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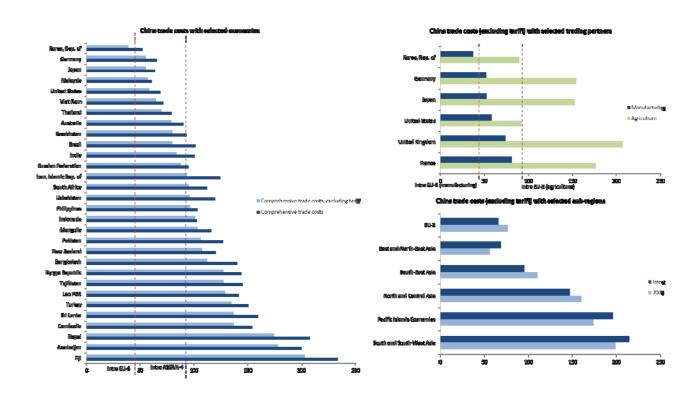


ISCC Ranking: 4

Reducing the cost of international trade transactions has become a priority for Governments intent on facilitating the effective integration of firms in regional and global production networks. Along with improving availability and access to trade related infrastructure, cutting red tape and enhancing trade processes have become essential both to maintain competitiveness and enable smaller players to also benefit.

The latest data on international trade costs from the ESCAP-World Bank database suggest that China has made limited progress on reducing trade costs with its East and North-East Asian neighbors, with relatively more progress made instead on reducing trade costs with South-East Asian partners. When tariff costs are excluded, trade costs between China and the United States are still slightly higher than those between China and some of the other East and North-East Asian countries, suggesting further room for intra-regional trade facilitation. Trade costs in the agricultural sector remain high.

China ranks 4th of 179 countries according to the ESCAP International Supply Chain Connectivity (ISCC) Index, a new index released on the occasion of the Asia-Pacific Trade & Investment Week (November 2013) which captures the extent of a country's facilitation of import and export processes as well as its access to efficient maritime services. China made impressive progress in enhancing supply chain connectivity since 2006, bringing the country above the East and North-East Asian average and closer to the connectivity levels achieved in Republic of Korea.



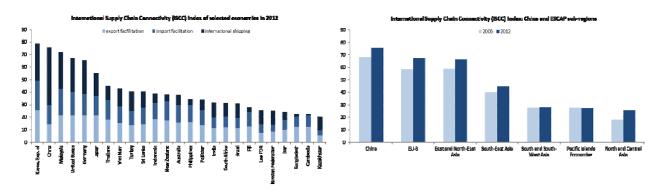


Table 1: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff): selected top traders with China in goods sector

2005		A	
2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
84.52	85.22	84.69	0.83
60.77	55.14	61.10	-9.26
52.35	55.30	55.25	5.64
45.15	39.05	43.45	-13.52
85.84	77.34	84.24	-9.90
57.44	58.52	59.32	1.89
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V	aiue: tariff-e	Percentage change	
2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
56.22	69.10	60.97	22.89
160.25	147.45	156.34	-7.99
174.25	196.55	206.70	12.80
198.91	214.93	204.53	8.05
110.65	95.79	101.20	-13.42
77.04	66.24	75.45	-14.02
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Table 2: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff): selected economies/sub-regions with China in agriculture and manufacturing sector

Valu	ue: tariff-eq	Percentage change	
2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
203.19	176.59	191.56	-13.10
158.41	154.53	156.83	-2.45
138.27	152.58	144.62	10.35
85.91	89.54	88.20	4.23
191.71	206.86	199.91	7.90
105.31	91.89	100.49	-12.74
Valu	ue: tariff-eq	Percentage change	
2006 latest Average 2006-latest			2006-latest
136.81	89.54	127.94	-34.55
269.35	201.27	259.06	-25.27
232.03	988.47	463.65	326.00
218.32	259.59	246.89	18.90
154.59	140.67	154.53	-9.00
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Trade costs: manufacturing	Valu	ue: tariff-ed	Percentage change		
Partner country	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest	
France	79.84	81.41	80.39	1.96	
Germany	57.53	52.20	58.16	-9.27	
Japan	49.72	52.56	52.76	5.72	
Korea, Rep. of	43.75	37.31	42.01	-14.73	
United Kingdom	82.28	73.83	80.92	-10.26	
United States	55.54	58.25	58.32	4.88	
Trade costs: manufacturing	Valu	ue: tariff-ed	Percentage change		
ESCAP sub-region			Average 2006-latest	2006-latest	
East and North-East Asia	49.87	66.64	57.62	33.63	
North and Central Asia	149.46	136.53	145.14	-8.65	
Pacific Islands Economies	158.71	209.75	187.57	32.16	
South and South-West Asia	120.80	197.85	171.07	63.79	
South-East Asia	100.77	81.28	90.04	-19.34	
EU-3	73.22	63.02	72.00	-13.93	

Table 3: International supply chain connectivity (ISCC) index and sub-indicators: top traders

	2006			2012				ISCC	ISCC	
Country	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC	Export facilitation	Import facilitation	International shipping	ISCC	(average 2006-2012)	(percentage change 2006-2012)
Japan	21.71	14.97	19.02	55.70	21.59	14.91	18.59	55.10	55.91	-1.09
United Kingdom	19.12	17.11	24.03	60.25	20.83	19.64	24.76	65.23	62.37	8.26
Germany	22.13	18.35	23.77	64.25	21.24	17.37	26.71	65.32	65.24	1.67
United States of America	22.11	19.07	25.29	66.46	21.57	18.66	27.03	67.25	65.55	1.18
France	17.60	13.92	19.98	51.50	26.86	23.97	20.66	71.49	65.64	38.83
China	17.92	16.89	33.33	68.15	14.28	15.15	46.03	75.46	72.62	10.73
Korea, Rep. of	16.85	11.79	21.20	49.84	25.56	23.33	29.98	78.87	66.30	58.25
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Table 4: International supply chain connectivity (ISCC): sub-regional average

Sub-region	2006	2012	Average 2006-2012	Percentage change 2006-2012
East and North-East Asia	58.91	66.03	62.93	12.09
North and Central Asia	18.13	25.37	20.95	39.94
Pacific Islands Economies	27.36	27.20	27.28	-0.61
South and South-West Asia	27.38	28.03	28.16	2.37
South-East Asia	39.65	44.66	42.24	12.64
EU-3	58.67	67.35	64.41	14.80

This note is based on ESCAP's trade costs and International Supply Chain Connectivity Databases. For full database access, please visit http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/database.asp

Definitions:

Comprehensive trade costs: all costs involved in trading goods internationally with another partner relative to those involved in trading goods domestically; Comprehensive trade costs (excluding tariff): all additional costs other than tariff costs involved in trading goods bilaterally rather than domestically; International Supply Chain Connectivity (ISCC): an index that measures overall trade facilitation performance of a country along the international supply chain, which is based on the trading across border (TAB) indicators from the World Bank Doing Business Report and the Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) of UNCTAD. ISCC Ranks from 1 to 179. Intra EU-3: average trade costs among 3 largest EU economies, namely, France, Germany and United Kingdom. Intra ASEAN-4: average trade costs among Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.

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