



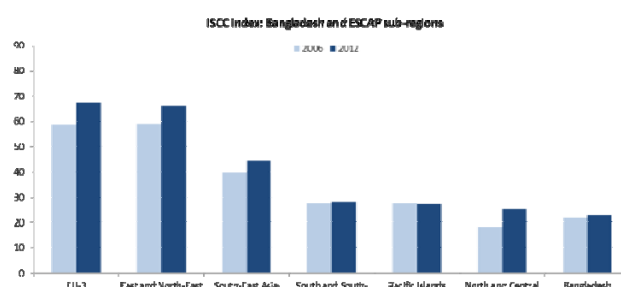
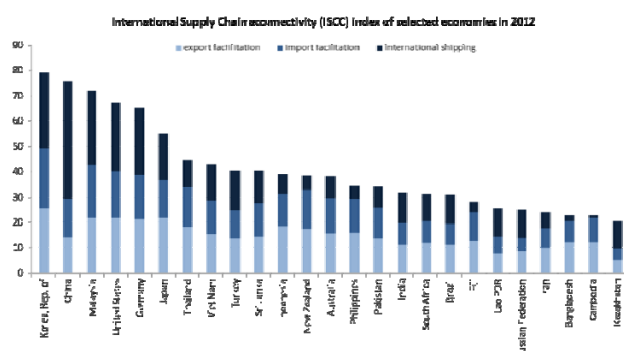
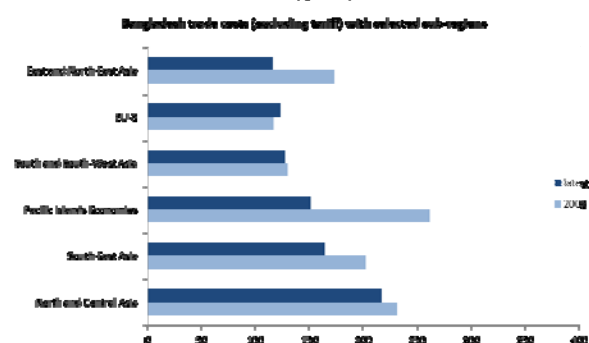
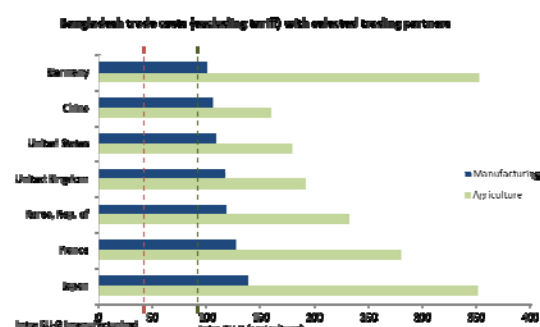
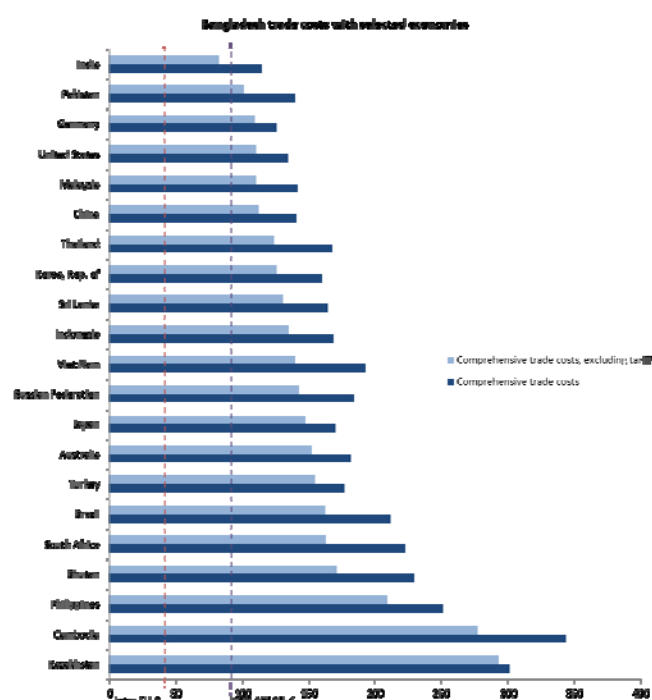
# Bangladesh

ISCC Ranking: 137

Reducing the cost of international trade transactions has become a priority for Governments intent on facilitating the effective integration of firms in regional and global production networks. Along with improving availability and access to trade related infrastructure, cutting red tape and streamlining trade processes have become essential both to maintain competitiveness and enable smaller players to also benefit.

The latest data on international trade costs from the ESCAP-World Bank database suggest that Bangladesh has made limited progress on reducing trade costs with its South and South-West Asian neighbors, with relatively more progress made instead on reducing trade costs with East and North-East Asian partners. When tariff costs are excluded, trade costs between Bangladesh and the United States are only slightly higher than those between Bangladesh and some of the other South Asian countries, suggesting further room for intra-regional trade facilitation. Trade costs in the agricultural sector remain prohibitively high in most cases.

Bangladesh ranks 137<sup>th</sup> of 179 countries according to the ESCAP International Supply Chain Connectivity (ISCC) Index, a new index released on the occasion of the Asia-Pacific Trade & Investment Week (November 2013) which captures the extent of a country's facilitation of import and export processes as well as its access to efficient maritime services. Bangladesh's progress in enhancing supply chain connectivity since 2006 has been similar to that achieved by other countries in the South and South West Asian region.



