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# ABTC Scheme Operations of the Republic of Korea

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# ABTC Timeframe

1995.

- Proposal from Australia during APEC Summit meeting

1996.11.

- Agreement for card trial - Korea, Australia, and Philippines at the Manila Cabinet Meeting

1997.5.

- card trial of ABTC (Korea, Australia, Philippines)

1998.7.

- Establishment of regulations for issuance and management of ABTC (7 amendments )

1999.3.

- Operation on a permanent basis

2005.10.

- Due to rapid increase of card applicants, MOJ and KITA signed a MOU



# ABTC Statistics

## Number of ABTC Issuance (Koreans)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021.8
ABTC Issuance	17,584	20,825	23,180	23,699	6,054	1,847

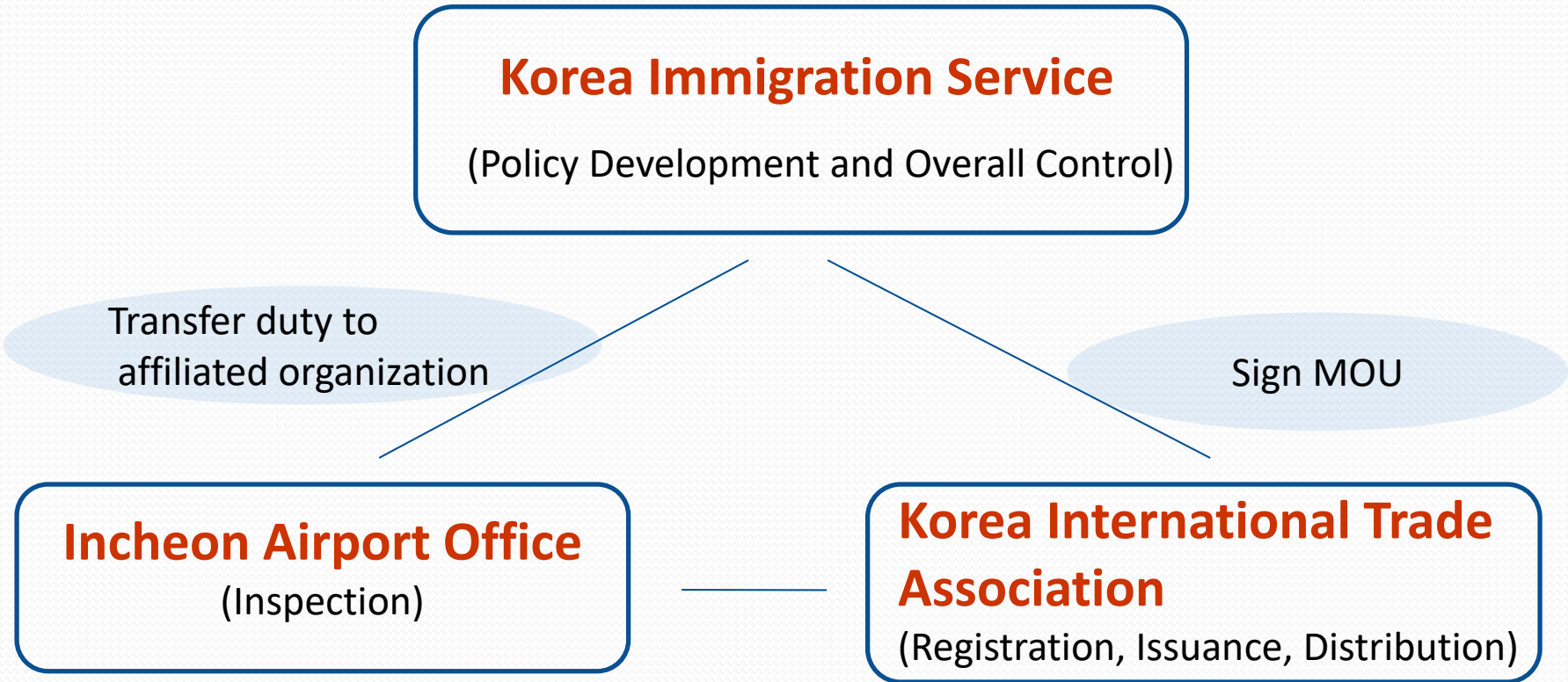
## Number of Valid Korean ABTC Holders

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021.8
ABTC holder	34,849	43,786	48,005	61,569	58,961	50,616

