

APMEN & TRADE FACILITATION

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Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN)

1. Background of APMEN

APMEN



November 2014
Beijing, China

APMEN was endorsed at the 22nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.



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AOC



August 21, 2015
Shanghai, China

APMEN and AOC were officially inaugurated.



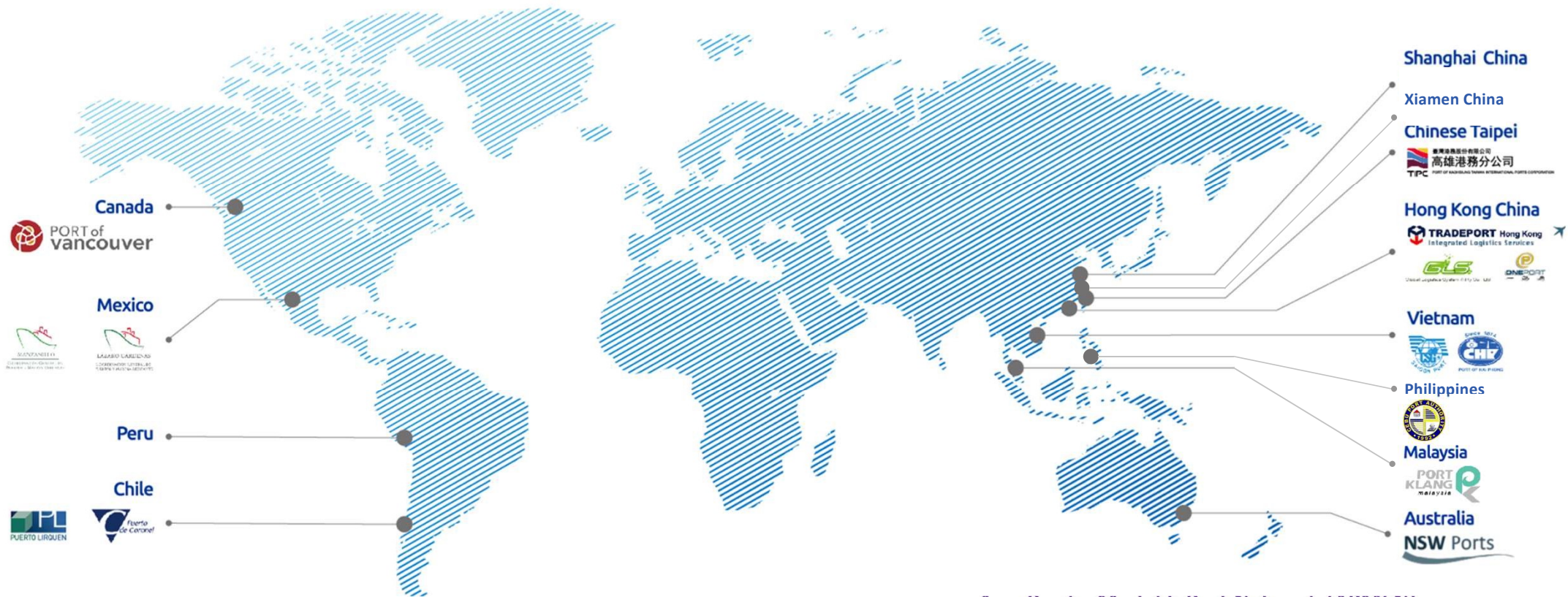
The Objectives

- ☆ Creating an enabling environment for model e-ports
- ☆ Enhancing connectivity among cargo hubs in Asia Pacific
- ☆ Promoting supply chain connectivity and trade facilitation.



Members of APMEN

- ☆ 11 member economies account for around 22% of the global trade volume.



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2.How APMEN support to promote trade facilitation?

Agreements and Rules related to Trade Facilitation

TFA Trade Facilitation Agreement

WTO

Feb 2017

The Agreement was active since two-thirds of the 164 WTO members formally accept it.

SCFAP APEC Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan

APEC

Nov 2010

The action plan was launched by APEC in 2010, the Phase II action plan was launched in 2016.

The Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

UN ESCAP

May 2016

The Framework Agreement was adopted by the 72nd Session of the ESCAP as resolution

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1. Build TFA Enabling Trade Index

- ☆ Establish an evaluation index system for trade facilitation based on the content of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Indicators:

Formulate indicators of first level, second level and third level with reference to corresponding provisions

First level indicators

- ☆ Information disclosure
- ☆ Department arrangement
- ☆ Coordination mechanism
- ☆ Laws and regulations
- ☆ Application of Information Technology
- ☆ Clearance procedures

Application:

- ☆ Phase I: assess the level of trade facilitation in the various locations of China's free trade pilot zone
- ☆ Phase II: assess the level of trade facilitation in other countries
- ☆ Drawing on the evaluation results, advanced experiences on trade facilitation will be publicly shared with all interested parties.

