



The Government of the Republic
of
the Union of Myanmar



National Workshop on Trade Facilitation and the Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

4-5 June 2015





The Government of the Republic
of
the Union of Myanmar



Introduction to Trade Facilitation

*Trade Facilitation in Economic
Development and Policy
Making*

by
Dr. Yann Duval,
Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit,
Trade and Investment Division, UN ESCAP



**National Workshop on Trade Facilitation and the Implementation
of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Nay Pyi Taw, 4-5 June 2015**



Introduction to ESCAP

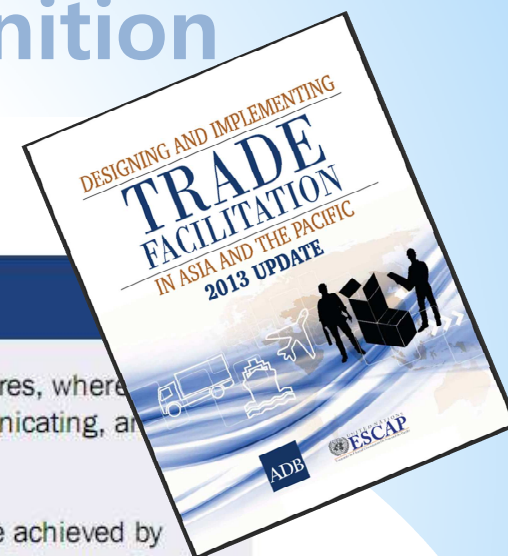
- Regional (Asia and the Pacific) Branch of the United Nations Secretariat
- 62 member economies covering Central, South, Southeast, East and South Pacific countries
- Mandate: Promote sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development in Asia and the Pacific
 - through facilitation of **REGIONAL COOPERATION**
- Areas covered: Trade and Investment, Transport, Macroeconomic Policy, Environment, Emerging Social issues, Information and Communication Technologies...
 - Trade and Investment: (1) **Trade Facilitation**; (2) Trade Policy; (3) Investment and Enterprise Development

Presentation Outline

- Trade Facilitation (TF)?
 - Definitions & scope
 - *Integrated approach to TF needed: Buy-Ship-Pay model*
- Why is TF important for national economic development
 - *Import + export facilitation essential for participation in international production networks*
- Moving forward on TF
 - Step-by-step approach
- Concluding remarks

Trade Facilitation (TF)? - Definition

4 | Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific



Box 1.1: Various Definitions of Trade Facilitation

World Trade Organization (WTO): The simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures, where trade procedures are the activities, practices, and formalities involved in collecting, presenting, communicating, and processing data and other information required for the movement of goods in international trade.

World Customs Organization (WCO): The avoidance of unnecessary trade restrictiveness. This can be achieved by applying modern techniques and technologies, while improving the quality of controls in an internationally harmonized manner.

United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT): The simplification, standardization, and harmonization of procedures and associated information flows required to move goods from seller to buyer and to make payments.

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): Improve the efficiency of the processes associated with trading in goods across national borders.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): The simplification and standardization of procedures and associated information flows required to move goods internationally from seller to buyer and to pass payments in the other direction.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): The simplification and rationalization of customs and other administrative procedures that delay or increase the cost of moving goods across international borders.

