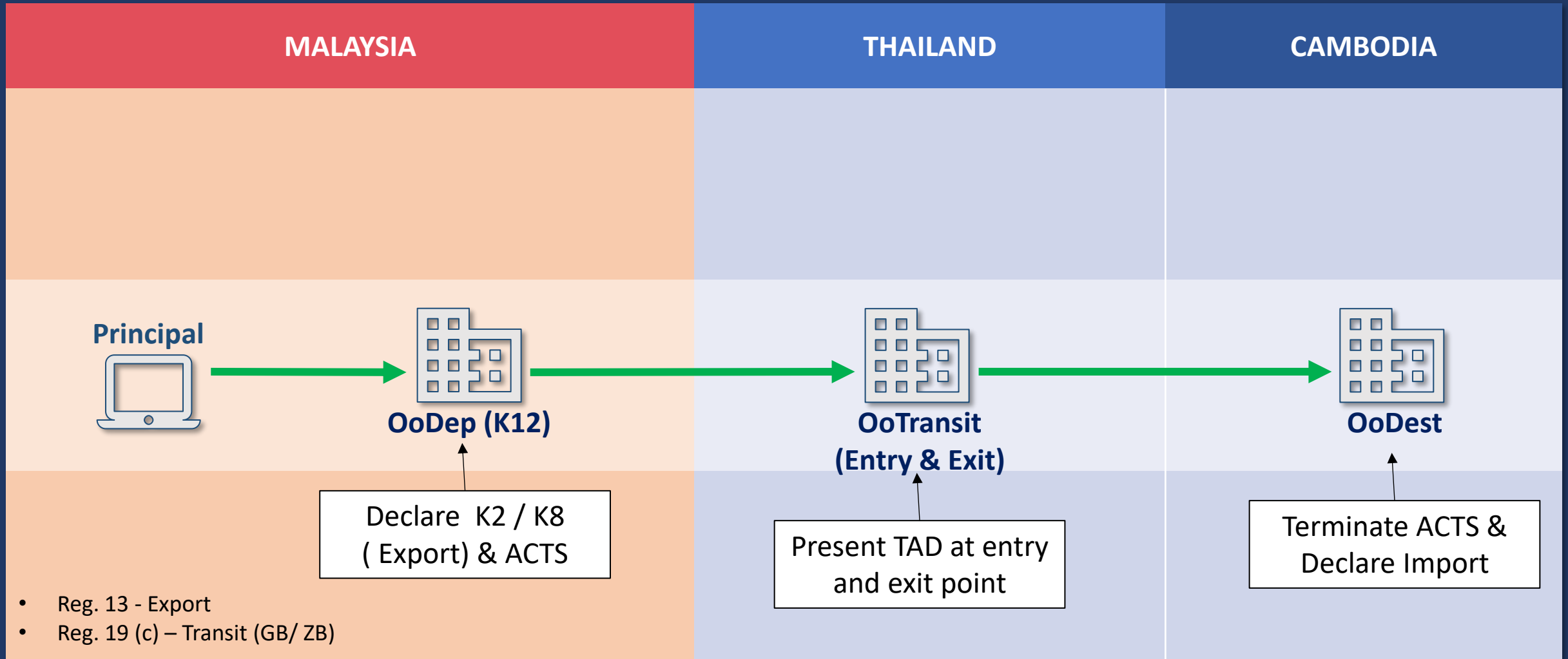
ACTS Web Applications



Example 1



ACTS Movement (MY as the departure