

Public Infrastructure Project, Los Libertadores Pass

Location: V Region
Investment (Millions US\$): 20
Status: Under Study

Over the last few years the Chilean state has sought to promote an atmosphere of trust and cooperation with the countries immediately surrounding it. For this, our country has participated in the creation and ratification of numerous international instruments related to border passes and complexes. In this context, the treaty of 1997 establishes integrated controls with Argentina, which has meant that Chile has had to be in a condition to offer appropriate border facilities capable of housing and maintaining border controls that are shared with officials from the neighboring country.

The Los Libertadores Border Complex was built in 1975, 63 km from the city of Los Andes and 2,990 meters above sea level. It is the main land connection between Chile and the Mercosur and has an annual flow of 4.3 million tons of cargo and over 1.5 million people in transit, connecting Chile with a market of 190 million people.

The new service must have the capacity to provide the appropriate facilities for the control duties carried out by officials from: the National Customs Service, the Chilean Investigations Police (civilian police), the Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) and Carabineros de Chile (uniformed police). In addition, it must include the Argentinean officials from: Immigration, Customs, and the Gendarmeria Nacional (Argentinean uniformed police), who will undertake their duties in the facility because of the fact that it operates as an integrated system.

The private income for implementing the project will mainly come from funds belonging to the Chilean state.

All of this is part of a new stage marked by persistent day-to-day integration and constant increases in the flows of people and cargo crossing the border.