

Review and highlight selected Trade facilitation measures in ADB/ESCAP book on Trade Facilitation

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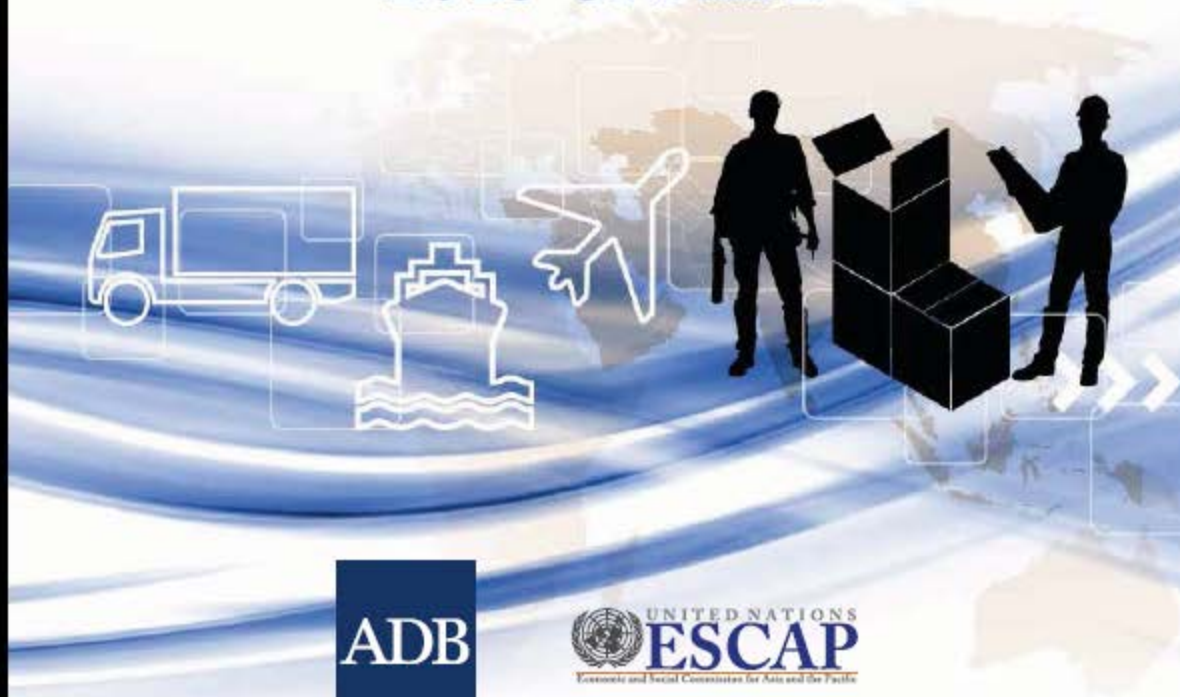
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Various Definitions of Trade Facilitation

- World Trade Organization (WTO): The simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures, where trade procedures are the activities, practices, and formalities involved in collecting, presenting, communicating, and processing data and other information required for the movement of goods in international trade.
- World Customs Organization (WCO): The avoidance of unnecessary trade restrictiveness. This can be achieved by applying modern techniques and technologies, while improving the quality of controls in an internationally harmonized manner.
- United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT): The simplification, standardization, and harmonization of procedures and associated information flows required to move goods from seller to buyer and to make payments.
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): Improve the efficiency of the processes associated with trading in goods across national borders.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): The simplification and standardization of procedures and associated information flows required to move goods internationally from seller to buyer and to pass payments in the other direction.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): The simplification and rationalization of customs and other administrative procedures that delay or increase the cost of moving goods across international borders.

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Think about it...

- *A trade portal has been set up in Lao PDR to provide trade related information.*
- *Suppose a similar trade portal will be set up in your country, please analyze your country's SWOT in developing such Portal*

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Lao PDR Trade Portal

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Welcome to the Lao PDR Trade Portal

This website will help traders find all the information they require to import goods into Laos and export goods from Laos.

Click on the links on this page to look at information about all the Ministries involved in the import/export process, the regulatory requirements specific to each commodity, the relevant laws and regulations, and other useful information.



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Trade procedure and document: Basic Principles

- *Trade procedures, data, and documents should be based on international conventions, standards, and other relevant instruments*
- *Data and documents should be kept to a minimum*
- *To understand the trade process is the prerequisite for any trade facilitation reform.*



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Key recommendations by selected Asian Countries to further Progress Trade Facilitation

	Afghanistan	Azerbaijan	Bangladesh	Bhutan	Cambodia	China	India	Indonesia	Japan	Kyrgyzstan	Lao PDR	Malaysia	Maldives	Mongolia	Myanmar	Nepal	Pakistan	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Russian Federation	Singapore	Sri Lanka	Thailand	Turkey	Uzbekistan	Viet Nam	Frequency of being mentioned
To further enhance cooperation and communication of stakeholders (including trade facilitation committee)				X		X	X		X				X	X		X	X					X	X	X			11
To further strengthen capacity building due to lack of expertise			X	X					X				X	X	X	X							X				8
To further simplify and standardize documents and procedures			X			X	X											X					X			X	6
To impulse more political will and intervention				X				X								X	X						X				5
To develop Single Window system	X		X				X												X				X			X	5
To develop e-customs and automation	X		X															X					X	X			5
To establish and enhance legal framework and regulations					X			X				X			X								X				5
To further develop Infrastructure			X	X											X	X											4
To encourage and facilitate private sector involvement						X									X								X	X			4
To conduct business process analysis to streamline trade procedures	X								X																		2
To further develop ICT								X						X													2
To equip testing and laboratory for trade at the border			X																								1
To overcome financial constraint for developing trade facilitation													X														1

Source: APTFF 2012 survey

Trade Facilitation Survey 2013

- General Trade Facilitation Measures
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Background

The Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (APTFF) aims to promote trade facilitation as an important component of a comprehensive strategy for national and regional development. Under a theme of "Towards more efficient and inclusive supply chains: public and private sector perspectives", APTFF 2013 includes the thematic sessions on trade logistics, trade finance, paperless trade and single window. It is particularly focused on developing countries, landlocked developing countries and the least developed countries, although experiences of developed countries are also shared at the forum.

The APTFF has been co-organized by ESCAP and ADB in cooperation with a growing number of partner organizations since 2009. Held in Thailand, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka in previous years, it will be organized in China in 2013. It now attracts two to three hundreds participants from 30 countries each year. As such, it has become the main annual open regional platform to exchange information, experiences and practices for trade facilitation in Asia-Pacific, identify priority areas for regional cooperation and integration, and learn about new tools and services which can increase the efficiency of cross-border transactions. It also intends to strengthen regional cooperation and coordination of Aid for Trade and related technical assistance and capacity building in trade facilitation.

In addition to regular panel sessions, the APTFF features an Exhibition on Trade Facilitation in parallel, to maximize information sharing on the works, practices, case studies and findings of trade facilitation service providers, researchers, as well as development/donor agencies, international organizations and government agencies.

A number of other side events on trade facilitation are generally also held back-to-back with the Forum, typically in partnership with the host country as well as other relevant organizations.

Objectives

- Enable sharing of experiences and knowledge on trade facilitation between countries of the greater Asia and Pacific region including LDCs and LLDCs
- Foster increased understanding and exchange of views between public and private

Thank you very much for your attention

