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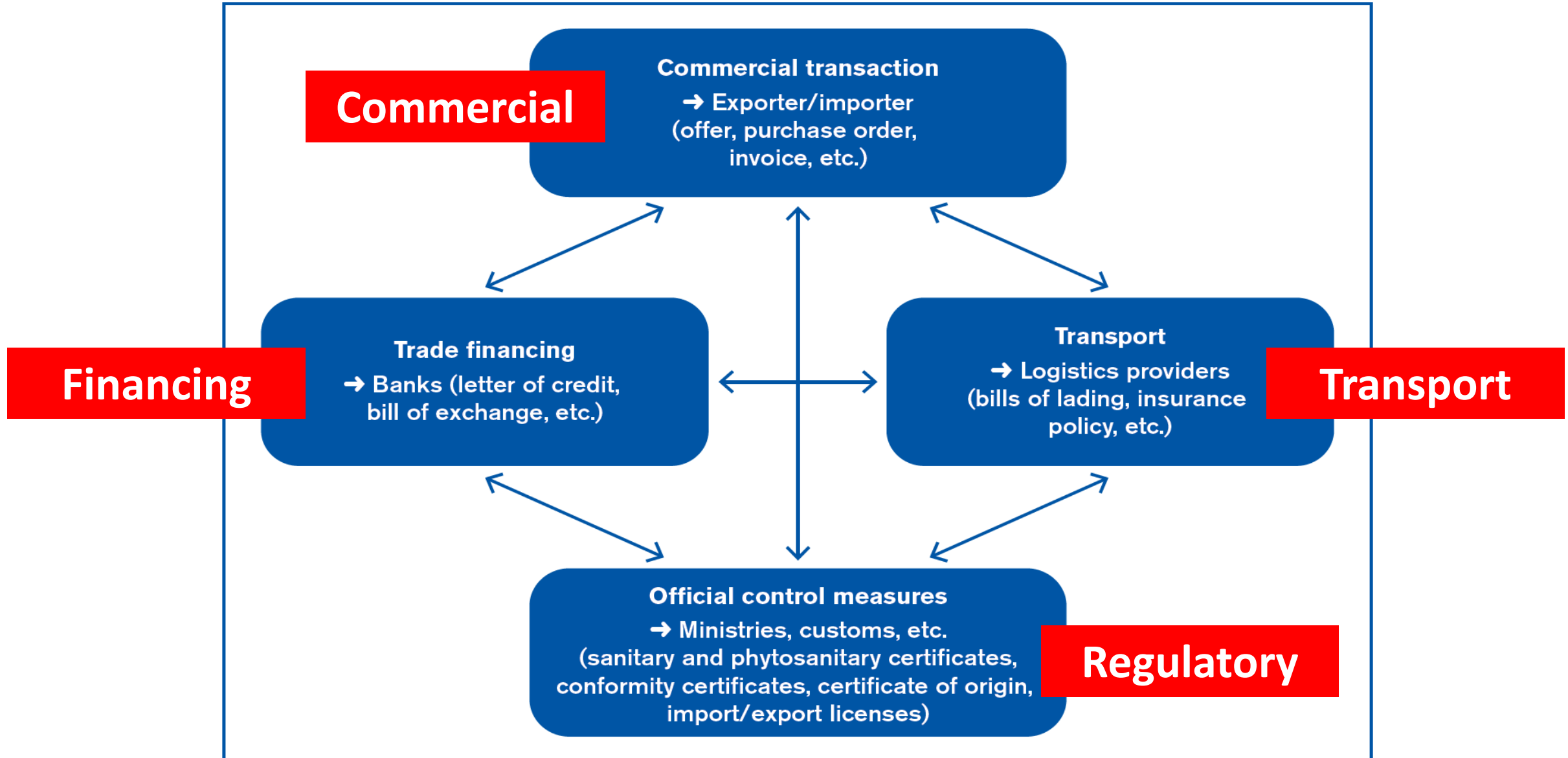
Forum on Trade Digitalization for Sustainable Regional Integration

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Objectives of the forum

- To share the experience in enabling cross-border trade digitization
 - for reducing trade costs and making trade more inclusive and sustainable
- To formulate recommendations/action items as ways forward (i.e. for member states and ESCAP secretariat)
 - how we are going to make it happens (which Use Cases, how to break the barriers, what are the concerns,

International trade covering 4 types of procedures (that should be digitized)



Issues to be discussed?

- Why cross-border paperless data exchange is initiated and what are the benefits?
- What are mechanisms for cross-border paperless data exchange (business models, applications, technology, legal basis, etc.)?
- What are differences and similarities among different initiatives in exchanging data?
- What are existing and potential models for cross-border paperless data exchange ?

Issues to be discussed? (cont.)

- Importance of mutual recognition mechanism and possible options, including those in the context of the Framework Agreement?
- How cross-border paperless data exchange can contribute to inclusive and sustainable development - including its potentials and limitations?
- What works should be further done to advance cross-border paperless data exchange to make it contribute to regional economic integration?