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UN/CEFACT standards and recommendations supporting the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

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Recommendations, standards, and deliverables supporting implementation:

Deliverables in support of implementation:

Deliverables in support of the United Nations Regional Commissions joint approach to trade facilitation

<https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/ECE-TRADE-C-CEFACT-2023-021E.pdf>

United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023: Key Findings for the ECE Region

UN/CEFACT instruments in support of WTO TFA implementation

<i>Subgroup</i>	<i>Measure in the Survey Questionnaire</i>	<i>Relevant TFA Article</i>	<i>UN/CEFACT Recommendation, Standard or Guideline</i>
Transparency (5 measures)	Publication of existing import-export regulations on the Internet	1.2	Rec 38 – Trade Information Portals
	Stakeholders' consultation on new draft regulations (prior to their finalization)	2.2	Rec 40 – Consultation Approaches Rec 41 – Public- Private Partnerships in Trade Facilitation
	Advance publication/ notification of new trade-related regulations before their implementation (e.g., 30 days prior)	2.1	Rec 38 – Trade Information Portals

UN/CEFACT Instruments Supporting TFA

General Trade Facilitation Measures: Transparency



- **Rec 38: Trade Information Portals**
 - Supports TFA Article 1.2
 - Advocates for online transparency of import-export regulations
- **Rec 40 & 41: Consultation & Partnerships**
 - Aligns with TFA Article 2.2
 - Emphasizes stakeholder consultations and cooperation

Institutional Arrangement and Cooperation



- **Rec 4, 40, 41, & 48: National Bodies & Cooperation**
 - Aligns with TFA Article 23
 - Advocates for national trade facilitation bodies and international cooperation

Formalities



- **Rec 18: Trade Procedures**
 - Addresses TFA Articles 7.4 & 7.8
 - Focuses on risk management and expedited shipments
- **Rec 42: Monitoring Mechanism**
 - Aligns with TFA Article 7.6
 - Highlights monitoring and publishing average release times

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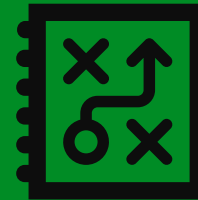
Other Trade Facilitation Measures



Rec 44 & 47: Crisis Management

- Supports TFA's vision during disruptions
- Provides guidance for effective crisis response

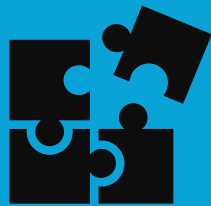
Digital Trade Facilitation Measures



•Rec 33 & Electronic Single Window systems

- Supports TFA Article 10.4
- Guidelines for establishing digital trade systems

Sustainable Trade Facilitation Measures



•SMEs & Women in Trade Facilitation

- White Papers on MSMEs & Women in Trade
- Promotes inclusivity and sustainability in trade



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Thank you!

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