2. Implementation of SCFAP II

APMEN's Implementation Plan tackles the chokepoints of SCFAP II

Chokepoint 1: Lack of coordinate border management and underdeveloped border clearance and procedures



Publish the TFA Evaluation Index

Chokepoint 2: Inadequate quality and lack of access transportation infrastructure and services



Develop a software to assist data exchange and connectivity among e-ports and Single Window

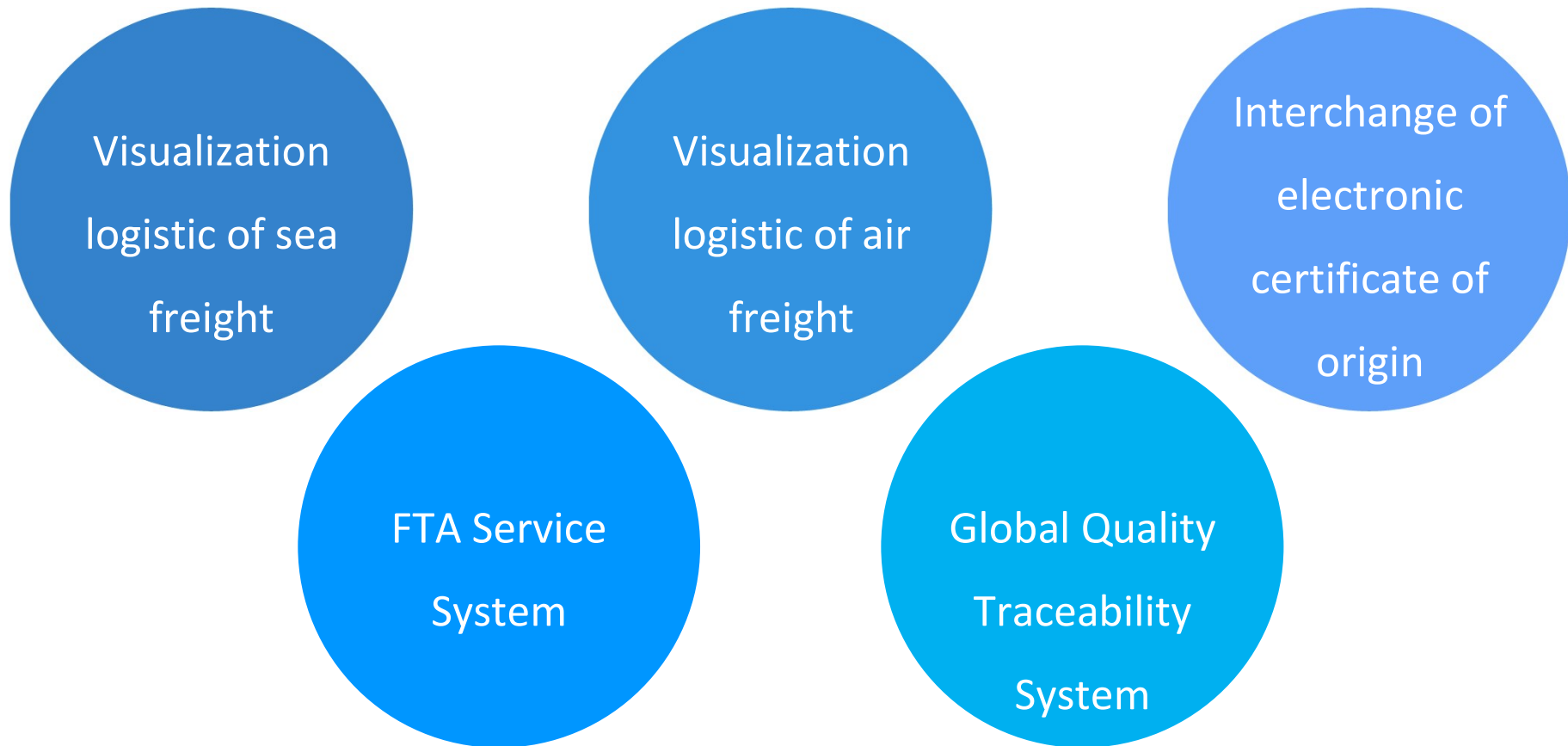
Chokepoint 4: Limited regulatory cooperation and best practices



