Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide TFIG
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  - Setting up a National Trade Facilitation Body
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**Setting up a National Trade Facilitation Body**

This Itinerary is not only a WTO requirement but also an effective means for better policy decision and implementation. A successful NTFB is a platform for dialogue and cooperation of all relevant stakeholders including from the private and public sector.

See more..
New Itinerary

Setting up a National Trade Facilitation Body: Itinerary:

- Steps for setting up a National Trade Facilitation Body
- Organizational aspects: structure, membership and resources
- Basic principles that underpin a sustainable collaboration
- Based on UNECE recommendations
Recommendations
Revised Recommendation 4 National Trade Facilitation Bodies

• Revised, in 2015, in light of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (first published in 1974)

• Guidelines: Objective, membership, structure, responsibilities, work programme, coordination, funding, budget, staffing, etc.

• Terms of reference

• Stakeholder analysis toolbox
New Recommendation 40
Consultation approaches: Best practices in trade and government consultation on Trade Facilitation Matters

• Published in 2015
• Guidelines:
  ✓ Basic principles
  ✓ Forms of consultation
  ✓ Levels of participation
  ✓ Topic for consultations
• Toolbox for consultation
• Generic consultation model
Upcoming recommendations

- New Recommendation on Public-Private Partnerships in TF
- New Recommendation on monitoring efficiency of trade and transport corridors and systems
Guides and studies
TF Roadmap Guide
UNECE Technical Assistance for Trade Facilitation Implementation

• In 2015, UNECE published a “Guide to drafting a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap”

• The TF Roadmap methodology has been successfully applied by Greece:
  ✓ Greece has improved its ranking in the WB Doing Business by 40 positions from position 100 in 2012 to 60 in 2016.
  ✓ The competitive position of Greece in the Logistic Performance Index has improved by 20 positions from position 64 in 2012 to 44 in 2014.

• UNCTAD applies the UNECE TF Roadmap methodology in its technical assistance programs
Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade
2016- Studies on the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Moldova

Comprehensive Evaluation Methodology

Impact on behind and at the borders regulations and procedures
Cost of trade (financial and time)
Capacity building
Ongoing and upcoming activities

• Continued WTO TFA Support
  – Joint UNRCs Approach to Trade Facilitation

• 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
Regional Initiatives 2015-16

  – 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 the Economies of Central Asia, Afghanistan and Azerbaijan), agreed to work with ECE on a regional Trade facilitation Strategy, 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)

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

Coming up:
- Regional Asia Pacific Agriculture workshops on eSPS, eCITES and FLUX, jointly organized with ESCAP (October 2016)
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. Among 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

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  - Responses: A, BC, ABB
  - Priority: 5, 4, 5
  - Categorization: 3
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- 1.1: PUBLICATION
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  - Priority: 5
  - Categorization: 4
  - Additional years: 1

- 1.2: INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH INTERNET
  - Responses: A
  - Priority: 5
  - Categorization: 5
  - Additional years: 1
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
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.
Single Window in Albania

• Conducting the project “Improved capacity of governmental trade control agencies in Albania to implement Single Window (SW)”

• Close coordination with the Albanian Customs Authority

Upcoming activities:

• Intensive training session on Single Window, in Durres, Albania from 13 to 17 June 2016
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
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