Thailand

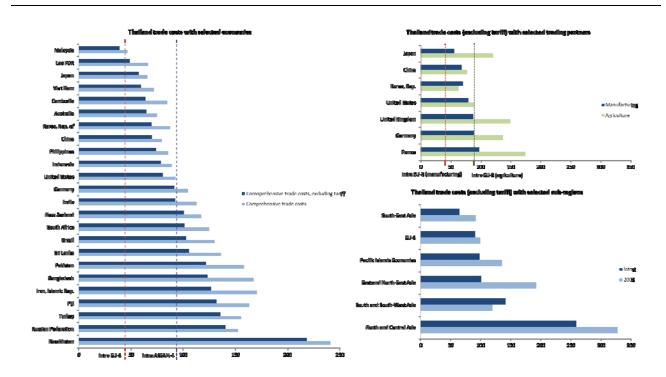


ISCC Ranking: 33

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 enhancing 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 Thailand has made good progress on reducing trade costs with its South-East Asian neighbors, although it seems to have reduced costs even more with East and North-East Asian partners. When tariff costs are excluded, trade costs between Thailand and the United States are still slightly lower than those prevailing among the major ASEAN economies, suggesting further room for intra-regional trade facilitation. Trade costs in the agricultural sector remain high.

Thailand ranks 33rd 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. Thailand made impressive progress in enhancing supply chain connectivity since 2006, bringing the country above the South-East Asian average and closer to the connectivity levels achieved in Malaysia and Japan.



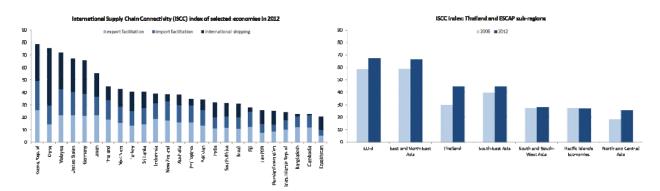


Table 1: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff): selected top traders with Thailand in goods sector

Trade costs: overall	V	alue: tariff-e	Percentage change	
Partner country	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	65.39	69.94	69.84	6.97
France	108.59	101.42	106.92	-6.60
Germany	93.32	91.22	94.68	-2.25
Japan	53.75	57.45	57.26	6.87
Korea, Rep. of	78.33	69.42	76.25	-11.37
United Kingdom	94.94	90.50	95.94	-4.67
United States	72.61	80.49	78.73	10.87
Trade costs	V	alue: tariff-e	quivalent	Percentage change
ESCAP sub-region	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	192.82	100.57	115.19	-47.84
North and Central Asia	327.59	259.35	312.77	-20.83
Pacific Islands Economies	135.42	98.39	157.58	-27.34
South and South-West Asia	119.52	141.06	133.44	18.02
South-East Asia	91.91	65.08	74.04	-29.19
	98.95	90.86	98.11	-8.17

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

2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
93.60	76.35	90.90	-18.43
171.04	173.24	174.12	1.28
153.81	136.27	145.82	-11.40
107.17	119.75	115.15	11.74
107.51	62.29	81.37	-42.06
142.54	148.43	155.16	4.13
89.89	87.86	92.04	-2.26
Valu	ie: tariff-ec	Percentage change	
2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
129.39	113.49	123.71	-12.29
502.77	546.77	540.73	8.75
227.89	162.17	237.67	-28.84
180.82	213.07	198.79	17.84
172.64	123.24	135.94	-28.61
155.80	142.35	156.25	-8.63
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Trade costs: manufacturing	Val	ue: tariff-ed	Percentage change	
Partner country	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	62.65	67.16	66.99	7.19
France	104.63	97.12	102.75	-7.17
Germany	90.28	87.83	91.44	-2.72
Japan	51.81	55.00	55.10	6.16
Korea, Rep. of	77.48	69.23	75.87	-10.65
United Kingdom	91.80	86.52	92.39	-5.75
United States	70.37	78.43	76.59	11.45
Trade costs: manufacturing	Val	ue: tariff-ed	Percentage change	
ESCAP sub-region	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	171.56	97.76	108.84	-43.02
North and Central Asia	317.98	238.72	299.95	-24.93
Pacific Islands Economies	141.92	94.04	159.29	-33.74
South and South-West Asia	121.59	131.71	127.73	8.32
South-East Asia	81.04	50.57	62.49	-37.59
EU-3	95.57	87.18	94.49	-8.78

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

	2006			2012				ISCC	ISCC	
Country	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC	(average 2006-2012)	(percentage change 2006-2012)
Thailand	11.13	8.71	9.99	29.83	18.04	15.52	11.10	44.67	41.25	49.75
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	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;

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Country Profiles on Trade Costs and International Supply Chain Connectivity (ISCC)

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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