ECTD Regional Advisor’s Report
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• Work on trade facilitation focused on ECE mandate; aims at improving integration in ECE region and achieving the SDGs;
• Coordination of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)
• In 2020-2021 (COVID-19): 13 transition economies received assistance to implement TF to improve efficiency and deal with the risks of the pandemic.
  • boosted the implementation of UN/CEFACT semantic standards and reference data models to limit the effects of the pandemic on trade;
  • fostered implementation of TF and TFA in the four areas of CEFACT comparative advantage: NTFCs (art.23.2); streamlining documentary procedures (art. 10.1); implementing international standards (art.10.3); and Single Window (art.10.4)
Two major developments in 2020 to which the RA had contributed:
  - Turkmenistan obtained observer status with the WTO;
  - 28.10.2020, the European Commissioners agreed on a new SW legislation

Implementation of the SPECA TF Strategy and Principles of Sustainable Trade

Capacity building:
  - Two CB events with GIZ and other partners for the SPECA countries (Central Asia) on the four items of TFA and the functioning and regional cooperation of NTFCs;
  - Two working papers of the SPECA WG on Trade drafted and published in 2020 on:
    - harmonizing border-crossing procedures in SPECA (with recommendations for action); and
    - the impact of COVID-19-induced non-tariff measures (NTMs), and how countries should prevent NTMs imposed by the pandemic from becoming barriers to trade. This study followed the UNECE evaluation methodology and was developed by the ECTD Market Access Section (Ms. Hana Daoudi)
  - Assessment of Uzbekistan’s readiness to implement the WTO TFA
  - Now work on national TF strategy; how to create an enquiry point, use of standards to digitalize data and document exchange.
  - Guide for NTFCs on how to use international (UN/CEFACT) TF standards published.
On data sharing

- New tasks/rapid response to COVID-19 challenges (interagency UNDA project)
  - Package of standards for electronic equivalents of documents accompanying goods in multimodal transport developed.
    - Eight logistics documents;
    - Key documents accompanying goods transported by various modes of transport: rail, road, maritime, inland water.
  - New work started on documents for air cargo: airwaybill; dangerous goods declaration; consignment security declaration.
  - MSs can use the products of the project in real world business practices.
  - Dangerous goods declarations can be combined in the same data set/data model
  - Moving from exchange of documents to exchange of data using the UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model.
  - Modal standards and legal acts (conventions) do not change. The objective is interoperability

- Implementation projects:
  - Electronic FIATA Bill of Lading; possible further FIATA documents.
  - Exports of wood and cellulose from Belarus to Serbia via rail, road, sea and inland transport.
  - Possible further pilots: Eurasian Economic Union; Ukraine-Georgia-Azerbaijan
  - Some outcomes from the pilots: recommendations on the update of the MMT RDM.

- Capacity-building:
  - 3rd Western Balkan seminar on the Single Window and data sharing (Oct. 2020)
  - 11th UNECE Odessa seminar on trade facilitation and digitalization of multimodal corridors 26-28 May 2021, coorganized with the UN/CEFACT partners in Ukraine.
  - Brainstorming with the Eurasian Economic Commission (7 June) on the further use of U/CEFACT standards
UNDA multiagency project in response to COVID-19. UNECE segment: multimodal data exchange using UN (UN/CEFACT) standards and reference data models

Upgrading existing and developing data exchange standards for key documents accompanying cargo in different modes of transport

Based on UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model

Pilot applications: e.g. in a digital multimodal transport corridor or documents (FIATA B/L, air cargo, IWT)

Key partners: UN organizations custodians of transport documents: UNECE, ICAO, IMO, etc., and work with key non-UN partners.
Seamless multimodal supply chain

The transport chain

Transportation of a consignment through different modes

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To be fed into regulatory Single Window and other systems processing export and import declarations, transit documents
Working together to better respond to pandemics through resilient supply chains, transport and trade.

Contactless solutions
It aims at minimizing physical contact among people in cross-border supply chains by facilitating the flow of goods without spreading the virus.

Seamless connectivity
It focuses on eliminating obstacles to cross-border trade and transport operations among countries affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Collaborative solutions
It seeks to strengthen regional and cross-border interfaces to foster joint actions in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Documents
Dnieper – Danube Corridor Pilot Dataset Alignment to International Standards and Data Models and Documents Implementation Prototypes for Use in Eastern Europe

Phytosanitary Certificate Standard Package
The Phytosanitary Certificate Standard Package was developed as part of the United Nations response to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the United Nations initiative to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of phytosanitary measures in the Eastern European region. The package consists of the following elements:
- SMC, SPP, and OI
- 3DD form
- Additional information

Activities
Tenth International Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation: Multimodal Transport Data Exchange, Digital Transport Corridors, and Trade Facilitation
Third Technical Cooperation Workshop for the Western Balkans: Single Window and Data Sharing in the Western Balkans

Latest Documents
17 March 2021
Road Freight in ASSAI: New COVID-19 Response and Action Plan

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Thanks!