Study the Possibility of a “Manufacturer-to-Consumer” Sharing System

3. Pilot Projects

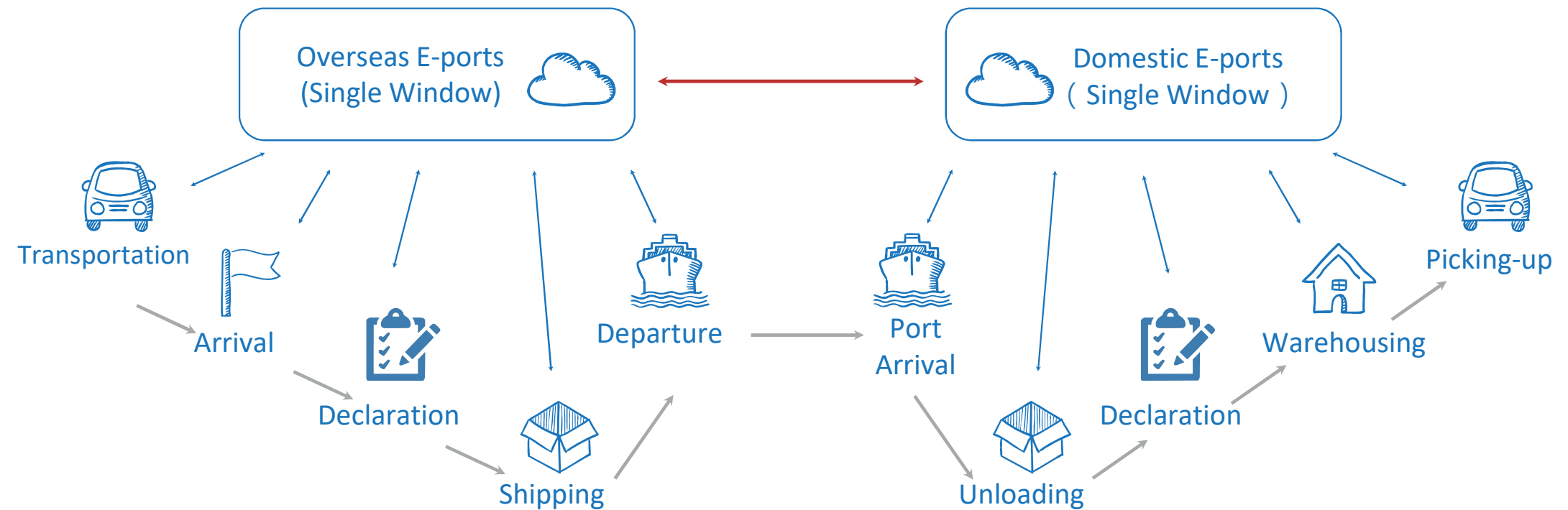
- ☆ Propose 5 pilot projects to support to promote trade facilitation



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- ✧ Provide logistic visualization services, increase Cross-border E-commerce operational efficiency, improve user experience

- ✧ Data Standardization Service
- ✧ Router Retrieval Service



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E-Switch Project

- ✧ For trade facilitation and integration, E-Switch aspires to improve connectivity amongst single window platforms in the Asia-Pacific region, with usage of Internet technology.



- ☆ Promote Connectivity of Goods Origin Information, increase Credibility of Cross-border businesses

First step

CO inquiry gateway

- ☆ integrate the CO data of each member economies and provide CO inquiry service to the regulators and enterprises from member economies.

Second step

CO feedback channel

- ☆ This channel will allow the issuing bodies to receive feedback from the regulators of importing countries on the transmission and use of CO.

Third step

CO interchange platform

- ☆ connect to the systems of issuing bodies and collect digital CO information, which will be sent to a central node after file format conversion.