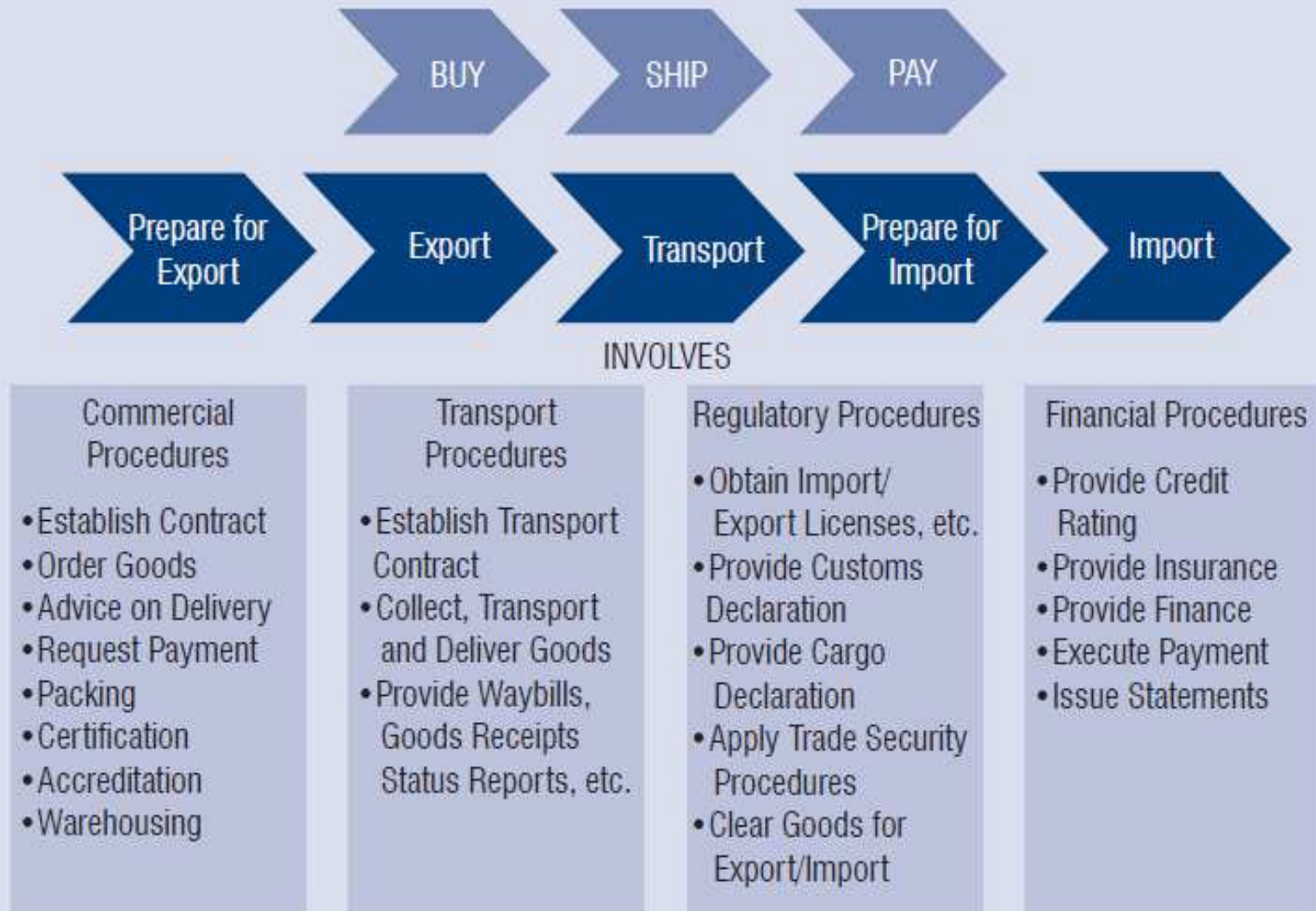
Trade Facilitation (TF)? - Definition



- “The plumbing of international trade” (Staples, 1998)
- “The simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures.”, where trade procedures are the “activities, practices and formalities involved in collecting, presenting, communicating and processing data and other information required for the movement of goods in international trade.” (WTO documents)
- “Any measure, or set of measures, that aims to increase the cost-effectiveness of international trade transactions”. <http://www.gfptt.org/>

Trade Facilitation? → Definition

Simplification of international trade procedures / reducing trade costs



https://www.yunbaogao.cn/report/index/report?reportId=5_4258

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：



Days
2.50
1.00
5.50
4.50
1.00
1.00
1.00
1.00
1.00
1.00
1.00
0.50
0.50
5.50
0.75
0.25
1.00
0.50
0.50
1.00
23.50

Figure 4. Time Procedure Chart: Trade in electronic devices from China to Thailand

