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Draft Roadmap of Implementation of the SPECA Trade Facilitation Strategy

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Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy: Roadmap of implementation (Action Plan)

- Identify priority TF measures, and develop regional cooperation
 - Strengthen the sustainable functioning of the National Trade Facilitation Bodies. Organize regional & bilateral meetings
 - Strengthen cross-border cooperation on Public-Private consultations
 - Cooperate on the implementation of international TF standards.
 - Develop more detailed national trade facilitation road maps, reflecting the goals of this regional cooperation strategy.
 - Exchange best-practice experiences in: electronic payments; appeal systems; periodic review of the use of international standards, exchange of information among Single Window systems, etc.
 - Harmonize risk management systems in the region
 - Cooperate among the countries on reviewing formalities, documentary requirements and procedures to simplify them; encouraging the harmonization of procedures among the countries.
 - Share information, organize joint training activities.
 - If possible, establish a SPECA trade facilitation web page.
 - Foster exchange of information among se enquiry points.
 - Develop mutual recognition of AEOs, and exchange of information.
 - Harmonize border-crossing procedures among the countries.
 - Enhance border agency cooperation;
 - Enhance free transit in the region; reinforce the implementation of the TIR Convention; establish separate infrastructure for transit.
 - Establish a collaboration mechanism of transit coordinators.
 - Use internationally standardized terminology and data definitions.
 - Strengthen cross-border cooperation on balancing trade facilitation and compliance.
 - Accelerate the establishment of Single Window and/or Port Community Systems, and ensure interoperability in the subregion, using international standards.
 - Share experiences on implementing TF measures.
 - Enable regional and bilateral exchange of Customs information.
 - Participate in the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific.
 - Conduct Time Release Studies (TRS) and Business Process Analyses (BPA) of trade procedures along relevant SPECA corridors, and publish the results;
 - Build trade and transport facilitation monitoring mechanisms (Recommendation 42:
www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/Publications/ECE_TRADE_437E_Rec42.pdf).
- Identify Activities Compliance Indicators (ACI), which measure whether an Activity has been successfully implemented in terms of quantity, quality, time frame and location.*
- Prioritize activities:*
- Implementation schedule:*
- Start-up phase:
 - Delivery phase: 1-4 years.
 - Review phase: 6-12 months before the deadline.



Detailed list of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

<p>Priority measures identified in each country & regional cooperation mechanism for their implementation established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of priority measures in each country defined b. A regional cooperation mechanism established c. A network of NTFCs or a regional SPECA TF committee established d. Number of bilateral or regional NTFC meetings e. Number of countries that have defined priorities 	<p>Who ?</p>	<p>When ?</p>
<p>Cooperation on implementing international TF standards established</p>	<p>Mechanism of cooperation on implementing international TF standards (capacity building) established. Number of countries participating.</p>		
<p>Adopt national TF strategies / roadmaps, reflecting the goals of this strategy</p>	<p>National trade facilitation strategies established in at least 3 countries</p>		
<p>Countries inform each other on best practices in implementing TF measures Periodic exchanges of experience on the implementation of the TFA and other instruments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Government regulatory agencies, national trade facilitation committees and other stakeholders participate in at least one peer learning event per year. b. At least one annual exchange of experience organized. c. Number of joint training activities organized 		
<p>Establish a web page on trade facilitation</p>	<p>A web page on trade facilitation in the subregion set up and maintained</p>		
<p>Established cooperation among the trade facilitation enquiry points in the subregion</p>	<p>Exchange of message establishing cooperation among trade facilitation enquiry points. Number of countries participating</p>		
<p>Collaboration on risk management established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Countries exchanging experience on risk management b. Countries coordinating their risk management systems c. Countries exchanging risk data 		
<p>Countries establish consultations on documentary procedures</p>	<p>Representatives of regulatory agencies from the SPECA countries carry out at least one meeting to discuss streamlining formalities and documentary procedures</p>		



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Established cooperation among national trade facilitation bodies and other bodies of public-private consultations on trade facilitation	National trade facilitation bodies and other bodies of public-private consultations participate in joint meetings and exchange information, including on new legislation. Number of countries participating.	Who?	When?
Exchange of information on Authorized Economic Operators and mutual recognition of AEOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Customs agencies establish a mechanism for exchange of experiences, at least one meeting to discuss mutual recognition of AEOs organized b. Criteria for nominating AEOs harmonized 		
Regional system of testing laboratories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish a regional system of testing laboratories with countries recognizing each other's results and being able to send businesses from one country to laboratories in another country b. Collaborate among the countries and major trading partners (e.g. in Europe, South Korea and Japan) on the recognition of results of tests in laboratories in the subregion in major international markets 		
Countries establish consultations on harmonizing border-crossing procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At least one national-level consultation on harmonizing border-crossing procedures carried out b. At least four of the countries (their national trade facilitation committees) organize bilateral meetings of border control agencies at border-crossing points to discuss harmonization of border-crossing procedures 		
Freedom of transit in the region enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increased volume of use of TIR b. Number of countries that establish transit lanes at major border-crossing points c. A network of collaboration of national transit coordinators established 		
Enhanced use of international trade facilitation standards	Use of more international trade facilitation standards as reported by the regulatory agencies. Number of countries reporting enhanced use of international TF standards		
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Achieve a balanced progress in facilitating trade and improving the efficiency of official controls	Improved efficiency of trade and of regulatory controls because of trade facilitation, as reported by the countries to the WTO under the TFA	Who?	When?
Enhance the use of Single Window and related systems	a. Number of Single Window and similar systems established in the region b. Interoperability of Single Window and similar projects reported by the countries and traders		
Regular information exchange among Customs authorities enhanced and mutual recognition of Customs control results established	Regular channels of Customs information exchange realized, as reported by Customs		
Foster the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific	Number of countries that have acceded to the agreement		
Enhanced capacity to facilitate trade using the results of Time Release Studies (TRS), Business Process Analyses (BPA); and to establish national Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanisms	Number of practical recommendations for streamlining trade procedures resulting from TRSs and BPAs adopted and published Number of national Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanisms established		
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Thank you !

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