UN/CEFACT work for Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

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Trade Facilitation and the SDGs

Supporting WTO TFA implementation

Facilitating Trade

Enabling eBusiness

Supporting SDG implementation

Regional integration

Sustainable connectivity
About the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and e-Business

+40 UNECE Policy Rec.s
UN/CEFACT

+ 440 UNECE Standards
UN/CEFACT

UNECE / UNNExT Guidelines, Briefs, Case Studies

Outreach and Support
Major activities for 2018 and beyond

Clear semantic standards

Growing interest in our work

Maritime industry

IoT & Smart Containers

EU Projects

Blockchain & New Technologies

Traceability

Recommendations
At the 25th UN/CEFACT Plenary: key outcomes

I. 2 new Policy Recs on Single Submissions Portal (N.37) and Sustainable Procurement (Rec. N.43)

II. 12 New Standards on Multimodal Transport, and e-Quality Cert, including the new versions of UN/EDIFACT, UN/LOCODE, CCLs, XML Schemas Libraries

III. 3 White papers on Blockchain for Trade Facilitation and on Smart Containers

IV. 4 Executive Guides on the implementation of selected UN/CEFACT standards

V. 2 Briefing Notes on UN/CEFACT work in support of SDG12 and SDG17

VI. Training materials on streamlining documentary and procedural requirements for TF
Capacity building & Cooperation

Capacity building

Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan
Kazakhstan
Ukraine
North Macedonia
Moldova
Georgia
Belarus
Azerbaijan

Cooperation

WTO TFA Annex D+
ITC
WEF
EEC
WCO
ISO
UNCTAD
IMO
ITU
SDG Labs
OCHA
EU DGs
UNOPS

Representation

Supporting the WTO TFA
Supporting the UN SDGs
Single Window and T.F.
NTFB implementation
eCommerce
Document digitalization
Semantic interoperability
Traceability
Blockchain & New Tech.
National Trade Facilitation Committees and Roadmaps

Art.23.2 WTO TFA - Each Member *shall* establish and/or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both *domestic coordination and implementation of provisions* of this Agreement. (emphasis added)

2015: UNECE published the Guide to drafting a National Trade Facilitation Roadmap

Proposes «tailor-made» methodology based on *field experience*

Available in EN, FR, RUS (coming soon), Arabic

Successfully applied in Greece and in more than 60 other countries around the world (UNCTAD, WB..)

“25 actions to reduce time to export by 50% and costs by 20% by 2015, thus leading to 10% increase in exports’ value, 1.7% increase of the GDP and 80,000 new jobs”
The Roadmap in Tajikistan

- TF for exports enhancement and diversification
- Vision to reduce the time & cost to exports and imports by 30%, and increase the exports base by at least 15% by 2024
- To be achieved through 4 goals with KPIs and 64 actions
- Adopted by NTFC and for adoption by the Parliament by Oct 2019
- Available in EN and RUS
The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement entered into force on 22 February 2017 to much public acclaim. WTO Director General Azevêdo called it a milestone for the WTO and the multilateral trading agreement, as the Agreement is set to make a big difference for growth and development, by cutting trade costs globally by an average of 14.3%.

The Agreement is the most comprehensive of existing legal trade facilitation instruments; it binds all WTO Members to ensure it is only binding on those Members that have accepted the Protocol amending the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Implementing Instruments

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Technical Notes on Trade Facilitation

Author/Source: UNCTAD, UNECE.

Year of adoption/publication: 2019.


Notes: To individual technical notes on TPFAG

Purpose: to provide a legal explanation of the measures contained in the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, with a view to support policymakers in designing the framework for their implementation.

Summary: The publication features 27 individual technical notes on each of the TPA measures providing a legal analysis of each TPA article, as well as tailored checklists and do’s and don’ts to facilitate their practical implementation. Each of the notes introduces technical and practical details of major trade facilitation concepts and best practices relating to the TPA articles to support policymakers in engineering practical action plans to implement TPA obligations. A particular emphasis was placed on the presentation of implementation-related issues, including information on costs, challenges and benefits of implementing each measure to improve the cross-border trade and contribute to the make the business environment more conducive.
Interactive Charts
Other ongoing capacity building projects

I. Project for ‘Strengthening the capacity of Central Asian countries to implement trade facilitation measures and better integrate into the international rules-based trading system’

II. UNDA project: ‘Evidence-based trade facilitation measures for economies in transition’

III. Support NTFCs in about 10 countries
Making trade facilitation reforms effective?

I. Political leadership

II. Integration of TF reforms in the wider national SD agenda

III. Effective needs assessment and progress monitoring

IV. Compliance with international norms and standards

V. Donors coordination at the national/regional/international level (e.g. WTO TFA AnnexD+)

VI. Continued and sustainable skills and capacity development
Upcoming events & More info

• 34th UN/CEFACT Forum
  • 28 October to 1st November
  • London, United Kingdom
  • Graciously hosted by the IMO

• Public website: [http://www.unece.org/cefact.html](http://www.unece.org/cefact.html)
  • New standards page:
    • [http://www.unece.org/uncefact/mainstandards.html](http://www.unece.org/uncefact/mainstandards.html)

• CUE: [https://uncefact.unece.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1376332](https://uncefact.unece.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1376332)

• TFIG: [http://tfig.unece.org/](http://tfig.unece.org/)
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