country) – Normal Procedure

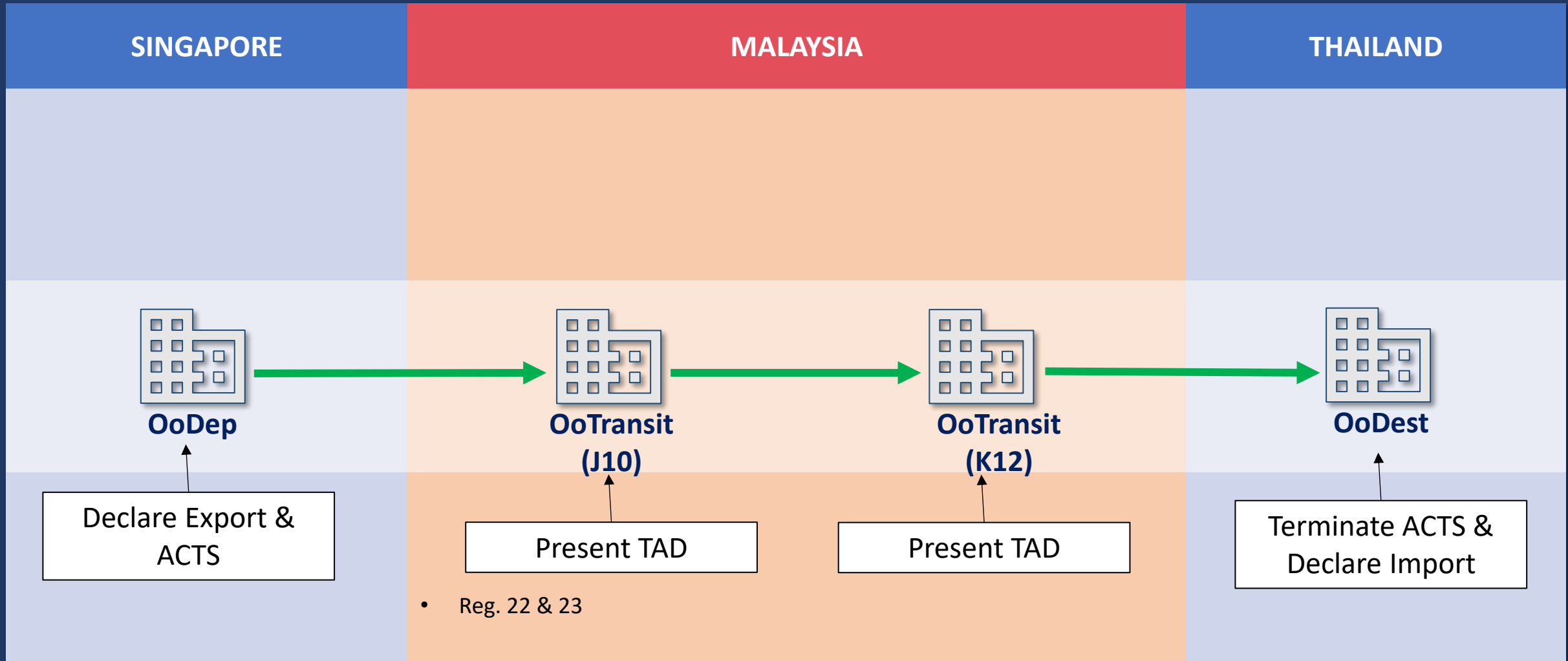


- Reg. 13 - Export
- Reg. 19 (c) – Transit (GB/ ZB)

