

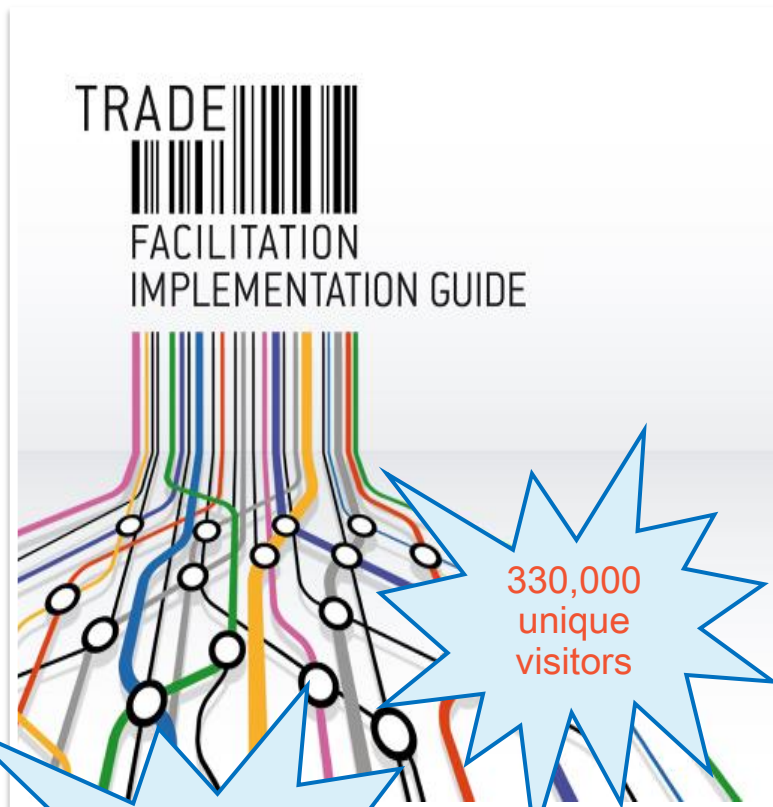
Update on TF Activities

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(TFIG) Update



A web-based interactive tool in a wikipedia style available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish

2 new Itineraries

- Setting up a National Trade Facilitation Body
- Developing a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap

Updated information on TF Organizations

New case stories

Updated brochure and training materials

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TF Roadmap Example: Greece

UNECE Technical Assistance for Trade Facilitation Implementation

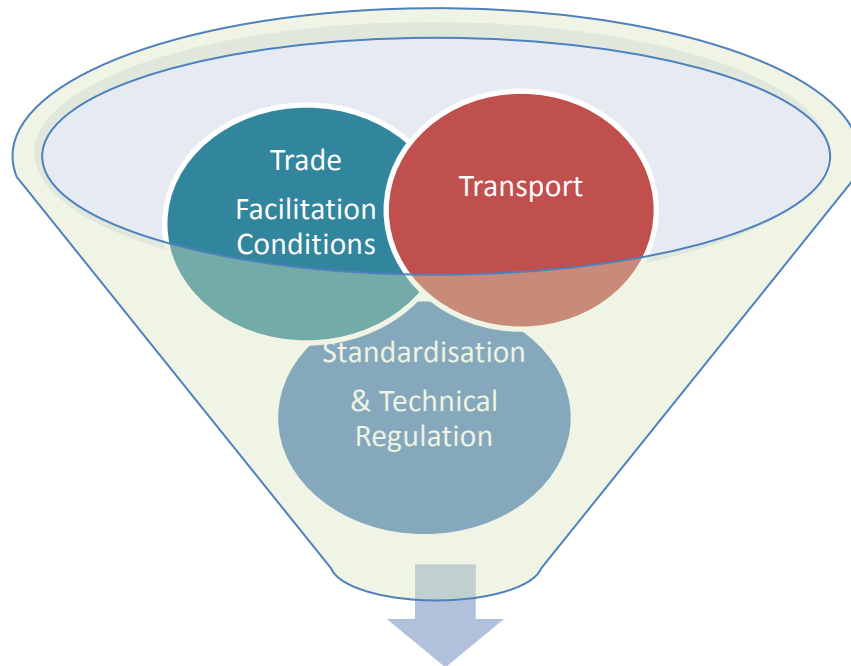
- *Since 2012, Greece has improved its ranking in the World Bank Doing Business study by 39 positions from **position 100 to 61** in 2014.*
- *The competitive position of Greece in the Logistic Performance Index has improved by 25 positions. The concrete results for Customs are overwhelming with an improvement by 52 positions, **from 94 to 42**.*
- *The **time to export and import** has been **reduced by 25% and 44%** respectively.*
- *The **cost to export and import** has gone down by **approximately 10%**.*



Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade

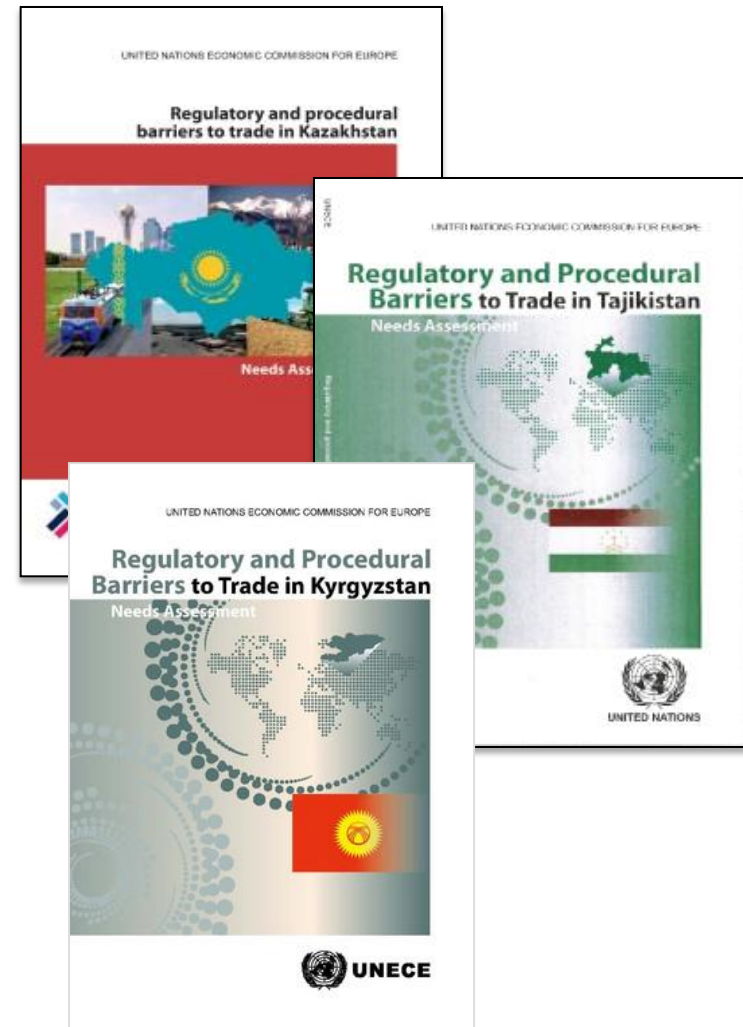
2016- Studies on Albania and Moldova

Comprehensive Evaluation Methodology



Impact on behind and at the borders regulations and procedures

Cost of trade
(financial and time)



New UN/CEFACT Agriculture Standards



Ongoing work to develop global traceability data models, standards and messages

- Livestock supply chain from birth to death – well advanced
- Fish supply chain from catch to first buyer – well advanced
- Work being extended to include animal products, plants, plant products - starting
- Will support CITES (Trade in Endangered Species)
- Also starting work on recommendation on planning and implementation of traceability projects, covering in particular cross-border processes

