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DIGITAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRADE FACILITATION GLOBAL REPORT 2023: STATE OF PLAY AND WAY FORWARD

PAKISTAN COUNTRY REPORT

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Pakistan Single Window

INTRODUCTION TO PAKISTAN

- WTO member since 1995 and GATT since 1948.
- Trade Facilitation Agreement ratified in 2015
- Developing country of South Asia with GDP of 376 Billion USD (World Bank 2022)
- Currently ranked as 41st major economy (GDP) of the world
- Share in Global trade is approximately 1%

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ASIA- SURVEY 2023

Country	%age Achieved 2021	%age Achieved 2023	Change	Ranking 2023	Ranking 2023
Pakistan	56.24	70.06	14%	6	4
Nepal	53.09	57.39	4%	8	7
India	89.19	92.42	3%	1	1
Bhutan	37.96	40.11	2%	10	10
Turkiye	84.89	85.97	1%	2	2
Maldives	53.78	54.86	1%	7	8
Afghanistan	41.18	42.26	1%	9	9
Iran	76.52	76.52	0	3	3
Bangladesh	63.54	63.54	0	4	5
Sri Lanka	59.46	59.46	0	5	6

SYNOPSIS OF PAKISTAN COUNTRY REPORT-SURVEY 2023

Facilitation Measures	2021	2023
Fully Implemented	6	14
Partially Implemented	33	29
Planning Stage	9	12
Not implemented / Do not Know	12	5

MEASURES WITH MOST IMPROVEMENT – SURVEY 2023

Measure	Survey 2021	Survey 2023
Advance publication/notification of new trade-related regulations before their implementation*	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Automated Customs System*	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Cross-Border Paperless Trade		
E-Payment of Customs Duties and Fees	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Electronic application and issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin	Planning stage	Partially implemented

MEASURES WITH MOST IMPROVEMENT (2)

Measure	Survey 2021	Survey 2023
Electronic application and issuance of SPS certificates*	Not implemented	Fully implemented
Electronic exchange of Certificate of Origin	Not implemented	Planning stage
Electronic exchange of Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary Certificate	Not implemented	Planning stage
Electronic Single Window System	Not implemented	Fully implemented
Electronic submission of Customs declarations	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Electronic application and issuance of SPS certificates*	Not implemented	Fully implemented

MEASURES WITH MOST IMPROVEMENT (3)

Measure	Survey 2021	Survey 2023
Institutional Arrangement and Cooperation		
Laws and regulations for electronic transactions	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Other special measures for SMEs	Do not know	Planning stage
Paperless Trade		
Publication of existing import-export regulations on the internet	Partially implemented	Fully implemented
Recognized certification authority	Not implemented	Planning stage

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SALIENT FEATURES OF PAKISTAN SINGLE WINDOW

- PSW Act 2021
 - Act of parliament, Ensures political support
- PSW officially launched in 2022
- Corporate governance model, Inter-ministerial oversight

No of Processes Re-engineered	Documents Replaced with Electronic Verification	Documents Replaced with Electronic Submission	No of Documents Eliminated
100	65	143	45

LESSONS LEARNED: UNESCAP SURVEY 2023

- Trade facilitation is not only restricted to Customs or NTMs
- Electronic data interchange documents with trade partners
- Trade Facilitation and sustainable development are closely linked
- Special facilitation measures for Women and SMEs
- Ease of access to Trade finance

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WAY FORWARD FOR PAKISTAN

- Initialize EDI with China, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan as per MOUs
- Better regional connectivity through Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)
- Use PSW platform to create more conducive environment for Women in trade, SMEs and their access to trade finance



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