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**Recommendations and standards:**

**Support to capacity building and technical cooperation**

### **Training Material on the Implementation of Single Window**

**Submitted by the secretariat**

#### *Summary*

This training material was prepared in the framework of the UNDA project “Evidence-based trade facilitation measures for economies in transition.” It aims to group together and explain the recommendations and standards available through the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). This material concentrates on the implementation of Single Window mechanisms for import, export and transit regulatory requirements.

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1. Facilitating trade contributes to the competitiveness of economies and companies by reducing trade costs. It has the potential of boosting global trade.
2. The international trading community continues to recognize the great potential of implementing a national Single Window as demonstrated in the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement. Accordingly, member States shall endeavor to establish or maintain a Single Window (article 10.4). To date, though, it does remain one of the least implemented measures of this agreement reflecting the level of complexity in its implementation. Single Window implementation is intrinsically linked to the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in its target 17.10; this Agenda recognizes trade as "an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, [that] contributes to the promotion of sustainable development".
3. Drafted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Trade Facilitation Section, this training manual aims to group together and explain the recommendations and standards available through the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) as well as relevant material from other organizations. The manual consists of five sections targeting policymakers, project managers and government experts involved in the formulation, the implementation, the governance and the maintenance of Single Window mechanisms.
4. The UNECE hopes that this training manual will intensify the efforts to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement and contribute to streamlining border processes. It will therefore bring benefits to governments through increased revenue collection and fraud control, to businesses through increased competitiveness and to consumers through lower prices.
5. The training material is presented annexed to this Plenary document in the format which it is intended to be used.

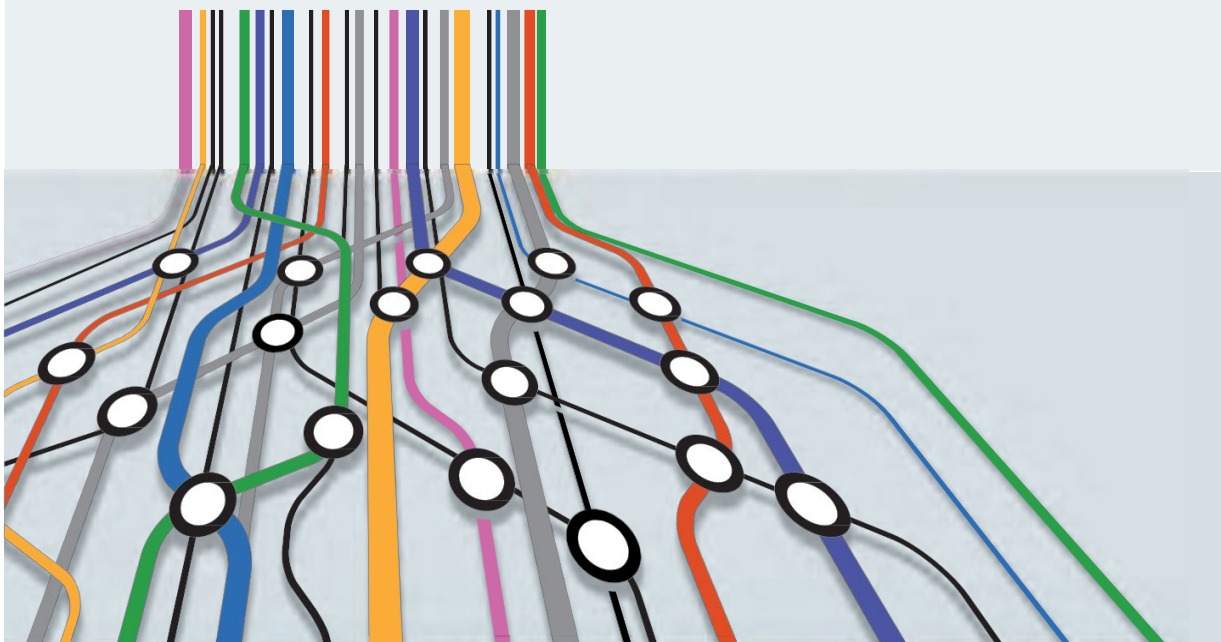
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**Annex**

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**Single Window Training Material**



Training Manual