Standard for the exchange of fishery messages for the sustainable management of fisheries (FLUX)

- Electronic data from fishing vessels needed for stock management

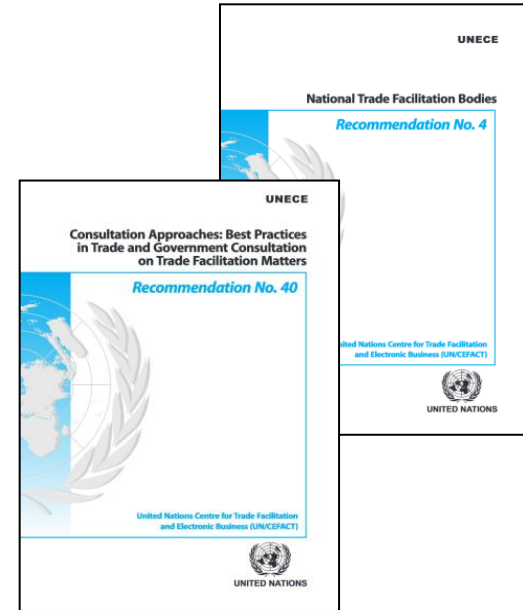


UNECE Recommendations New and Upcoming



Recently published

- Publication of Revised Recommendation 4 on National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Publication Recommendation 40 on Consultation Approaches



Upcoming

- New Recommendation on Public-Private Partnerships in TF
- New Recommendation 36 on Single Window Interoperability

Ongoing and upcoming activities



- UNDA Project: “Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains” (with UNESCAP, 2014-2017)
- Strategies for implementing UN/CEFACT electronic messages for agriculture trade: A Handbook for Decision Makers
- UN/CEFACT projects, including:
 - Multimodal Transport Data Reference Model (MMT)
 - Verified Gross Mass Exchange Message (VERMAS)
 - Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (TTFMM)
- Continued WTO TFA Support
 - Joint UNRCs Approach to Trade Facilitation



Regional Initiatives 2015-16



- Supported EurAsian Economic Commission work on Trade Facilitation and Single Window. Resulted in official EEC Resolutions in 2014-2015. Current followup
 - Business Process Analysis Workshop in Russia (09-2015)
 - TF and SW workshop Kazakhstan (12-2015)
 - TF and SW workshop Belarus (01-2016)
- In July 2015, SPECA (United Nations Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia, Afghanistan and Azerbaijan), agreed to work with ECE on a regional Trade facilitation Strategy, next meeting is in May 2016 in Turkmenistan
- Supporting Black Sea Economic Cooperation work on a regional trade facilitation Strategy



Regional/Global Workshops 2015-16



- Regional workshop on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Systems for Agrifood Products in Almaty, Kazakhstan (May 2015)
- Workshop on Paperless Trade Facilitation for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Central Asia Products in Almaty, Kazakhstan (May 2015)
- Workshop on implementing electronic phytosanitary certificates in Wuhan, China (October 2015) and in Bangkok (December 2015)



Coming up:

- Workshop on implementation of Electronic Management and Exchange of Fishery Information (FLUX) in Geneva (April 2016)

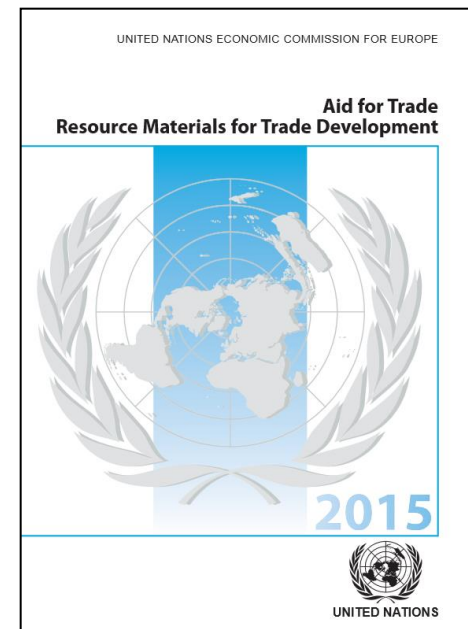


Ukraine (since 2010)

