The customs authorities are also currently being automated. Automation is carried out not only to speed up the work of customs authorities, but also to simplify their work and the interaction of customs authorities with each other. The innovations are also aimed at improving the system of customs payment collection to increase revenues for the state budget. This is due to the fact that now it is more difficult for smugglers to deceive customs officers.

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## THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OFFICE "GREAT STONE": REA-SONS AND ADVANTAGES OF CREATING

# Пункт таможенного оформления «Великий камень»: причины и преимущества создания

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On January 20, 1992, diplomatic relations were established between the Republic of Belarus and the People's Republic of China. The parties regularly exchange high-level visits, an active inter-parliamentary dialogue is ongoing, and Belarusian-Chinese interdepartmental contacts are developing dynamically. Countries successfully cooperate in international organizations, providing mutual support on issues of principle.

One of the most important places in the development of such cooperation between the two states is the construction of the China-Belarus Industrial Park "The Great Stone". It is the pearl of the Silk Road economic belt, a special economic zone that located in a unique natural complex and in close proximity to the international airport and railways.

In addition, Industrial Park "The Great Stone" is a project not only for companies from China and Belarus, but also an international platform for enterprises from around the world. All in all, "Great Stone" will be a modern international eco-city with an emphasis on high-tech and competitive innovation productions with high export potential.

Belarus is a time-tested, stable, and reliable European partner for China. This is why the development of transport corridors, the improvement of the logistics infrastructure in our territory with assistance of Chinese companies is a priority task. Directly to solve this problem, the departmental customs clearance office "The Great Stone" was opened.

This customs clearance office (CCO) is a high-tech facility, which meets all the modern international requirements. All the conditions for clearing freight in comfort have been enabled here. Initially as many as 128 semi-trailer trucks will be able to enter the customs control area simultaneously. A temporary storage of 4.5 thousand square meters is equipped with 13 loading and unloading ramps. The customs warehouse covers an area of more than 5 thousand square meters.

The governance intend to be able to clear at least 20,000 vehicles per annum. Work has already begun on promising projects to expand the warehouse infrastructure and the park's logistics zone, to build a robotized terminal.

CCO "The Great Stone" of the Minsk Regional Customs is located on the territory of the same name Chinese-Belarusian industrial park, 25 kilometers from Minsk, in close proximity to the airport and the transport highway M-1. Now loads which are delivered by road transport are clearance at the CCO. There is the possibility of processing goods arriving by air. Work is underway to prepare for the construction of a railway line with a length of about 4 kilometers.

New CCO works without days off from 9.00 to 21.00. This allows people to perform customs operations as soon as possible that minimize the costs of business entities. Any participant in foreign economic activity can arrange here the exported or imported goods.

During the first two months of the work of the CCO more than 1000 releases of consignments of goods in various customs procedures have already been made. In 80% of cases, the release was made within two hours. Modern customs technology and the latest equipment allow checking the declarations of goods quickly and efficiently.

In this CCO customs operations are performed in respect of goods:

transported through the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union by road;

alcoholic beverages marked with excise stamps of the Republic of Belarus, classified in commodity positions 2204, 2205, 2206 00 and 2208 of the unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union, imported by legal entities during international carriage by road;

labeled in accordance to legislation with control (identification) marks of printers and monitors for computers, computers, tablet computers, consumer mobile phones, televisions, watches;

placed under the customs procedure of the free customs zone, including those marked with control (identification) marks, in order to place on the territory of the special economic zone - the China-Belarus Industrial Park and exported from its territory.

CCO "The Great Stone" like all individual large customs offices in Belarus is able to offer all the services, all the opportunities the private sector needs: customs services, banking services, veterinary and phytosanitary services, logistics, and packaging.

Work in the CCO "The Great Stone" is organized in line with modern Belarusian customs laws, which take into account key clauses of agreements of the World Trade Organization and the World Customs Organization. In turn, the agreements are built around the principle of unconditional transition to modern digital technologies in customs affairs.

In conclusion it will be better to say that the opening of the customs office is an important achievement of Belarus-China bilateral business cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road initiative. This cooperation will make an important contribution to the construction of the large logistics corridor of the Silk Road Economic Belt.

The customs office will underscore the status and respect for the China-Belarus industrial park Great Stone. It will allow improving the park's functional potential and business climate.

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