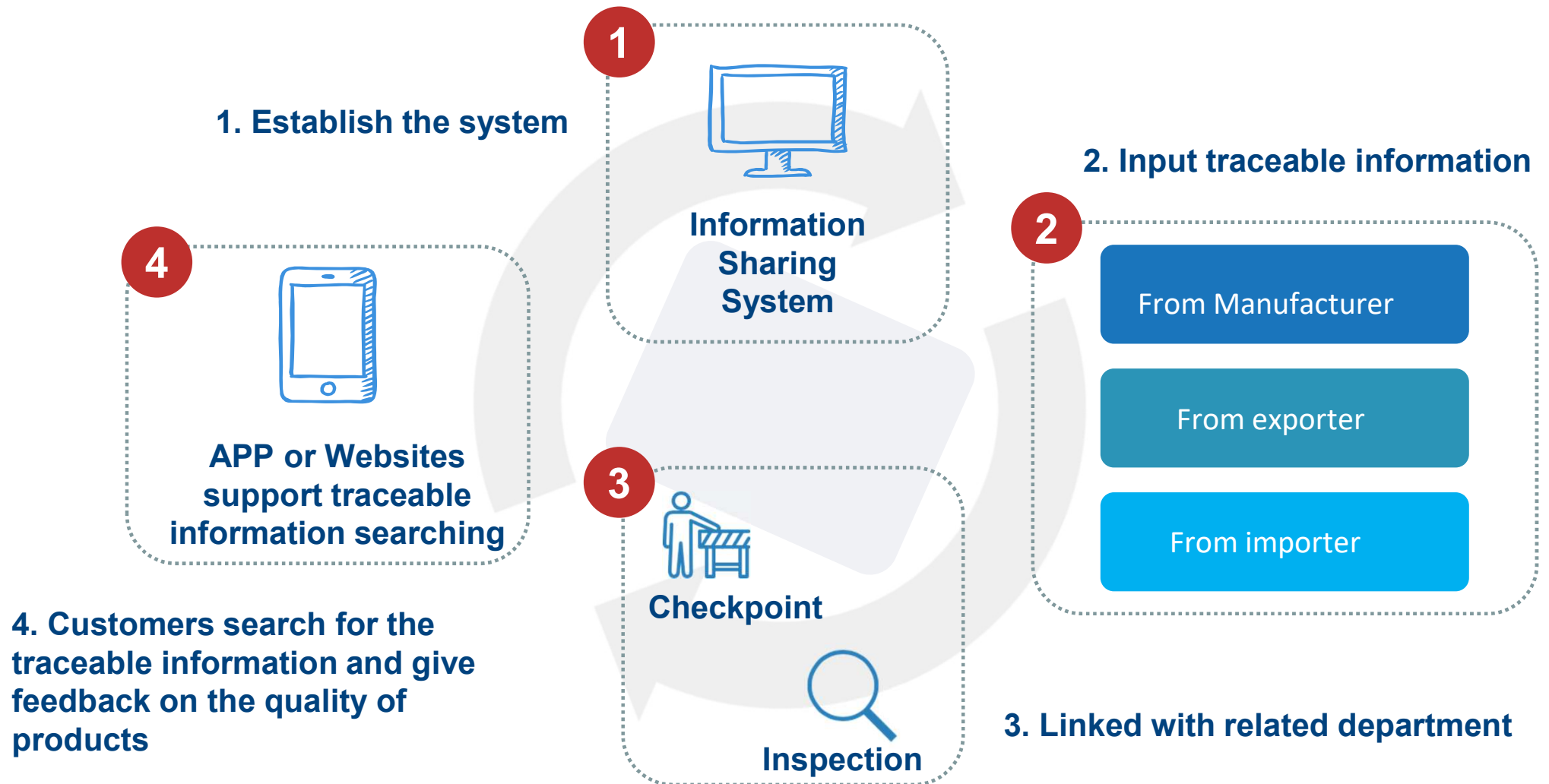
- ☆ Build an information sharing system of FTA preferential tariff policies

Social benefits of FTA preferential tariff policies

Benefits to Company:

- ☆ Take fully advantage of the new rules in FTAs to **reduce the trade cost**
- ☆ Access to authorized Economic Operator and Declaration of Origin Information
- ☆ Get updated Policies of bonded tariff + FTA preferential tariff
- ☆ **Compliance Risk Management**
- ☆ **Help to increase the trade volume between China and other countries with FTA**

☆ “Manufacturer-to-Consumer” Global Quality Traceability System



★ Global Quality Traceability System provide fully traceable information flow

For example:

A bottle of apple juice



1 THE apple Farm



2 Juice manufacturer



3 e-commerce platform



7 Consumer



6 Retailer



5 Regulator



4 Logistics



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4. APMEN Capacity Building

AOC provides training in E-ports operation and maintenance in order to help all economies to participate and benefit.



In 2016, 26 candidates from 11 APEC member economies participated in the APMEN capacity building program.

In 2017, 16 candidates from 8 economies participated in the APMEN capacity building program: 3 economies are APEC member economies(Peru, Vietnam, Thailand), 1 BRICS Country(Brazil), 3 Lancang-Mekong Countries(Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar) , 1 other country(Georgian)

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5.APMEN Public-Private Dialogue



H.E. Mr. Wang shouwen,
Vice Minister of Ministry of
Commerce of China



Mr. Alan Bollard,
Director of APEC Secretariat

A platform for in-depth discussion between governments and business from APEC economies.

The first and second PPD convened in Shanghai, while the third one kicked off in Hanoi May 2017.

Over 150 delegates from APEC economies' authorities, APMEN member E-ports, international organizations and private sectors attended the PPD.



Thank you!