



OMNIS IN ACTION

CARGO CONTROL IN GHANA

THE CHALLENGE

Ghana is a major road transit corridor to the landlocked countries to its north – including Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali.

Goods travelling in transit through Ghana are not subject to import duties and taxes. However, as cross border trade increased, so did instances of cargo being lost or diverted into the local economy en route. This was depriving Ghana of much needed government revenue and created an imbalance in parts of the economy.

Our challenge was to design a state-of-the-art, reliable and cost-effective consignment traceability service that prevented cargo being lost or diverted, protected revenues and replaced an expensive and ineffective model relying on escort officers.

THE SOLUTION

To build on the existing GCNet Single Window and establish an electronic tracking system. The GCNet company – a joint venture between SGS and local public and private sector partners in Ghana – funded and provided a turnkey, cutting edge Omnis transit tracking solution to the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA).

The solution is driven by the Savi Mobile Tracking System™. This integrated combination of specialised software and hardware uses self-contained electronic tracking devices fixed to trucks to relay position data acquired by GPS and alerts to a fully equipped Transit Control centre at Customs Head Office.

Officials can track cargo in real time and communicate with mobile teams on the ground to intervene quickly and effectively if needed. Information can also be uploaded onto the GCNet ePortal or website so that hauliers and owners can keep informed of the progress of their cargo.

Thanks to solutions such as the Single Window and Omnis, GCNet was awarded this year a Certificate of Merit from the World Customs Organisation for rendering exceptional service to Ghana Customs.

THE RESULT

The Omnis system is now fully operational covering both the south-north and east-west corridors through Ghana and monitoring between 2,500 and 3,200 trucks per month.

Ghana and Burkina Faso Customs are cooperating with a view to implementing the first end-to-end cross-border transit tracking system in the region by expanding the Omnis solution to Burkina Faso and beyond.



CONTACT

The success of the GCNet system has been widely recognised and we are receiving many enquiries about rolling out Omnis solutions in many other regions. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss how Omnis can help you get results email us at omnis@sgs.com