

TRADE FACILITATION IMPLEMENTATION

Single Windows for Trade Facilitation



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Trade facilitation and the international political agenda

More than **2000 trade facilitation (TF) reforms** all over the world in the last 8 years. Why?



- From **tariff barriers** to **non-tariff barriers**
- Emergence of **global value chains**
- Need for more **efficient, simple and transparent** trade transactions
- Evidence of **benefits...**



Source: WTO 2012, OECD 2012, WB DB Report 2013

Single Window : a growing trend



“ Single Windows (SWs) are important **drivers** for the **simplification, harmonization and automation** of trade procedures”



Source: WB Doing Business Report 2012/2013, UNECE-UN/CEFACT 2005/2011



Global Trade Facilitation Conference 2011
Connecting International Trade:
Single Windows and Supply Chains in the next decade
12-13 December 2011, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Single Window: a definition

“A Single Window is a facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge **standardized information and documents** with **a single entry point** to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements.

If information is **electronic**, then individual data elements should **only be submitted once**”.

UNECE Recommendation 33



http://www.unece.org/cefact/single_window/welcome.htm

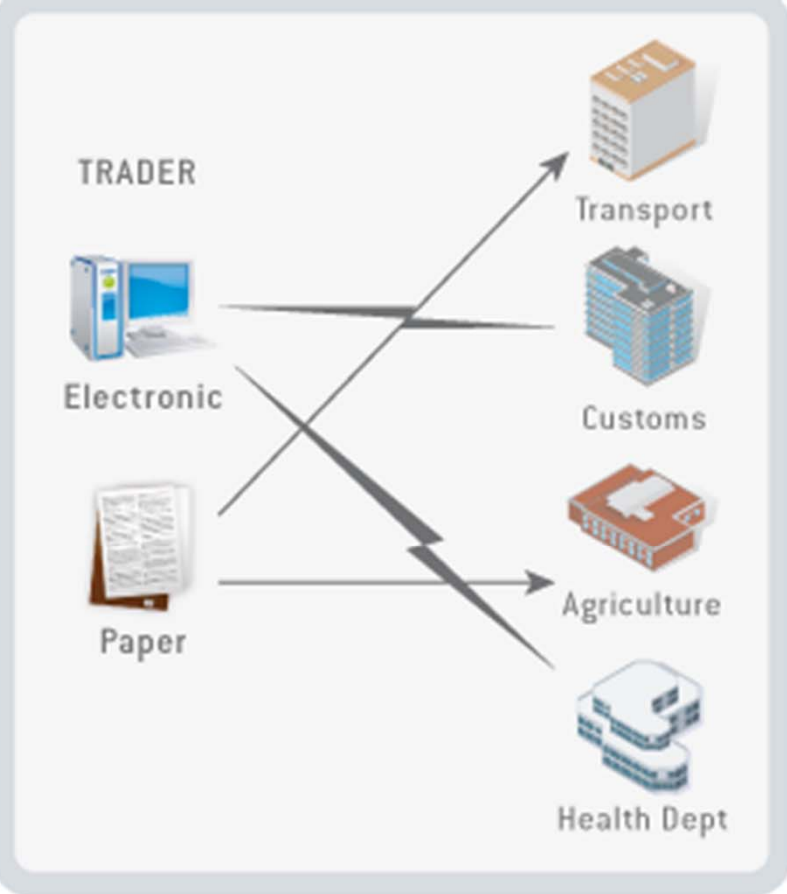
The Single Window environment

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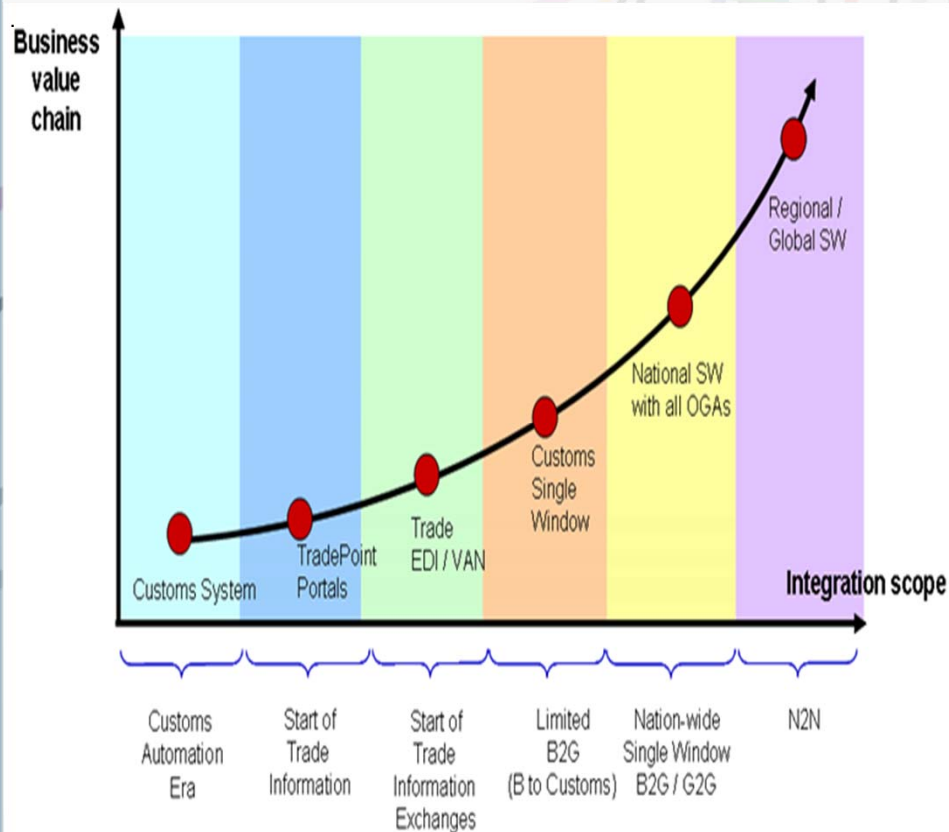
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Current situation for Government and Traders

A "Single Window" environment



The Single Window evolution



SW today: one term, many meanings

Many information systems for global supply chains: e-Customs, PCS, Government agency systems , National logistics systems...

SW as a network of systems