Example 2



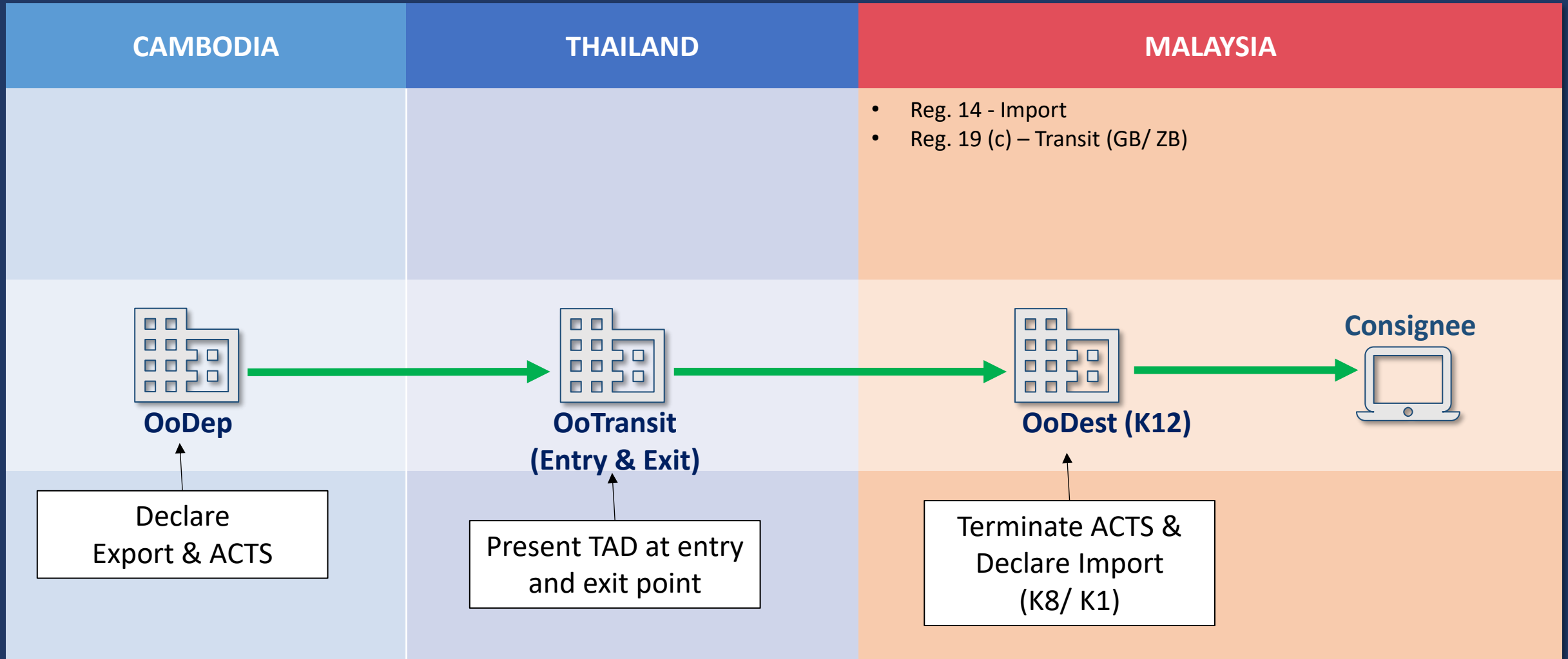
ACTS Movement (MY as the transit country) – Normal Procedure



Example 3



ACTS Movement (MY as the destination country) – Normal Procedure



PRE-REQUISITE ACTS OPERATION



ELIGIBILITY

<https://acts.asean.org>

REGISTER WITH CUSTOMS

- Traders (Importer / Exporter / Customs Broker) must be registered in ACTS Control Agent Unit
- Checklist of document / information required
- ATT approved by HQ

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REGISTER BANK GUARANTEE

- Traders (Exporter / Customs Broker) obtain BG from Bank
- Register BG for transit with Customs BG Unit

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ASEAN GOODS VEHICLE CROSS BORDER PERMIT (AGVCBP)

- Traders (Importer / Exporter / Customs Broker) apply permit from APAD
- Online application