**Table 1: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff): selected top traders with Bangladesh in goods sector**

Trade costs: overall Partner country	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	89.25	112.05	100.65	25.54
France	129.36	135.56	132.46	4.80
Germany	101.66	108.75	105.20	6.98
Japan	150.57	147.43	149.00	-2.09
Korea, Rep. of	134.45	125.23	129.84	-6.86
United Kingdom	120.50	125.08	122.79	3.80
United States	113.76	109.81	111.79	-3.48
Trade costs ESCAP sub-region	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	173.11	116.64	144.88	-32.62
North and Central Asia	231.17	217.41	224.29	-5.95
Pacific Islands Economies	261.54	151.64	206.59	-42.02
South and South-West Asia	129.93	127.61	128.77	-1.78
South-East Asia	202.44	164.58	183.51	-18.70
EU-3	117.17	123.13	120.15	5.09

**Table 2: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff): selected economies/sub-regions with Bangladesh in agriculture and manufacturing sector**

Trade costs: agriculture Partner country	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	166.34	159.88	163.11	-3.89
France	361.55	280.33	320.94	-22.47
Germany	320.45	352.98	336.72	10.15
Japan	402.17	351.74	376.96	-12.54
Korea, Rep. of	292.88	232.56	262.72	-20.60
United Kingdom	184.58	192.15	188.36	4.11
United States	215.70	179.68	197.69	-16.70
Trade costs: agriculture ESCAP sub-region	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	287.13	248.06	267.60	-13.61
North and Central Asia	213.84	210.99	212.41	-1.34
Pacific Islands Economies	322.49	210.21	266.35	-34.82
South and South-West Asia	218.05	199.00	208.52	-8.74
South-East Asia	229.69	233.08	231.39	1.48
EU-3	288.86	275.15	282.01	-4.74

Trade costs: manufacturing Partner country	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	80.43	105.85	93.14	31.60
France	119.46	127.65	123.56	6.86
Germany	93.92	101.20	97.56	7.75
Japan	141.00	138.46	139.73	-1.81
Korea, Rep. of	125.58	118.90	122.24	-5.32
United Kingdom	112.95	117.89	115.42	4.37
United States	108.49	109.31	108.90	0.76
Trade costs: manufacturing ESCAP sub-region	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	162.33	109.39	135.86	-32.61
North and Central Asia	165.21	157.39	161.30	-4.73
Pacific Islands Economies	180.88	153.28	167.08	-15.26
South and South-West Asia	117.42	115.89	116.66	-1.31
South-East Asia	183.24	148.43	165.84	-19.00
EU-3	108.78	115.58	112.18	6.25

**Table 3: International supply chain connectivity (ISCC) index and sub-indicators: top traders**

Country	2006				2012				ISCC (average 2006-2012)	ISCC (percentage change 2006-2012)
	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC		
Bangladesh	11.95	8.08	1.56	21.58	12.01	8.33	2.36	22.70	22.95	5.16
Japan	21.71	14.97	19.02	55.70	21.59	14.91	18.59	55.10	55.91	-1.09
United Kingdom	19.12	17.11	24.03	60.25	20.83	19.64	24.76	65.23	62.37	8.26
Germany	22.13	18.35	23.77	64.25	21.24	17.37	26.71	65.32	65.24	1.67
United States of America	22.11	19.07	25.29	66.46	21.57	18.66	27.03	67.25	65.55	1.18
France	17.60	13.92	19.98	51.50	26.86	23.97	20.66	71.49	65.64	38.83
China	17.92	16.89	33.33	68.15	14.28	15.15	46.03	75.46	72.62	10.73
Korea, Rep. of	16.85	11.79	21.20	49.84	25.56	23.33	29.98	78.87	66.30	58.25

**Table 4: International supply chain connectivity (ISCC): sub-regional average**

Sub-region	2006	2012	Average 2006-2012	Percentage change 2006-2012
East and North-East Asia	58.91	66.03	62.93	12.09
North and Central Asia	18.13	25.37	20.95	39.94
Pacific Islands Economies	27.36	27.20	27.28	-0.61
South and South-West Asia	27.38	28.03	28.16	2.37
South-East Asia	39.65	44.66	42.24	12.64
EU-3	58.67	67.35	64.41	14.80

This note is based on ESCAP's trade costs and International Supply Chain Connectivity Databases. For full database access, please visit <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/database.asp>

Definitions:

**Comprehensive trade costs:** all costs involved in trading goods internationally with another partner relative to those involved in trading goods domestically;  
**Comprehensive trade costs (excluding tariff):** all additional costs other than tariff costs involved in trading goods bilaterally rather than domestically;  
**International Supply Chain Connectivity (ISCC):** an index that measures overall trade facilitation performance of a country along the international supply chain, which is based on the trading across border (TAB) indicators from the World Bank Doing Business Report and the Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) of UNCTAD. ISCC Ranks from 1 to 179. **Intra EU-3:** average trade costs among 3 largest EU economies, namely, France, Germany and United Kingdom.  
**Intra ASEAN-4:** average trade costs among Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.

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