Objective is collaboration of stakeholders and simplification of procedures

SW planning as a challenge

Success factors



Political will



A public private partnership (PPP)



A strong lead agency



SW Implementation Plan with clear project boundaries, objectives, benchmarks



Step by step implementation



Process analysis, simplification, harmonization and standardization

....Key provisions in the WTO TF negotiating text



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION	
SECRETARIAT	1
ORGANIZATION	1
Meeting Group on Trade Facilitation	1
DRAFT CONSOLIDATED NEGOTIATING TEXT	
Section	
SECTION I	1
ARTICLE I: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION	1
1. Publication	1
2. Information available through Internet	1
3. Expiry Date	1
4. Facilities	1
ARTICLE 2: PROVE PUBLICATION AND CONSULTATION	1
1. Internet Access Publication and Entry into Force	1
2. Opportunity to Comment on New and Amended Rules	1
3. Consultation	1
ARTICLE 3: SINGLE WINDOW	1
1. Provision of Advance Rulings	1
ARTICLE 4: APPEAL REVIEW PROCEDURES	1
1. Right of Appeal	1
2. Appeal Mechanism for a Customs Union (Not a WTO Member)	1
ARTICLE 5: OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE IMPARTIALITY, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND TRANSPARENCY	1
1. Import Alert Rapid Alert	1
2. Sanctions	1
3. Fair Procedures	1
ARTICLE 6: PROVISIONS ON FEES AND CHARGES IMPOSED ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION	10
1. Discipline on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation	10
2. Health Discipline	10
ARTICLE 7: RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS	11
1. Pre-arrival Procedures	11
2. Supervision of Release from Final Determination and Payment of Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees and Charges	11
3. Risk Management	11
4. Post-arrival Audit	11
5. Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times	11
6. Lockdown Operations	11