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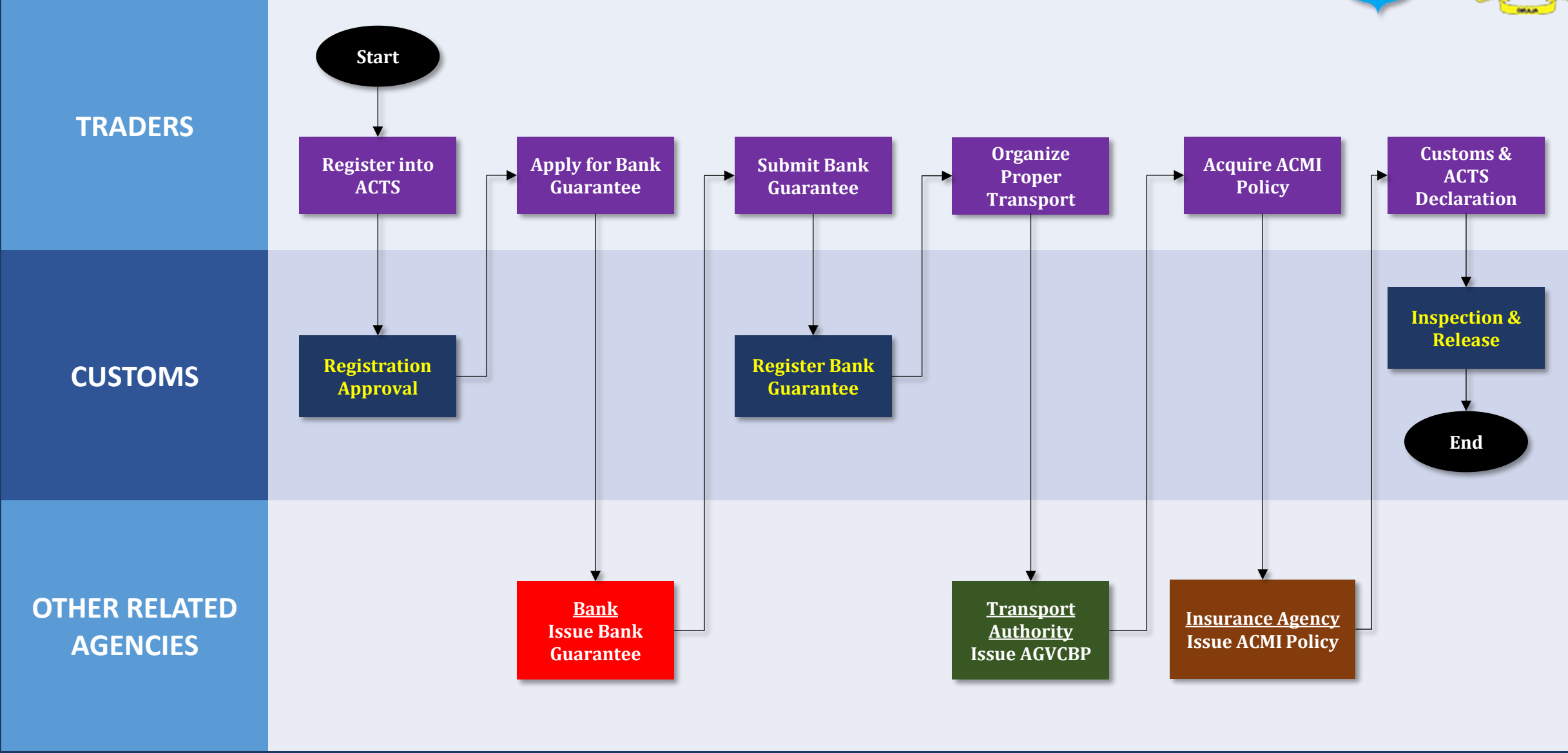
INSURANCE

- Traders (Importer / Exporter / Customs Broker) must have insurance for cross border
- Online system ASEAN Compulsory Motor Insurance (ACMI) <https://www.asean-cmi.com/>

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ACTS Registration Until Movement Process Flow



CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION



- Initial Resistance
 - Concerns from stakeholders regarding changes to existing processes – Bank Guarantees.



- Technical Limitations
 - Inconsistent technology and infrastructure among member states/Agency Involved.
 - Different Customs Procedures.



- Training and Capacity Building
 - There is a significant need to train customs officers and stakeholders on new systems and procedures to ensure effective implementation .



ENSURING DATA SECURITY



- The ACTS operates on a secure communication network that links all customs offices in participating member states.

- The system's full end-to-end computerization
 - All customs operations are digitized, reducing the risks associated with manual data handling.
 - This automation minimizes human error and enhances the overall security of data transactions.

- Information Exchange automatically and in real-time
 - Allows for immediate verification and monitoring of goods in transit.
 - This rapid exchange helps in identifying potential security threats or discrepancies quickly.





LESSONS LEARNED



- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Importance of involving all stakeholders (government, trade community, etc.) in the process.
- Flexibility and Adaptability
 - Need to adapt systems to the unique contexts of different member states.



ADVICE FOR OTHER CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS

- Benefits to Customs/Traders/Transporter.
- Start Small and Scale Up
 - Pilot programs can help test systems before full implementation.
- Foster Regional Collaboration
 - Encourage knowledge-sharing and best practices among countries.



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