AUSTRALIA
Moving up the trade facilitation ladder
towards seamless international supply chains

[Cumulative implementation scores of core groups of measures; full implementation =100]

Australia increased its overall implementation of trade facilitation measures from 88% in 2015 to 91.4% in 2017. Its level of implementation is higher than both the level of Asia-Pacific (50.4%) and the level of Australia-New Zealand (85%). Among the five core groups of trade facilitation measures, the most implemented in Australia are “Transparency” and “Institutional arrangement and cooperation” measures (100%). The least implemented is “Cross-border paperless trade” (72.2%).

All “Transparency” measures are fully implemented, and implementation is well above both the regional and sub-regional averages. Implementation of improved “Formalities” is likewise higher than both the regional and sub-regional averages. The least implemented measure in this area is Trade facilitation measures for authorized operators.

For “Paperless trade”, Australia’s implementation is higher than both the regional and sub-regional averages. E-Single window and E-Preferential Certificate of Origin are least implemented.

Australia may focus its trade facilitation efforts in particular on full implementation of “Paperless trade” measures, as well as on moving towards “Cross-border paperless trade”, in particular through active participation in the new regional UN treaty on cross-border paperless trade facilitation.¹

¹ http://www.unescap.org/resources/framework-agreement-facilitation-cross-border-paperless-trade-asia-and-pacific