

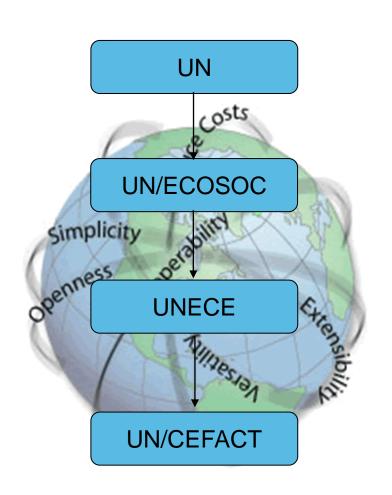
Trade Facilitation Section

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UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)



Global Remit

Objectives

- Simple, transparent and effective processes for global business
- Efficient and automated exchange of information

Outputs

 Global trade facilitation and electronic business recommendations and standards

Means

- Public-private partnership: over 200 experts from government and business
- Meet virtually every week
- Two Forums per year



What is Trade Facilitation?

Facilitate: To make easy or easier

Trade Facilitation: The **simplification**, **standardization** and **harmonization** of **procedures** and associated **information flows** required to move goods from seller to buyer and to make payment

One of UNECE's key objectives is economic integration - Trade Facilitation and the efficient trade data interchange are the key tools to achieve this objective





TRADE **FACILITATION**





Harmonization







Alignment of national procedures, operations and documents with international conventions, standards and practices

Process of eliminating all unnecessary elements and duplications in formalities, processes and procedures





Process of developing internationally agreed formats for practices and procedures, documents and information



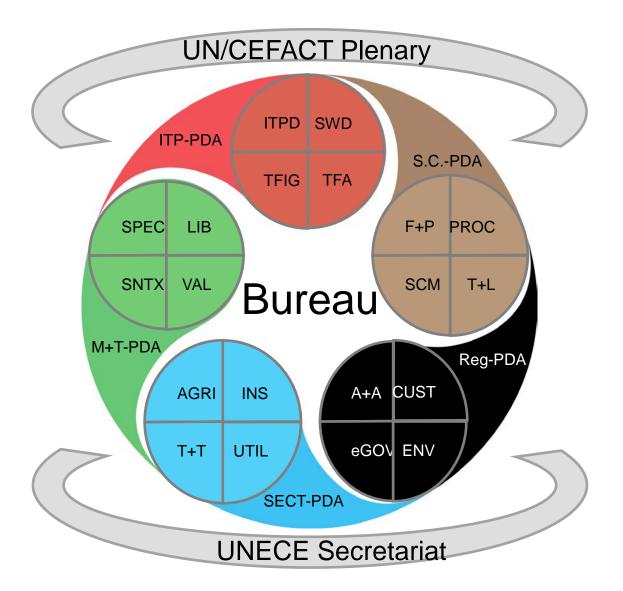
UN/CEFACT Mission

- UN/CEFACT's mission is to improve the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively.
- Its principal focus is on facilitating national and international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of processes, procedures and information flows, and so contribute to the growth of global commerce



UN/CEFACT Structure

- International Trade Procedures (ITP PDA)
 - International Trade Procedures Domain (ITPD)
 - Single Window Domain (SWD)
 - Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide Focal Point (TFIG)
 - WTO Trade Facilitation Focal Point (TFA)
- Supply Chain (SC PDA)
 - Finance and Payment Domain (F+P)
 - Procurement Domain (PROC)
 - Supply Chain Management Domain (SCM)
 - Transport and Logistics Domain (T+L)
- Regulatory (Reg PDA)
 - Accounting and Audit Domain (A+A)
 - Customs Domain (CUST)
 - eGovernment Domain (eGOV)
 - Environment Domain (ENV)
- Sectoral (Sect PDA)
 - Agriculture Domain (AGRI)
 - Insurance Domain (INS)
 - Travel and Tourism Domain (T+T)
 - Utilities Domain (UTIL)
- Methodology and Technology (PDA)
 - Specification Domain (SPEC)
 - Library Maintenance Focal Point (LIB)
 - Syntax Focal Point (SNTX)
 - Validation Focal Point (VAL)





UN/CEFACT's Work

UNECE
Policy Rec.s
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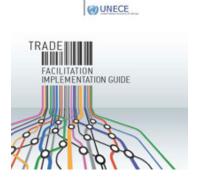
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