Results of the 2023 UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in the ESCWA region

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Progress

• 54% overall implementation rate of all digital and sustainable trade facilitation measures in 2023.

• Core trade facilitation measures’ overall implementation regional rate reached 65.2% compared to 54% in 2021.

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Most implemented measures

- Automated Customs System: 67%
- Special treatment for perishable goods: 67%
- Risk management: 67%
- National Trade Facilitation Committee or similar body: 72%

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Least implemented measures

- Going with the global trend, the region still shows insufficiency in several categories

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Sub-regional performance

- Variations across subregions
- Improvements everywhere

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Conclusion

• Overall improvement across most Arab countries in trade facilitation measures implementation

• Significant efforts made by these countries to enhance their business environments and promote international trade.

• Continued commitment and dedication to improving trade facilitation will enable Arab countries to streamline customs procedures, enhance transparency, reduce trade barriers, and foster economic growth.

• More attention needs to be given to trade facilitation in favor of women and SMEs across the whole region.

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