Art.10.2

- Reduction/Limitation of Documentation Requirements

Art. 10.4

- Use of International Standards (UN layout key; UN TDED; WCO Data Model)

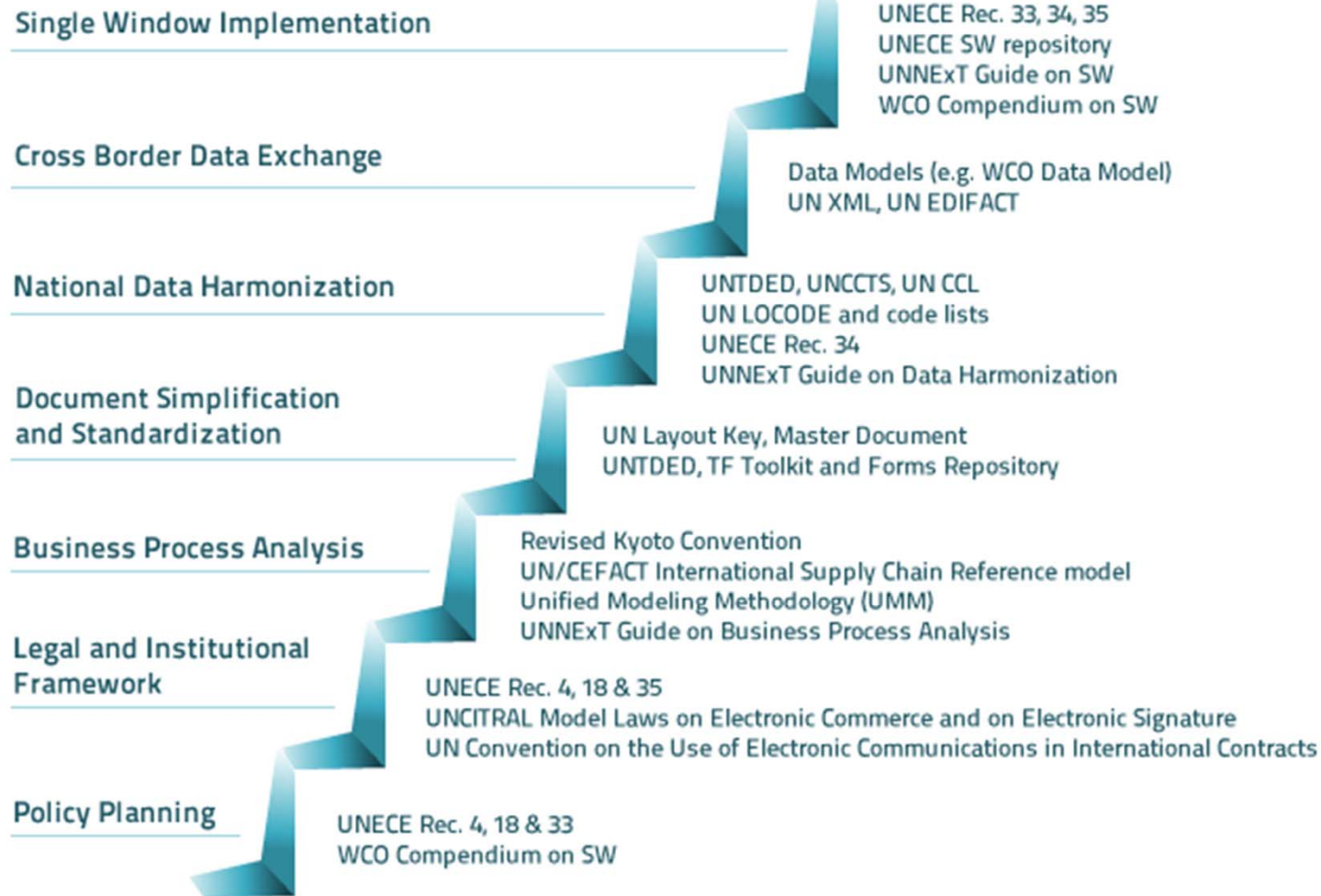
Art. 10.5

- Single Window (Involvement all key entities; use of IT, use of relevant int standards; progressive approach)