- Korea has the second largest number of valid ABTC holders among the member economies
- This is the fourth largest in terms of population

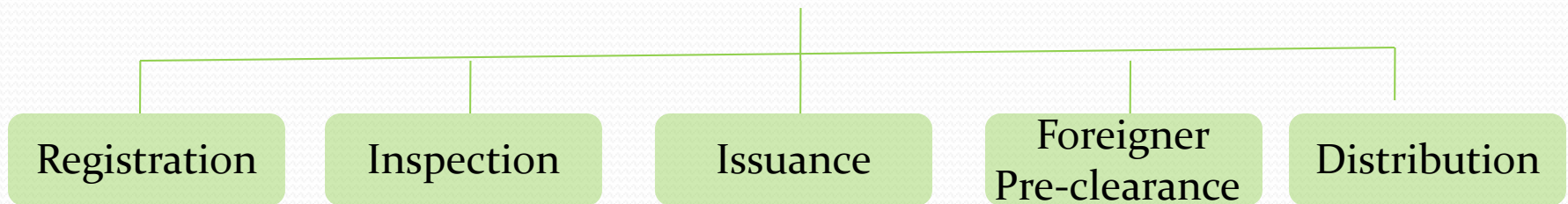


# ABTC Management Authorities



# ABTC Management Authorities (Before)

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- Before 2005, KIS managed all matters regarding ABTC
- Due to lack of manpower, backlog increased for card issuance and pre-clearance

# ABTC Management Authorities (After MOU)



Korea International Trade Association

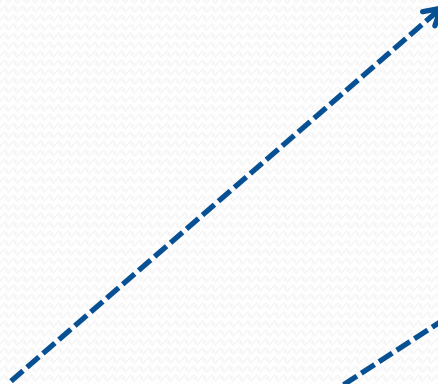
① Submit Application



② Examine Business performance



③ Recommend applicant for approval



⑥ Confirm result



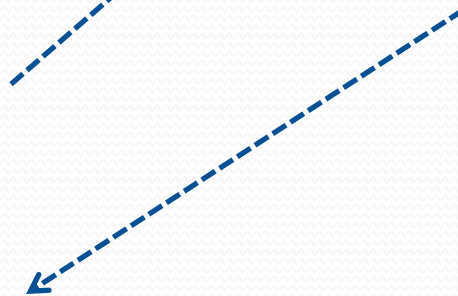
⑦ Card Issue

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④ Examine criminal records and background check



⑤ Approval



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Korea Immigration Service



# Procedures for pre-clearance of foreigner applicants

1

Identify waiting list of foreigner applicants on the ABTC Core system and save as CSV file

