

Launch of the Cross-Border Paperless Trade Toolkit

With opening remarks by:
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Using electronic documents and transactions can speed up and increase trade. Electronic messages can eliminate the need to enter data into a computer manually at each supply chain checkpoint and can provide opportunities for the potential reuse of data.

While the benefits of trade digitisation are evident, its implementation may be challenging as policy decisions require legal and technical action to translate into operational tools such as cross-border paperless trade systems and national single windows. So far, limited guidance is available on these complex matters.

The Cross-Border Paperless Trade toolkit is the result of a collaboration between ESCAP, UNCITRAL and the WTO. Building on existing tools developed by ESCAP, UNCITRAL and EIF, it aims at raising awareness of the technical and legal tools to be called upon to adopt cross-border paperless trade systems and national single windows.

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Emmanuelle Ganne, Senior Analyst, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO

14:00-14:05 OPENING

- **Ms. Anabel González**, Deputy Director-General, WTO

14:05-14:15 PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS-BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE TOOLKIT

- **Ms. Emmanuelle Ganne**, Senior Analyst, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO

14:15-14:25 PRESENTATION OF THE ESCAP CROSS-BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE READINESS ASSESSMENT GUIDES AND CHECKLISTS

- **Mr. Yann Duval**, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP

14:25-14:55 PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

- **Mr. Allan C. Geronimo**, Deputy Commissioner, Management Information Systems and Technology Group (MISTG), Bureau of Customs, the Philippines
- **Mr. Simon Hess**, Head, Monitoring and Evaluation, Enhanced Integrated Framework
- **Ms. Tsetsegmaa Oyunsukh**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the WTO
- **Ms. Cindy Rayo**, General Director of International Trade for Services and Investment, Ministry of Economic Affairs (Secretaria de Economía) of Mexico

14:55-15:00 CLOSING REMARKS