

# Establishment and operation of national coordinating mechanisms for transport facilitation

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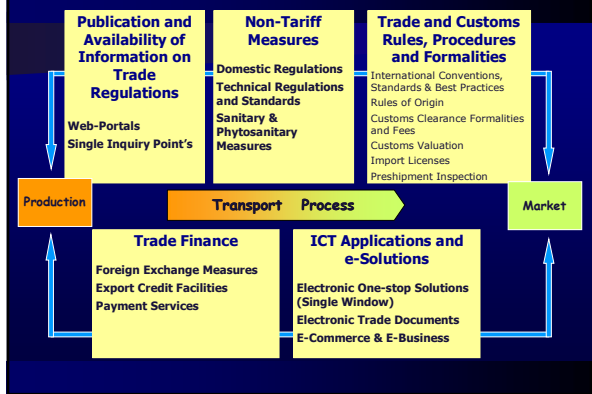
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## Trade Facilitation




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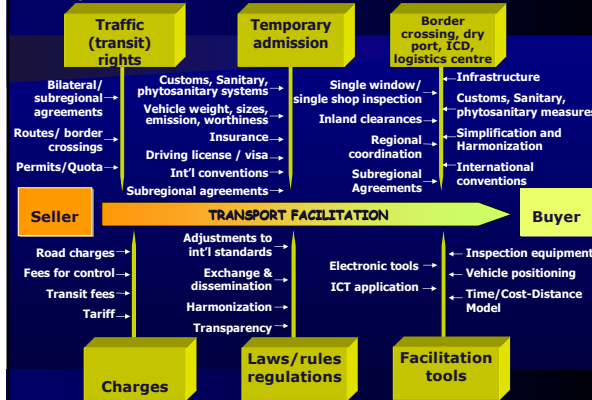
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## Transport Facilitation




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## Why are facilitation coordination mechanisms needed?

### ■ Trade/transport facilitation mechanisms needed to:

- Coordinate and cooperate among all relevant authorities & business sector
- Streamline, simplify, harmonize documentation, procedures, inspections at national level and between neighbouring countries
- Set and monitor performance standards for processing of international trade and transport



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## Recommended membership

- Trade/transport regulatory authorities (e.g. ministries of trade/commerce, transport)
- Other government regulatory or planning authorities (e.g. ministry of finance, ministry of planning, ministry of interior, ministry of defense, ministry of agriculture, ministry for ICT, Customs, immigration, border guards, traffic police, transport management, quarantine/product quality control, central bank)
- Business sector (chamber of commerce, transport associations, trading bank, insurance companies, Customs agent, freight forwarders)



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## Recommended functions (1)

- Monitor and assess the flows of trade & transport across national borders
- Identify bottlenecks in the entire process of int'l trade & transport
- Review and assess the adequacy of int'l trade & transport-related infrastructure, and propose investment projects, as necessary
- Study and propose measures for improving the operational performance of int'l trade & transport
- Coordinate to establish harmonized documentation and procedures for cross-border trade & transport



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### Recommended functions (2)

- Identify, propose and follow through changes to border control procedures and documentation needed to improve trade/transport efficiency and reduce costs
- Coordinate and cooperate for implementation of Single Window clearances and Single Stop Inspections at border crossings
- Promote the application of ICT to border control procedures and documentation and procedures in the management of int'l trade & transport operations
- Coordinate the national positions in negotiation of agreements on int'l trade/transport with multisectoral nature

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### Recommended functions (3)

- Identify, propose and follow through changes in trade/transport policies and in the bilateral or multilateral agreements through which these policies are enforced, when such changes are required to improve trade/transport performance
- Coordinate the implementation of agreements on int'l trade & transport with multi-sectoral nature
- Review the int'l conventions relating to trade and transport facilitation and provide advice to national government on accession to the conventions
- Monitor and coordinate for the implementation of the acceded int'l conventions relating to trade & transport facilitation

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### Recommended functions (4)

- Monitor the dissemination of information to the trading & transport communities on changes or revisions to border control procedures and documentation
- Organize workshops and seminars on facilitation of int'l trade & transport
- Serve as national focal points for int'l facilitation programmes and assistance

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## Working Together

- CAREC transport and trade facilitation
- SPECA trade and transport facilitation
- ECO Transit Transport Agreement
- SCO Road Facilitation Agreement
- TRACECA
- CIS/EURASEC trade/transport agreements
- Others



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## Working Together

- Need for simplified environment for control authorities, traders and transporters
- Need for harmonized implementation of various facilitation programmes and projects
- Need for better management of transport agreements
- Need for sustainability of facilitation bodies



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## Issues for consideration

- Report current status or progress towards establishing/ strengthening national coordination mechanisms for trade and transport facilitation
- Suggest possible further actions required



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