

Workshop on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation
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Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade for Economic Development

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Trade facilitation and paperless trade: definitions, benefits, challenges

Regional State of Play

Review of initiatives on Cross-border
paperless trade



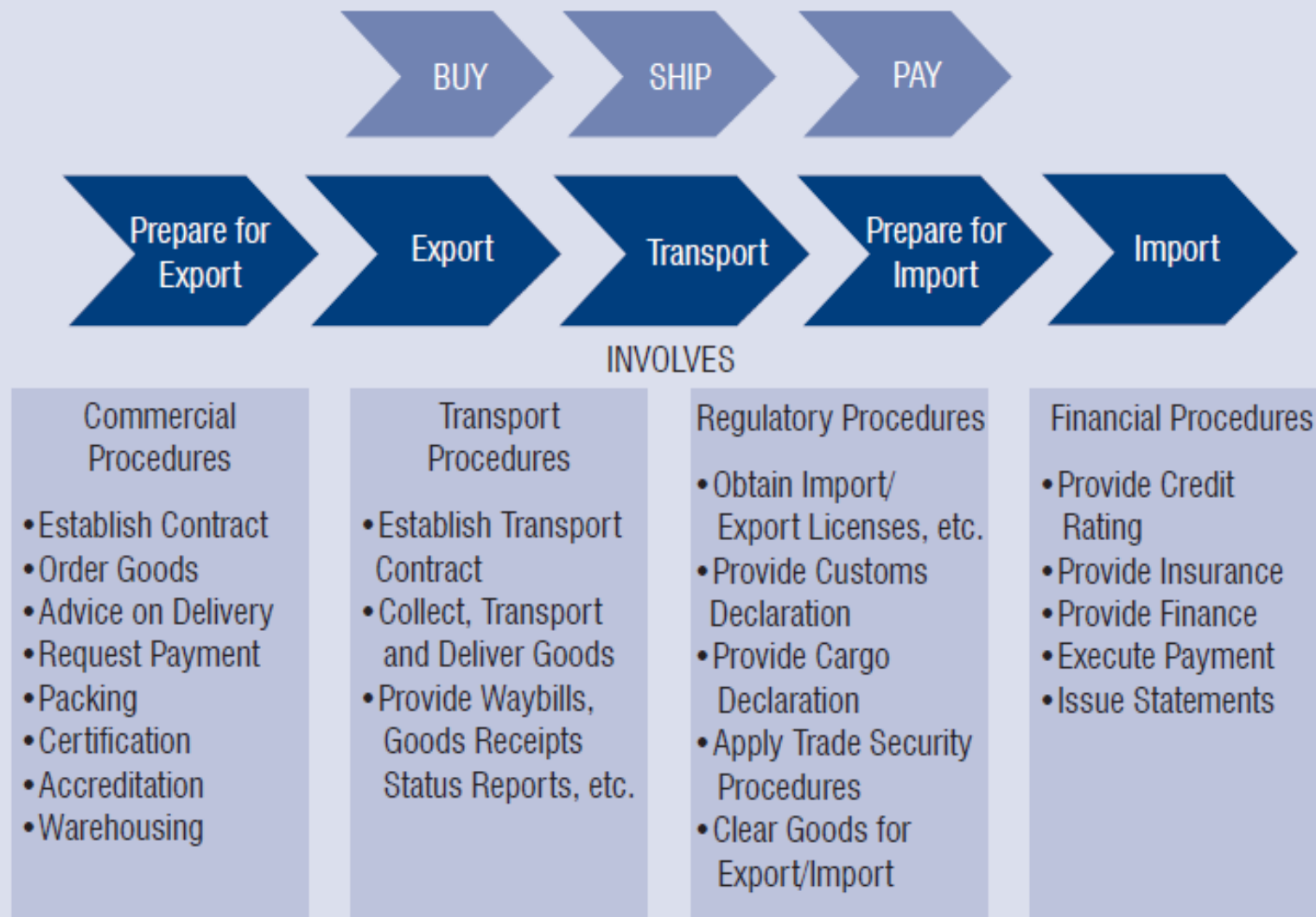
Trade Facilitation (TF)? - Definition



- “The plumbing of international trade” (Staples, 1998)
- “The simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures.”, where trade procedures are the “activities, practices and formalities involved in collecting, presenting, communicating and processing data and other information required for the movement of goods in international trade.” (WTO documents)
- “Any measure, or set of measures, that aims to increase the cost-effectiveness of international trade transactions” .
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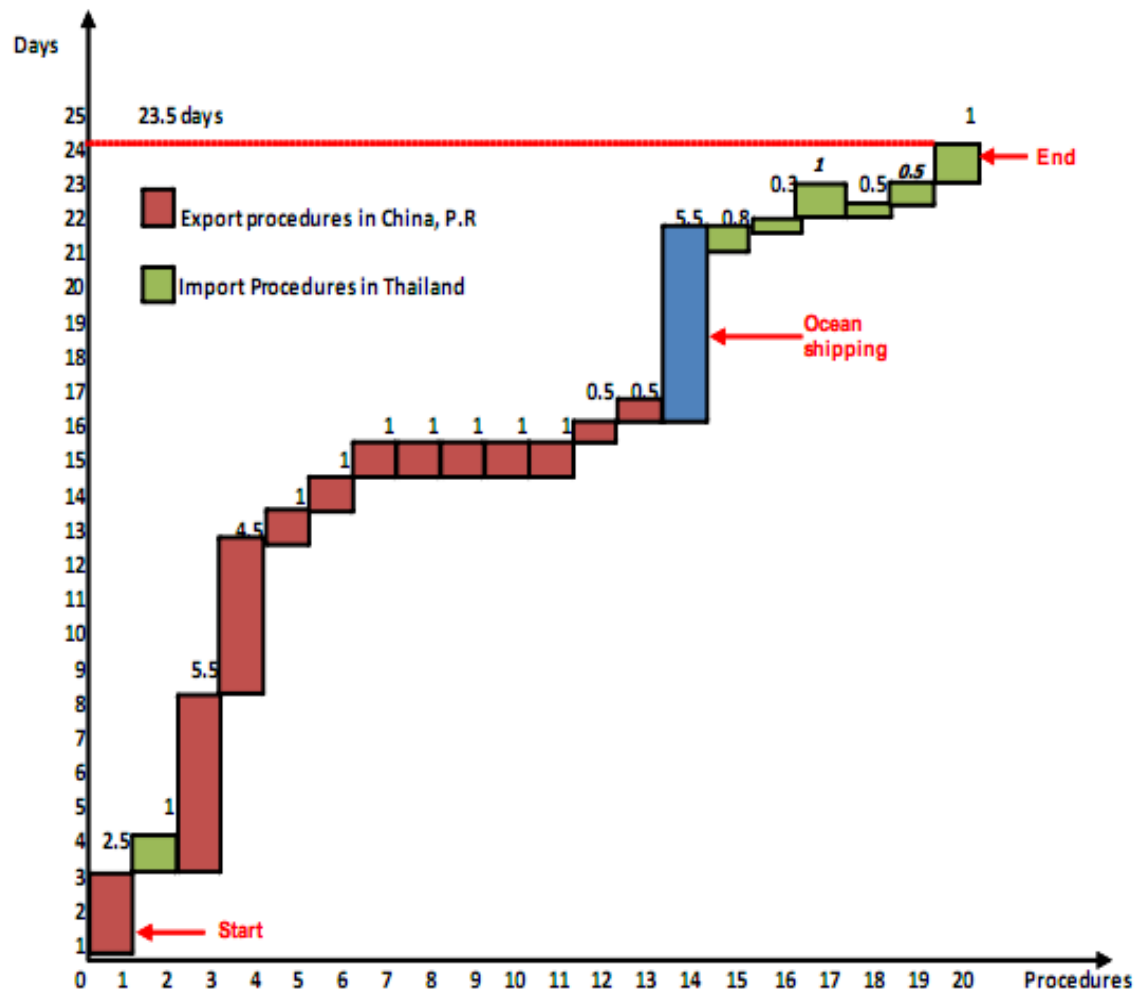
Trade Facilitation? → Definition

Simplification of international trade procedures / reducing trade costs



Sr. No	Process	Days
1	Buy	2.50
2	Obtain permission for raw materials release	1.00
3	Obtain export permit	5.50
