Next Generation Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development

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Progress in implementing TF reforms is occurring across all regions, including Asia-Pacific

OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs), 2017-22

TFI indicator (2=maximum performance possible by area)

Source: TFIs database, 2022.
Improvements in regulatory frameworks are supporting TFA implementation

Improvements in regulatory frameworks are notable across all income groups (2021-22)

Source: TFIs 2021-22 data collection.
Progress in border agency co-operation has been supported by co-operation mechanisms throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Areas covered by COVID-19-specific border agency co-operation structures

Types of co-operation mechanisms with the private sector

Source: Based on a repository on COVID-19 structures for inter-agency co-operation (covering COVID-19 specific aspects in addition to the border agency co-operation aspects in the TFIs).
Further efforts needed in closing gaps between regulatory frameworks and implementation in practice

Improving operational practices is more challenging than establishing regulatory frameworks

Source: TFIs 2021-22 data collection.
Trade facilitation matters for inclusiveness and for the digital age

- Even small improvements in the trade facilitation environment can increase the probability of an MSME becoming an exporter by up to 3% in countries at all levels of development.
- Areas such as automation of border procedures can increase MSMEs exports by between 4.5%-6.5%.

- Trade facilitation policies matter more, not less, in the digital age: trade facilitation policies such as transparency, automation and streamlining of processes at borders, as well as border agency cooperation can each enhance parcel exports -- including those that are digitally ordered -- by between 6% - 14%.
Further efforts also needed to better understand sectoral specificities in trade facilitation

Feasibility assessment (October 2021) identifying specific TFIs of relevance to agro-food products, including: documentation requirements or border controls related to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade, automation and streamlining of border formalities.
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