



UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

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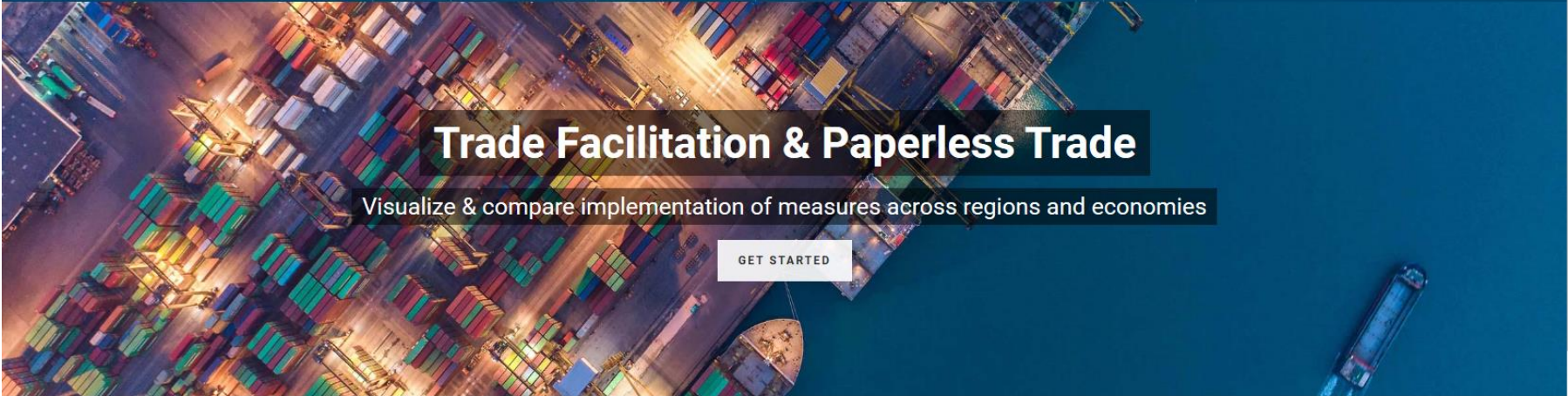
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Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade


Visualize & compare implementation of measures across regions and economies


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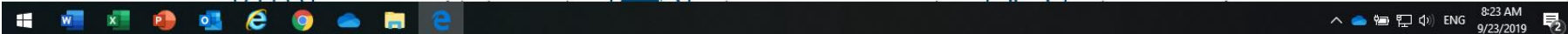
Interactive visualization of Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade data

To help countries benchmark and reduce the time and cost of trading across border, the UN Regional Commissions jointly conduct the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation. The Survey currently covers 128 economies around the globe, and 53 measures related to the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), as well as emerging regional and global initiatives on paperless trade or e-trade, such as the recent Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (FA-CPT). The Survey leads to the production of a Global Report and five Regional Reports, which aim at providing insightful information for policy makers to harness trade as a key means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Survey is conducted in collaboration with growing number of global and regional partners, since 2015 and every two years. On this website you can visualize the results - please make a selection:

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UN Global TF Survey

Scope: WTO TFA+



–WTO TFA related measures +

- Institutional arrangement and cooperation
- Transparency
- Formalities
- Transit

–Digital Trade Facilitation measures +

- Paperless trade
- **Cross-Border Paperless Trade**

–Sustainable TF measures

- Trade facilitation for SMEs
- Agricultural trade facilitation
- Women in trade facilitation

– Others (varies by UNRCs, e.g., Trade finance facilitation)

Data collected from 128 countries in 2019



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Grouping of trade facilitation measures and correspondence with TFA articles

| Grouping | | Question Number | | Trade Facilitation Measure in the Questionnaire | Related TFA Articles |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|------|---|----------------------|
| | | 2017 | 2019 | | |
| General Trade Facilitation Measures | Transparency (5 measures) | 2 | 2 | Publication of existing import-export regulations on the internet | 1.2 |
| | | 3 | 3 | Stakeholder consultation on new draft regulations | 2.2 |
| | | 4 | 4 | Advance publication/notification of new regulations before their implementation | 2.1 |
| | | 5 | 5 | Advance ruling | 3 |
| | | 9 | 9 | Independent appeal mechanism | 4 |
| | Formalities (8 measures) | 6 | 6 | Risk management | 7.4 |
| | | 7 | 7 | Pre-arrival Processing | 7.1 |
| | | 8 | 8 | Pre-arrival processing | 7.5 |
| | | 10 | 10 | Post-clearance audit | 7.3 |
| | | 11 | 11 | Separation of release from final determination of customs duties, taxes, fees, and charges | 7.6 |
| | | 12 | 12 | Establishment and publication of average release times | 7.7 |
| | | 13 | 13 | Expedited shipments | 7.8 |
| | | 14 | 14 | Acceptance of paper or electronic copies of supporting documents required for import, export or transit formalities | 10.2.1 |
| | Institutional cooperation and arrangement (5 measures) | 1 | 1 | Establishment of a national trade facilitation committee or similar body | 23 |
| | | 31 | 31 | Cooperation between agencies on the ground at the national level | |
| | | 32 | 32 | Government agencies delegating controls to customs authorities | |
| | | 33 | 33 | Alignment of working days and hours with neighboring countries at border crossings | |
| | | 34 | 34 | Alignment of formalities and procedures with neighboring countries at border crossings | |
| | Transit facilitation (4 measures) | 35 | 35 | Transit facilitation agreement(s) with neighboring country(ies) | |
| | | 36 | 36 | Customs authorities limit the physical inspection of transit goods and use risk assessment | |
| | | 37 | 37 | Supporting pre-arrival processing for transit facilitation | |
| | | 38 | 38 | Cooperation between agencies of countries involved in transit | |