2

Upload the CSV file to ABTC MSVS data storage of Korea ICIS

The screenshot shows the ABTC Core system interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "ABTC 자격심사(외국...". Below it, the main title is "ABTC 자격심사(외국인) - VSCR18130M". The interface includes several search filters: "신청국가" (Application Country) set to "전체" (All), "신청일자" (Application Date) from "2021.07.15" to "2021.07.22", "허가여부" (Approval Status) set to "전체" (All), "신청순번" (Application Number), "일괄검색일자" (Batch Search Date), "성명" (Name), "생년월일" (Date of Birth), and "여권번호" (Passport Number). A "조회" (Search) button is located on the right. Below the filters, there is a message: "ABTC 명단목록 (총 0 / 0 건) ※ 파일저장시 오류는 RED, 중복은 BLUE로 표시됩니다." (ABTC List (Total 0 / 0 items) ※ File saving errors are shown in RED, duplicates in BLUE). A table with columns for "선택" (Select), "신청국가" (Application Country), "신청순번" (Application Number), "신청접수일자" (Application Received Date), "성명" (Name), "생년월일" (Date of Birth), "성별" (Gender), "국가" (Country), "국가명" (Country Name), "규제여부" (Restriction Status), "사건부" (Case No.), "관리대상자" (Managed Person), "비자신청서불허" (Visa Application Rejected), "비자발급불허" (Visa Issuance Rejected), "입국불허" (Entry Prohibited), "허가여부" (Approval Status), "일괄검색일자" (Batch Search Date), "결재진행상태" (Approval Status), and "승" (Up). A red box highlights the "명단업로드" (List Upload) button in the top right corner of the table area.

◆ about 1,400 foreigner applicants per week, completed in 30 seconds

# Procedures for pre-clearance of foreigner applicants

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Criminal records and immigration regulation status of the foreigner applicant is examined using ABTC MSVS of the ICIS

ABTC 자격심사(외국인) - VSCR18130M

신청일자: 2021.07.01 - 2021.07.22

허가여부: 전체

ABTC 명단목록 (총 39 / 39 건) ※ 파일저장시 오류는 RED, 중복은 BLUE로 표시됩니다.

선택	신청국가	신청순번	신청접수일자	성명	생년월일	성별	국가	국가명	규제여부	사건	관리대상자	비자면허불허	비자발급불허	입국불허	허가여부	발급검색일자	현재진행상태	종	
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① is the foreigner ABTC applicant information ② is the result of MSVS  
 If “N”, the applicant has no criminal record or regulations for immigration  
 If “Y”, the applicant is regulated and needs further confirmation  
 (For 1,400 foreigner applicants, examination completed in 3 minutes)

# Procedures for pre-clearance of foreigner applicants

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Results of applicants with no regulations (“N”) are sent to the ABTC System

- Normally, for the 1,400 persons, checking for regulations is done once a week and 300 foreigner applicants are approved consecutively for pre-clearance on the ABTC Core System.

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Pre-clearance of foreigner applicants completed

# Pre-clearance Confirmation System

## Foreigner ABTC Cardholder PCS development and operation at ports

Before



After

'KOR' cardholders were allowed entry without further verification

easy to recognize pre-clearance record

Increase ABTC forgery to enter

Prevent ABTC forgery

Passport: KOR

VALID FOR TRAVEL TO:					
AUS	BRN	CHL	CHN	HKG	IDN
JPN	KOR	MEX	MYS	NZL	PER
PHL	PNG	RUS	SGP	THA	VNM

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# Pre-clearance Confirmation System

## Foreigner ABTC Cardholder PCS at ports

ABTC 발급승인명단 - VSCR10030S

내외국인 구분: 전체  
카드유효구분:  전체  유효카드  무효카드  
신청국가: 전체  
성명: \*  
생년월일: \*  
여권번호: \*

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ABTC발급자명부조회

성명	신청국가	국적	국적명	생년월일	성별	여권번호	허가여부	승인유효일자	승인취소여부	승인취소사유내용
JAYULI LINDA W...	AUS	404	AUS	2024.02.22	M	...	Y	2024.02.22		

2

- ① Input one of three (ABTC cardholder name, DOB, passport number)
- ② Display of pre-clearance record from Korea and information of cardholder

\* System is automatically connected with ABTC MSVS, so not necessary to upload the pre-clearance approved (result "N") name list separately

# **Korea's Strategy for Streamlined ABTC Processing**

**1**

**Accurate eligibility examination of Koreans through work break down**

**2**

**Establish system which allows collective search regarding foreigner travel ban and criminal records**

**3**

**Develop system to confirm pre-clearance of foreigner ABTC holders**



**Thank you**  
**감사합니다**

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