- Implementing of Port Community System/local Single Window in Odessa
- Reliance on local resources (involved private business)
- Interagency WG on TF and Logistics established
- Capacity-building for the consolidation of a National TF Committee (latest training 25-26 February 2016)

Assessments of readiness to implement the WTO TFA:

- Ukraine (in collaboration with UNCTAD, USAID, CLDP, EU, UK Customs, the World Bank, Sweden, etc.)
- Kazakhstan (in collaboration with UNCTAD and GIZ)



Assessment of the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TFA

- Limited administrative capacity exists for implementation
 - Need to train staff and develop sustainable capacity
- Top priority must be to implement those measures already notified as category A, even though, currently there is no real capacity to implement. Amongst these -> particular focus should be on:
 - Publication; Information via Internet; Pre-arrival Processing; TF measures for Authorized Operators; Perishable Goods; Border Agency Cooperation; establishing a National TF Committee*
- Make plans with budgets and timelines for category B and C measures prior to their notification

Results of the assessment of the readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO TFA

| Содержание вопросника / Ключевые ответы | Content of Questionnaire / Key Answers | Responses on the status of implem entation Y - Yes, N - No, P - Partially) | | Responses on measure Category (A, B and C) | | | Responses on the measure Priority 1- Low, 5 - High) | | Recommended categorization | Additional years to implement |
|---|--|---|---------------|--|------|---------------|--|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | NGOs | Gov. Agencies | Official Notification | NGOs | Gov. Agencies | NGOs | Gov. Agencies | | |
| СТ. 1: Публикация (законов, процедур и т.д.) и доступ к информации | ART. 1: Publication and availability of information | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1.2: <u>Информация, доступная в Интернете</u> | 1.2: INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH INTERNET | Y N P | P P P | A | AC | CA | 5 5 5 | 3 5 | | 1 |



Single Window Roadmap in China

- Organized a high level workshop in Shanghai in 2015, at the request of the Chinese government, the objective being to share international experience and best practice in SW design and implementation
- Outcome: recommended next steps, adaptation of international standards to the Chinese environment and particularly data standards; Use of China SW as an important element into high-level policy initiatives for connecting China and Europe
- By the end of 2017, the first version of a Single Window system will be established at a national level, as committed in WTO TFA



Assessment of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the WTO TFA



Kazakhstan acceded to WTO 30 November 2015. The WTO TFA is part of the package ratified by Kazakhstan upon its accession.

- In October 2015, following the UNCTAD methodology, UNECE, in collaboration with UNCTAD and GIZ, started an assessment of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the WTO TFA
- Draft report on the readiness assessment (Dec 2015) and validation seminar (Jan 2016)
- The Government of Kazakhstan is using this assessment for its forthcoming notification of Category A measures, and for planning its B and C measures
- International donors, such as GIZ and the World Bank, are using the findings for their planned assistance to Kazakhstan

Ethiopian Leather products



- Ethiopia has the tenth largest livestock inventory in the world
- UNIDO is helping the country to develop a technical cooperation project to improve export opportunities for the leather sector
- UNECE carried out a Business Process Analysis in Ethiopia to identify the trade facilitation potential:
 - a number of trade facilitation obstacles relating to export and currency control were identified
- The resulting recommendations will lead to the development of a Roadmap to improved the overall production and export supply chain

Upcoming meetings

- 22nd UN/CEFACT Plenary, Geneva, Switzerland
– 21-22 April 2016
- 27th UN/CEFACT Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
– 25-29 April 2016
- 28th UN/CEFACT Forum, Bangkok, Thailand
– 26-30 September 2016



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