TFIs: a tool for impact assessment, monitoring and benchmarking

A. What they are?

B. How they are built?

C. What they can do?

D. Another way to engage with them
A. What are the TFIs?

- **An evaluation tool** to measure the impact of TF measures on trade flows, trade costs, productive factors and welfare
  - used in the WTO’s World Trade Report
- **A monitoring and benchmarking tool** providing
  - an overview of country performance, strengths and weaknesses
  - a basis for prioritising trade facilitation actions by governments
  - a support for mobilising technical assistance by donors in a targeted way
B. How are the TFIs built and updated

- 11 indicators, corresponding closely to Section I of the TFA Facilitation Agreement, so as to ensure relevance for negotiators, implementing authorities and donors

- Conceptualised and tested between 2010 and 2013, further fine-tuned between 2014 and 2016

- Biennial data collection based on publicly available sources, factual information from the private sector and government inputs ...

- ... fact-checked by each concerned country via their WTO and WCO Delegations
C. The monitoring function of the TFIs

 ✓ Comparisons by income group
 ✓ Comparisons by geographical group
 ✓ Comparisons among regional grouping members
 ✓ Exploring the state of play by TF measure
 ✓ Performance evolution over time
 ✓ Monitoring of TFA provisions’ implementation
TFIs 2017: income groupings
TFIs 2017: regional groupings
Income groups, comparing 2015 and 2017
Article 1: Publication and Availability of Information

% of countries in income group

- LICs
- LMICs
- UMICs

Art. 1.1
Art. 1.2
Art. 1.3

already implemented
not implemented or in the process of implementation
Article 3: Advance Rulings

% of countries in income group

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Art. 3.1; Art. 3.5
Art. 3.3
Art. 3.4
Art. 3.6
Art. 3.7
Art. 3.8

- blue: already implemented
- white: not implemented or in the process of implementation
Article 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation and Penalties
Article 10: Formalities connected with Importation and Exportation
Article 7: Release and Clearance of Goods
Article 8: Domestic border agency co-operation - key challenges
Article 8: Cross-border agency co-operation: streamlining of procedures

% of countries in income group

- Alignment of working days and hours
- Alignment of procedures and formalities
- Development and sharing of common facilities
- Joint controls
- Exchange of staff and training programmes at the international level

Legend:
- fully operational (TFI score 2)
- in the process of implementation (TFI score 1)
- not implemented (TFI score 0)
Another way to engage with them

- The “Compare your Country” TFI web-tool
  - performs comparisons with
    - your own country’s past performance
    - your neighbours or trading partners
    - country groups of interest (geographical, income, or economic partnership groups)
  - allows worldwide comparisons by measure (forthcoming)

- The TFI Policy Simulator
  - highlights the key measures driving the performance of a selected country in a specific indicator
  - simulates and tests the effects of potential policy reforms
Compare your Country
Compare your Country

Indonesia
Average trade facilitation performance 1.4
view country profile
**Indonesia - Country note**

**Trade facilitation performance**

Indonesia matches best performance across the sample as regards information availability and fees and charges. Indonesia also exceeds the average performance of lower middle income countries in all TFI areas apart from internal border agency cooperation. Performance has improved between 2013 and 2015 in all TFI areas apart from the simplification and harmonisation of documents and internal border agency cooperation.

Performance in the area of simplification and harmonisation of documents is stable, while on internal border agency cooperation some ground was lost. Overall TFI performance continues to be below best performance.

- compare with best practice
- compare by income group
- compare by region
TFI Policy Simulator

Trade Facilitation Indicators Simulator

Select a group and country to start the Policy Simulator.

Lower middle income for Choose a country

About the TFIs

To help governments improve their border procedures, reduce trade costs, boost trade flows and reap greater benefits from international trade, the OECD has developed a set of Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs) that identify areas for action and enable the potential impact of reforms to be assessed. Estimates based on the indicators provide a basis for governments to prioritise trade facilitation actions and mobilise technical assistance and capacity-building efforts for developing countries in a more targeted way.

The OECD TFIs also allow countries to identify their strengths and weaknesses in trade facilitation. They measure the actual extent to which countries have introduced and implemented trade facilitation measures in absolute terms, but also their performance relative to others, using a series of quantitative measures on key areas of the border process.

The TFIs take values from 0 to 2, where 2 designates the best performance that can be achieved. They are calculated on the basis of information in the TFIs database.
TFI Policy Simulator

Click on each of the 11 policy areas to see the detailed list of measures.
TFI Policy Simulator

Trade Facilitation Indicators Simulator

Click on each measure to see the description:

- Single Window
- Publication of Average Release Times
- Average clearance time
- Procedures allowing for the pre-arrival processing of goods
- Percentage of pre-arrival processing
- Percent of goods undergoing physical inspections
- Perishable goods treated differently than non-perishable goods with regards to physical inspections - regarding timeliness
- Percentage of physical inspections for perishable goods
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