implementation, customers frequently have only the development system physically installed and store the development and customizing work in the transport directory and import queues of the respective planned SAP systems.

Backup Domain Controller

If the SAP system that is acting as the transport domain controller fails, no changes can be made to the TMS configuration. SAP therefore recommends that you configure a backup domain controller that can take over the function of the transport domain controller when required.

It may also be necessary to move the transport domain controller to another SAP system. In such a case, you must activate the backup domain controller. Then, the backup domain controller becomes the transport domain controller and vice versa.
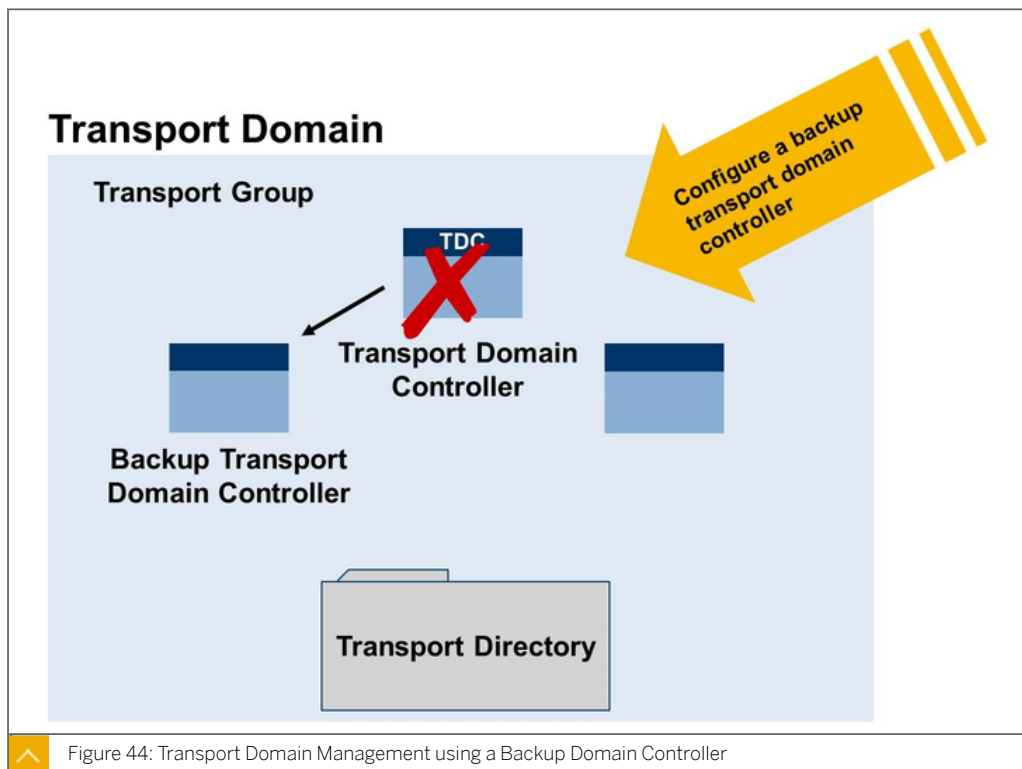

Figure 44: Transport Domain Management using a Backup Domain Controller

> **Hint:**
> The SAP system that you select as a backup domain controller must be an existing SAP system; it cannot be a virtual or an external SAP system.

To check the current status of the transport domain configuration for each SAP system in the transport domain, access the TMS *system overview*. From the TMS initial screen, choose *Overview→ Systems*. In this overview, you can also see whether the configuration is up to date, and whether any errors occurred when distributing the configuration.

Configuring tp

The transport control program tp requires a transport profile. This profile provides information on establishing a database connection for all sap systems in the transport domain, as well as other technical information on performing the transport process. TMS