UN/CEFACT Recommendations

- Rec. 4 on National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Rec. 14 on Authentication of Trade Documents
- Rec. 40 on Consultation approaches
- Rec. 33, Rec. 34 and Rec. 35 on Single Window

Impact of Rec. 33: 71 economies have established a Single Window. The use of Single Window saves in some of these countries up to 10% of the value of goods (World Bank)
Single Window Roadmap in China

• Pilot project at Yangshan Port, Shanghai in June, 2014
• Single Window Version 1.0 launched in Shanghai in January 2015
• By the end of 2015, Single Window System to be promoted to coastal open ports
• In 2016, Single Window to cover inland ports
• By the end of 2017, Single Window system will be established in the national level, as committed in WTO TFA
Studies on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade

Comprehensive Evaluation Methodology

Impact on behind and at the borders regulations and procedures

Cost of trade (financial and time wise)
UN Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide

- A web-based interactive tool in a *wikipedia style* available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

- Purpose: Presents concepts, standards and recommendations that can help simplify trade throughout the International Supply Chain.

- Target: Policymakers, technical experts, from governments, businesses and international organizations.

- TFIG being updated:
  - New itineraries on TF
Example: Greece

UNECE Technical Assistance for Trade Facilitation Implementation

• Since 2012, Greece has improved its ranking in the World Bank Doing Business study by 39 positions from position 100 to 61 in 2014.

• The competitive position of Greece in the Logistic Performance Index has improved by 25 positions. The concrete results for Customs are overwhelming with an improvement by 52 positions, from 94 to 42.

• The time to export and import has been reduced by 25% and 44% respectively.

• The cost to export and import has gone down by approximately 10%.
Aid-for-Trade Initiative


• Developing a Port Community System in Odessa / local Single Window (see www.singlewindow.org)

• Establishing an Interagency Working Group on TF and Logistics in Ukraine. This Group became the platform for:
  – Assessment of the Readiness of Ukraine to Implement the WTO TF Agreement (2015)
  – Drafting a national TF Strategy

Assessment of the readiness to implement WTO TFA:

- Ukraine (in collaboration with UNCTAD)
- Kazakhstan (in collaboration with UNCTAD and GIZ)
Leather products from Ethiopia

- Ethiopia has the tenth largest livestock inventory in the world
- UNIDO is helping the country to develop a technical cooperation project to improve export opportunities for the leather sector
- UNECE carried out a Business Process Analysis in Ethiopia to identify trade facilitation potential:
  - a number of trade facilitation obstacles relating to export and currency control were identified
- The recommendations will lead to the development of a Roadmap to improved the overall production and export supply chain
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