ESCAP FA and WTO TFA with Korean case



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Background

ESCAP FA

July 2011, ESCAP CTI discussed trade facilitation

May 2012, ESCAP resolution 68/3 was adapted

April 2014, Inter-governmental meeting on regional arrangement

- Establishment of a steering group

April 2015, 1st Steering group meeting - Establishment of LWG & TWG



WTO TFA

1996, 4 Working groups were set

- Government procurement
- Trade facilitation
- Trade investment
- Trade competition

2004, WTO issued WT/L/549 to begin working on trade facilitation

- Clarify and improve GATT article
 - V, VIII, X and others

2013, Bali package signed

2017, WTO TFA take effect

1. Comparison

Structure

| | ESCAP FA | | | WTO TFA |
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| Preamble | Background, rationale | Prea | mble | Justification, scope, necessity, support of DCs |
| Article 1 ~ 5 Precedence | interpretation, general | Section (Art. 1 ~ provision | ~ 12) | Clarifies and improves GATT article V, VIII, X with technical specifications |
| | expension expension le 6 ~ 16 Actual measurements stantive for cross-border paperless auses trade le 17 ~ 25 UN treaty Standard andard provisions | expediting novement | Provisions for customs cooperation | |
| Article 6 ~ 1 Substantive clauses | | (Art. 1) Spec differ | on II. 3 ~ 22) ial and ential | Special and differential treatments for DCs and LDCs Resolution of dispute |
| Article 17 ~ 2 Standard provisions | | Section (Art. 2) Fi | on III. 3 ~ 24) nal sions | Establishment of a permanent committee on TF and others |



1. Comparison



Similarities / Differences

| | ESCAP FA | WTO TFA | | |
|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Foundation | Improve efficiency of the existing trade environment for the AP region | Fundamental pursue to facilitate trade since GATT | | |
| Nature | Multilateral agreement Focuses of facilitation Voluntary agreement(UN) Regional ICT specific Creating a new platform | Multilateral agreement Focuses on facilitation with limited technical definition Voluntary agreement(WTO) General administration Improving existing measures | | |
| Areas | Cross-border paperless trade AP regional level Mainly on G2G & G2B Mostly international | Mainly GATT article V, VIII, X Global level Mainly on G2B and some G2G Mostly domestic | | |
| Feature | Provides supports to LDCs & LLDCs Road map for implementation | Differential treatments for DCs & LDCs Post-Bali work program | | |





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rim steering group on cross-border paperless would **not duplicate but complement** the work ation to the implementation of the WTO TFA"

> Implementation of an ICT measures often requires improving conventional trade facilitation measures such as laws and regulations



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