Art. 14

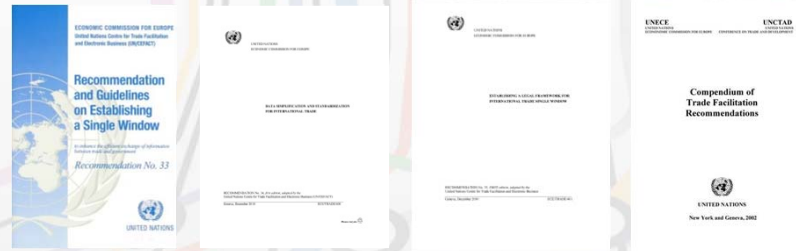
- National Committees on Trade Facilitation

Establishing a SW: What does it help?



UNECE's Work for SWs

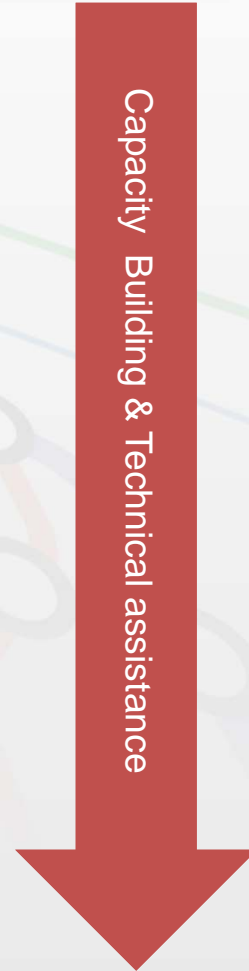
Policy Rec.s



Standards



Guides, Briefs Case Studies



Impact Analyses: Relevance of SWs

Trade Facilitation Indicators: Impact on Trade Cost

Highest Impact on Trade Flows		Highest Impact on Trade Cost	
#	TF Measure	#	TF Measure
1.	Advance Rulings	1.	Streamline Procedures (5.4%)
2.	Information Availability	2.	Advance Rulings (3.7%)
3.	Streamline Fees and Charges	3.	Automation (2.7%)
4.	Simplification and Harmonization of Documents	4.	Streamline Fees and Charges (1.7%)
5.	Co-operation between border agencies, internally and externally		



Source: OECD Trade Policy Working Paper N.118 (2011)

Costs & Benefits of SWs: Evidence



Senegal

Costs: 6 Mln USD (operation & maintenance 1.75 Mln year)

Benefits:

- Export times - from 22 to 11 days
- Customs revenue -



Mozambique

Costs: 15 Mln USD

Benefits:

- Clearance times - from 3 days to few hours



Thailande

Costs: 7.5 Mln USD

Benefits:

- Cost to export – from 848 USD in 2007 to 585 USD in 2013
- Savings on logistic costs USD 1.5 Bln per year



Equador

Costs: 15.8 Mln USD

Benefits:

- Faster exports times – 60% reduction
- Savings (projected) on admin costs USD 12 Mln per year

Source: UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (2012) – WTO Case Studies (2011) - UN/CEFACT SW Repository

Lessons learned



SWs seen as a process of reform and innovation



Main objective is simplification and collaboration



Automation is a means, not an end



From central SW towards networks for information management in SC



Countries need to plan the evolution of their SW systems

Moving forward....



Policy Rec. 36
on SW
Interoperability

Rev. Policy
Rec. 4 on TF
Committees

Study on
SWs and Port
Community
Systems

Strategic
framework for
info
exchange in
SCs

Thinking ahead...?



Connecting SW
of developing and
developed
economies

Sharing info
through whole
value chain

From a data push
to a data pull
concept

Thank you!



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