

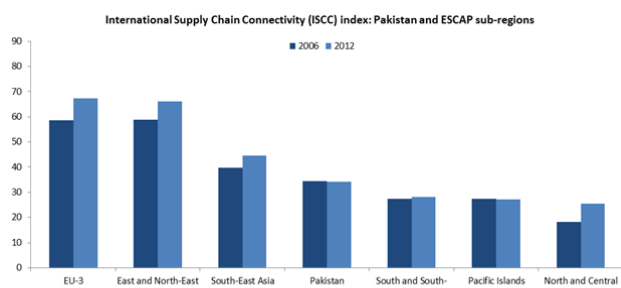
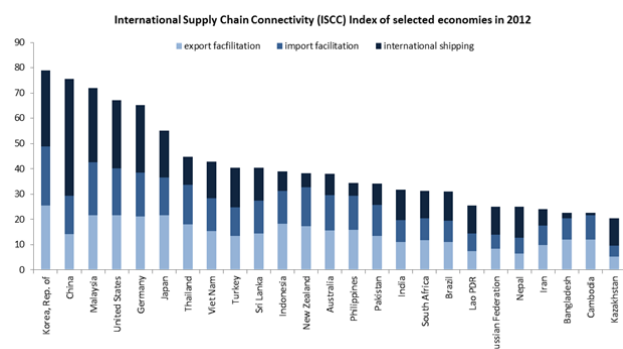
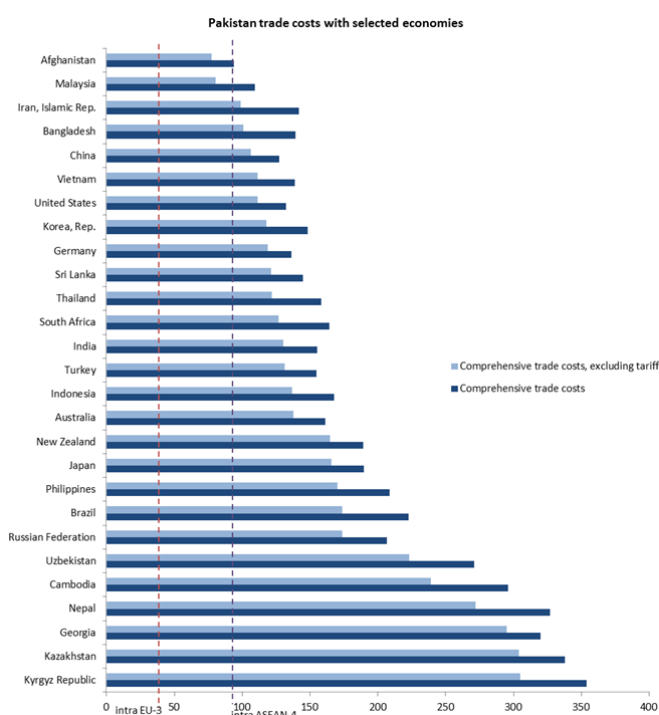
# Pakistan

ISCC Ranking: 61

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 streamlining 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 Pakistan has made limited progress on reducing trade costs with its South and South-West Asian neighbors, with relatively more progress made instead on reducing trade costs with East and North-East Asian partners. When tariff costs are excluded, trade costs between Pakistan and the United States are only slightly higher than those between Pakistan and some of the other South Asian countries, suggesting further room for intra-regional trade facilitation. Trade costs in the agricultural sector remain prohibitively high in most cases.

Pakistan ranks 61<sup>st</sup> 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. Pakistan's progress in enhancing supply chain connectivity since 2006 has been similar to those achieved by other countries in the South and South West Asian region.



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

Trade costs: overall Partner country	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China	111.11	106.22	113.00	-4.40
France	132.16	134.75	136.24	1.96
Germany	112.21	118.80	118.90	5.87
Japan	147.32	165.58	160.06	12.39
Korea, Rep. of	133.91	117.86	125.64	-11.99
United Kingdom	108.36	111.58	113.67	2.97
United States	100.58	111.34	108.17	10.70
Trade costs ESCAP sub-region	Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
	2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia	237.85	117.86	212.65	-50.45
North and Central Asia	338.28	365.77	314.22	8.13
Pacific Islands Economies	255.28	137.80	235.21	-46.02
South and South-West Asia	135.37	146.51	145.57	8.23
South-East Asia	200.88	230.38	206.92	14.68
EU-3	117.58	115.19	121.53	-2.03

**Table 2: Bilateral trade costs (excluding tariff):  
selected economies/sub-regions with Pakistan in agriculture and manufacturing sector**

Trade costs: agriculture		Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
Partner country		2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China		210.52	171.97	191.02	-18.31
France		278.79	243.46	265.99	-12.68
Germany		280.25	221.04	256.32	-21.13
Japan		320.16	323.34	317.07	0.99
Korea, Rep. of		278.52	229.26	230.80	-17.69
United Kingdom		249.27	230.52	238.76	-7.52
United States		183.44	178.17	179.52	-2.88
Trade costs: agriculture		Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
ESCAP sub-region		2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia		269.73	200.61	239.83	-25.63
North and Central Asia		267.55	342.77	350.32	28.11
Pacific Islands Economies		322.12	178.30	229.10	-44.65
South and South-West Asia		190.69	191.36	215.16	0.35
South-East Asia		260.58	176.54	208.97	-32.25
EU-3		269.44	225.78	251.01	-16.20

Trade costs: manufacturing		Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
Partner country		2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
China		100.45	96.03	102.65	-4.40
France		121.68	123.75	125.72	1.69
Germany		103.60	109.46	109.97	5.65
Japan		137.06	154.26	149.66	12.55
Korea, Rep. of		125.11	111.44	119.16	-10.92
United Kingdom		100.15	102.23	104.98	2.08
United States		93.28	103.76	101.31	11.23
Trade costs: manufacturing		Value: tariff-equivalent			Percentage change
ESCAP sub-region		2006	latest	Average 2006-latest	2006-latest
East and North-East Asia		211.88	111.44	196.70	-47.40
North and Central Asia		315.64	335.00	294.59	6.13
Pacific Islands Economies		224.42	142.97	216.36	-36.29
South and South-West Asia		130.26	136.29	135.72	4.63
South-East Asia		176.92	188.37	179.65	6.47
EU-3		108.48	105.85	112.23	-2.43

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

country	2006				2012				ISCC (average 2006-2012)	ISCC (percentage change 2006-2012)
	export facilitation	import facilitation	international shipping	ISCC	export facilitation	import facilitation	international shipping	ISCC		
Pakistan	15.11	12.80	6.43	34.34	13.38	12.42	8.29	34.09	34.51	-0.73
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

**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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