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# Trade Facilitation in Asia-Pacific State of Play

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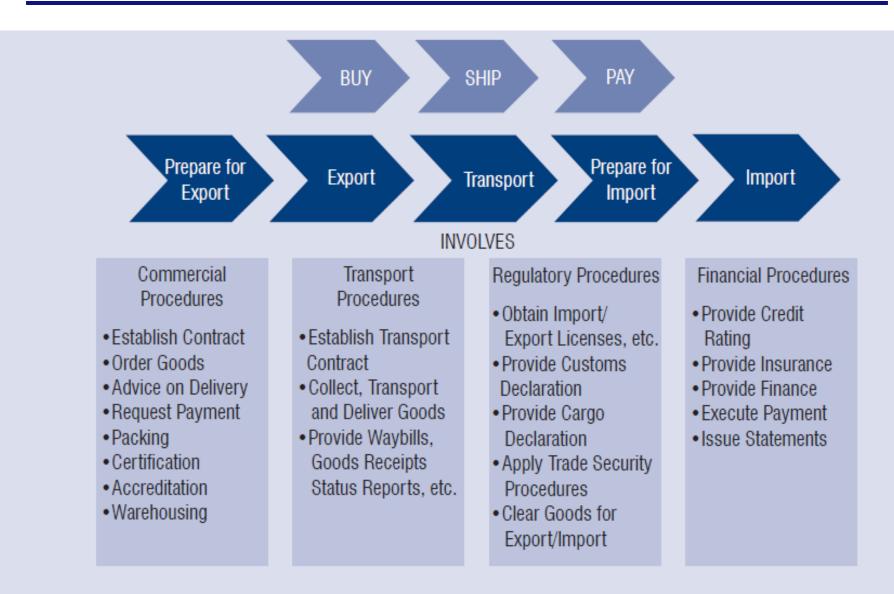


### **Trade Facilitation (TF)? - Definition**



- "the simplification and harmonization of international trade procedures"
- "increasing the cost effectiveness of international trade transactions"

#### Trade Facilitation? → Definition



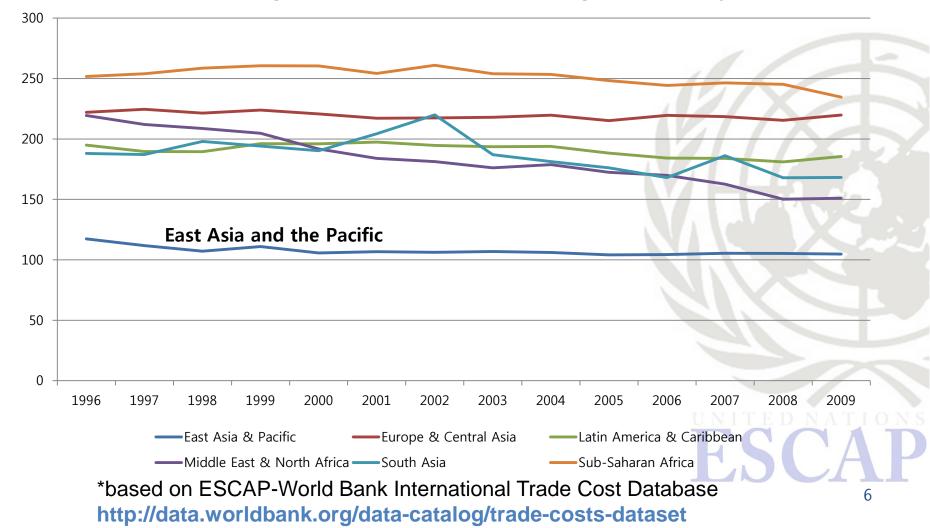
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## International trade costs in developing regions\*

Asia-Pacific region as a whole doing relatively well...

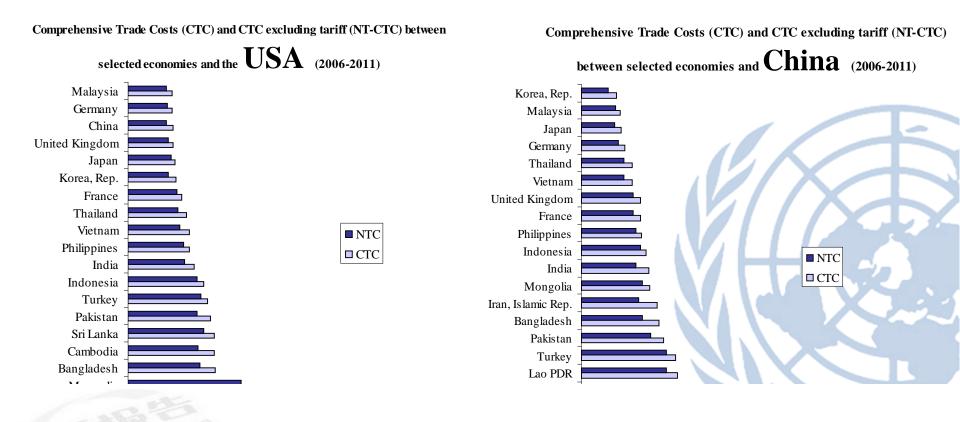


# Intra- and Inter-regional trade costs of Asia and the Pacific subregions\*

Region	ASEAN-4	East Asia-3	North and Central Asia	SAARC-4	AUS-NZL	EU-3	USA
ASEAN-4	75	78	381	126	86	110	84
	(3.08%)	(771%)	(7.94%)	(0.74%)	(-11.54%)	(6.58%)	(12.36%)
East Asia-3	78	52	221	125	80	86	63
	(7.71%)	(-8.46%)	(-12.09%)	(1.85%)	(-14.21%)	(-5.59%)	(-1.36%)
North and Central Asia	381	220	141	260	296	166	191
	(7.94%)	(-12.09%)	(0.47%)	(-13.15%)	(-14.39%)	(-4.86%)	(3.46%)
South Asia (SAARC-4)	126	125	261	105	127	115	108
	(0.74%)	(1.85%)	(-13.15%)	(-0.65%)	(-8.08%)	(5.96%)	(8.26%)
AUS-NZL	86	80	296	127		102	90
	(-11.54%)	(-14.21%)	(-14.39%)	(-8.08%)		(-5.90%)	(-4.67%)
European Union (EU-3)	110	86	166	115	102	46	67
	(6.58%)	(-5.59%)	(-4.86%)	(5.96%)	(-5.90%)	(-0.38%)	(1.07%)
USA	84	63	191	108	89	67	
	(12.36%)	(-1.36%)	(3.46%)	(8.26%)	(-4.67%)	(1.07%)	

\*Based on ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database, excluding tariff costs. Percentage changes in trade cost between 2001-2004 and 2007-2010 are in parentheses.

#### Bilateral Trade Costs: Selected Economies with China and USA (2006-2011)





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