4	Arrange transport	4.50
5	Arrange inspection	1.00
6	Prepare customs declaration	1.00
7	Collect empty containers from yard	1.00
8	Stuff a container	1.00
9	Transfer to port of departure	1.00
10	Clear goods through customs	1.00
11	Handle containers and stow on vessel	1.00
12	Obtain cargo insurance	0.50
13	Prepare documents for payment	0.50
14	Ocean shipping	5.50
15	Request for vessel berthing	0.75
16	Unload goods from vessel	0.25
17	Declare goods to Customs	1.00
18	Arrange goods for inspection	0.50
19	Inspect and release goods	0.50
20	Pay	1.00
	Total	23.50

Figure 4. Time Procedure Chart: Trade in electronic devices from China to Thailand



Source: ARTNeT Working Papers 88 and 103.

Expected gains from trade facilitation

- 1 less day of delay prior to shipment
→ Increased trade by 1%
- 5% reduction in direct export costs
→ increase in exports of 4%
- At least \$350 billion in potential additional trade for the Asia-Pacific region



Trade Facilitation Benefits to Governments and Traders

Benefit to Government

- Increased effectiveness of control methods
- More efficient deployment of resources
- Correct revenue yields
- Improved trader compliance
- Encouragement of foreign investment
- Accelerated economic development

Benefit to Traders

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