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Module 2.2: Trade Data & Document Harmonization

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Objectives of this module

 To briefly introduce how to conduct trade data analysis and document harmonization for international trade improvement [based on the UNNExT Data Harmonization and Modeling Guide for SW Environment].

To discuss some DH case studies.



Trade Data & Document Harmonozation

- Simplification and harmonization of trade data and documentary requirements can contribute significantly to the reduction of time and costs for international trade transactions.
- Harmonizing data used in trade documents and aligning them with international standards ensure data interoperability among the various parties engaged in a trade transaction.

Step-by-step approach to the development of electronic Single Window and paperless trading



What is Data Harmonization?

- There is always a possibility that each of us interprets each data element differently, e.g.
 - For a buyer, a delivery date can be "date and optionally time when goods are *requested* to be delivered."
 - For a seller, a delivery date can be "data and optionally time when goods are *estimated* to be delivered."
- We need a precise and commonly understood data definitions and meaning for each data element used in any forms or documents during trade transactions and communications among concern parties.

What is Data Harmonization?



The objectives of DH

- The objective of data harmonization, in the context of trade facilitation, is to eliminate redundancies and duplication in international trade data.
- Data harmonization enables data interoperability among individual information systems in the international supply chain, including Single Windows, by producing a set of harmonized core data elements with common semantic meanings.



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