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| | | 2017 | 2019 | | |
| Digital Trade Facilitation Measures | Paperless Trade (10 measures) | 15 | 15 | Electronic/automated Customs System established (e.g., Automated System for Customs Data) | 10.4 |
| | | 16 | 16 | Internet connection available to customs and other trade control agencies at border crossings | |
| | | 17 | 17 | Electronic Single Window System | |
| | | 18 | 18 | Electronic submission of customs declarations | |
| | | 19 | 19 | Electronic application and issuance of Import and Export Permit | |
| | | 20 | 20 | Electronic submission of sea cargo manifests | |
| | | 21 | 21 | Electronic submission of air cargo manifests | |
| | | 22 | 22 | Electronic application and issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin | 7.2 |
| | | 23 | 23 | E-payment of customs duties and fees | |
| | | 24 | 24 | Electronic application for customs refunds | |
| | Cross-border (6 measures) | 25 | 25 | Laws and regulations for electronic transactions are in place (e.g., e-commerce law, e-transaction law) | |
| | | 26 | 26 | Recognized certification authority issuing digital certificates to traders to conduct electronic transactions | |
| | | 27 | 27 | Customs declaration electronically exchanged between your country and other countries | |
| | | 28 | 28 | Certificate of origin electronically exchanged between your country and other countries | |
| | | 29 | 29 | Sanitary and phytosanitary certificate electronically exchanged between your country and other countries | |
| | | 30 | 30 | Banks and insurers in your country retrieving letters of credit electronically without lodging paper-based documents | |

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| Sustainable Trade Facilitation | Trade Facilitation for SMEs (5 measures) | 39 | 39 | Trade-related information measures for SMEs | |
| | | 40 | 40 | Government has developed specific measures that enable SMEs to more easily benefit from the AEO scheme | |
| | | 41 | 41 | Government has taken actions to make single windows more easily accessible to SMEs (e.g., by providing technical consultation and training services to SMEs on registering and using the facility) | |
| | | 42 | 42 | Government has taken actions to ensure that SMEs are well represented and made key members of National Trade Facilitation Committees | |
| | | - | 43 | Other special measures to reduce costs for SMEs | |
| | Agricultural trade facilitation (4 measures) | 43 | 44 | Testing and laboratory facilities are equipped for compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards in your main trading partners | |
| | | 44 | 45 | National standards and accreditation bodies are established for the purpose of compliance with SPS standards | |
| | | 45 | 46 | Application, verification, and issuance of SPS certificates is automated | |
| | | - | 47 | Special treatment given to perishable goods at border crossings | 7.9 |
| | Women in trade facilitation (3 measures) | 46 | 48 | The existing trade facilitation policy/strategy incorporates special consideration of women involved in trade | |
| | | 47 | 49 | Government has introduced trade facilitation measures aimed at women involved in trade | |
| | | - | 50 | Female membership in the National Trade Facilitation Committee | |
| | Trade Finance Facilitation (3 measures) | | - | 51 | Single window facilitates traders with access to finance |
| - | | | 52 | Banks allow electronic exchange of data between trading partners or with banks in other countries to reduce dependence on paper documentation and advance digital trade | |
| - | | | 53 | A variety of trade finance services available | |

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Subquestions provide details (and guidance) on implementation of each TF measure

| 43. Have other special measures to reduce the costs for SMEs to comply with trade procedures been implemented? | Fully implemented [] | Partially implemented [] | Pilot Stage [] | Not implemented [] | Don't know [] |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| <p>43.1. Do Customs provide deferred duty payment to SMEs?</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> <p>43.2. Have other special measures been implemented?</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> <p>If yes, please specify: ____</p> <p>43.3. A specific action plan dedicated to trade facilitation measures for SMEs is publicly available and being implemented</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> | | Progress over the past 12 months? | | Further information (e.g., website, date of implementation...) | |



Most of the measures listed here are based on recommendations found in (i) UNESCAP-ITC, Making the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Work for SMEs

<http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/MakingWTOTFAWorkforSMEs.pdf> ; and (ii) TC, SMEs and the WTO Trade Facilitation

<http://www.intracen.org/publication/SMEs-and-the-WTO-Trade-Facilitation-Agreement-A-training-manual/>

Deferred duty payment allows SMEs to delay for a fixed number of days the payment of customs duties and taxes, while still be

Direct link to 2019 questionnaire:

<https://unnex.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Questionnaire%202019%20-%20UNESCAP.docx>



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| 49. Has your government introduced trade facilitation measures to benefit women involved in trade? | Fully implemented [] | Partially implemented [] | Pilot Stage [] | Not implemented [] | Don't know [] |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| <p>49.1. Is there a gender focal point in the Ministry of Trade/Customs?</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> <p>49.2. Is there an association or network for female traders?</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> <p>49.3. Are there programmes or projects to support female traders in particular? For example, training programmes, certificates and standards targeted to providing equal access to trade and job opportunities.</p> <p>[] Yes [] No [] Don't know</p> <p>If yes, please tick all that apply:</p> <p>[] Training on internet and ICT skills</p> <p>[] Training programme for female traders</p> <p>[] Gender training for customs and border officials (including sexual harassment)</p> <p>[] Simplified trading regime</p> <p>[] Targeted awareness raising/information material</p> <p>[] Support desks</p> <p>[] Separate sanitary facilities/waiting rooms for women at the border</p> <p>[] Trade finance initiatives</p> <p>[] Regular data collection on female traders</p> <p>[] Regular consultation framework</p> <p>[] Dedicated lane/counter for women traders at the border</p> <p>[] Other, _____</p> | Progress over the past 12 months? | | Further information (e.g., website, date of implementation...) | | |

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