

PREFACE

In today's increasingly globalized and economically integrated world, transparency and access to information trade rules and procedures are becoming more important. This is particularly true for small and medium-sized enterprises in landlocked and least developed countries.

The availability of information on market potential, trade regimes, import and export procedures and other trade-related issues in the least developed or landlocked countries of Asia and the Pacific is important. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has been addressing this need on a priority basis for the past two decades by disseminating information through its Trade Information Service Network (TISNET) and in other publications and handbooks.

The ESCAP series of traders' manuals for Asian and Pacific countries has been acknowledged as a very useful source of information. The secretariat has therefore continued its efforts to publish and update traders' manuals for least developed, landlocked and transit countries in the ESCAP region.

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