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**Setting the Context:  
Trade Facilitation and Fair Trade Agreements**

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## **Overview and Perspectives**

- **Types of Trade Agreements**
  - **Preferential Trade Agreements**
  - **Free Trade Agreements (FTA)**
  - **Customs Unions**
  - **Single Market Agreements**
  - **Regional Trade Agreements**

## **Overview and Perspectives**

- **Preferential Trade Agreements**
  - **Permits importation of goods at lower rates of duties or tariffs**
  - **Partial or Total**
    - **Regarding Duties or Goods Coverage**
- **FTAs**
  - **Tariff Rates Among Members are Zero**
  - **External Tariff Rates May be Different**

## Overview and Perspectives

- **Customs Unions**
  - Zero Duties Between Members
  - Goods and Services
  - Common External Tariffs
- **Single Market Arrangements**
  - Increased Integration
  - Goods, Production, People
  - “Equal treatment”

## Overview and Perspectives

- **Regional Trade Agreements**
  - More recent development
  - Between a Customs Union and Single Market
  - May include Services, Investments, etc.
  - May focus on trade/supply chains
- **Moving to the Global Supply Chain**

# International Organizations

- **World Trade Organization (WTO)**
  - Doha Round Considerations
- **World Customs Organization (WCO)**
  - Customs Role in Trade Facilitation
  - Customs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
    - 10 Building Blocks
  - Partnerships Between Public and Private Sectors
- **UN Commission on International Trade Law**

# From FTA to Trade Facilitation

- Trade Facilitation → Implementation
- Implementation ‘Tools’
  - *Paperless* Trade
  - Single Window Developments
  - Electronic Transactions
  - Global Legal Framework
- **The ASEAN Example**

***Thank you***

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