

# Trade Facilitation: Identifying Opportunities through “Afghanistan WTO Accession and Membership”

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# Global Trading Environment and Trade Facilitation

Revolutionary  
development  
in ICT

Trade and Finance  
Liberalization

Regional  
Integration

**Structure of Production and  
Business changed**

- 30% of trade is component and unfinished
- 1/3 of global trade is intra-company

**South-South Trade has  
doubled since 1990**

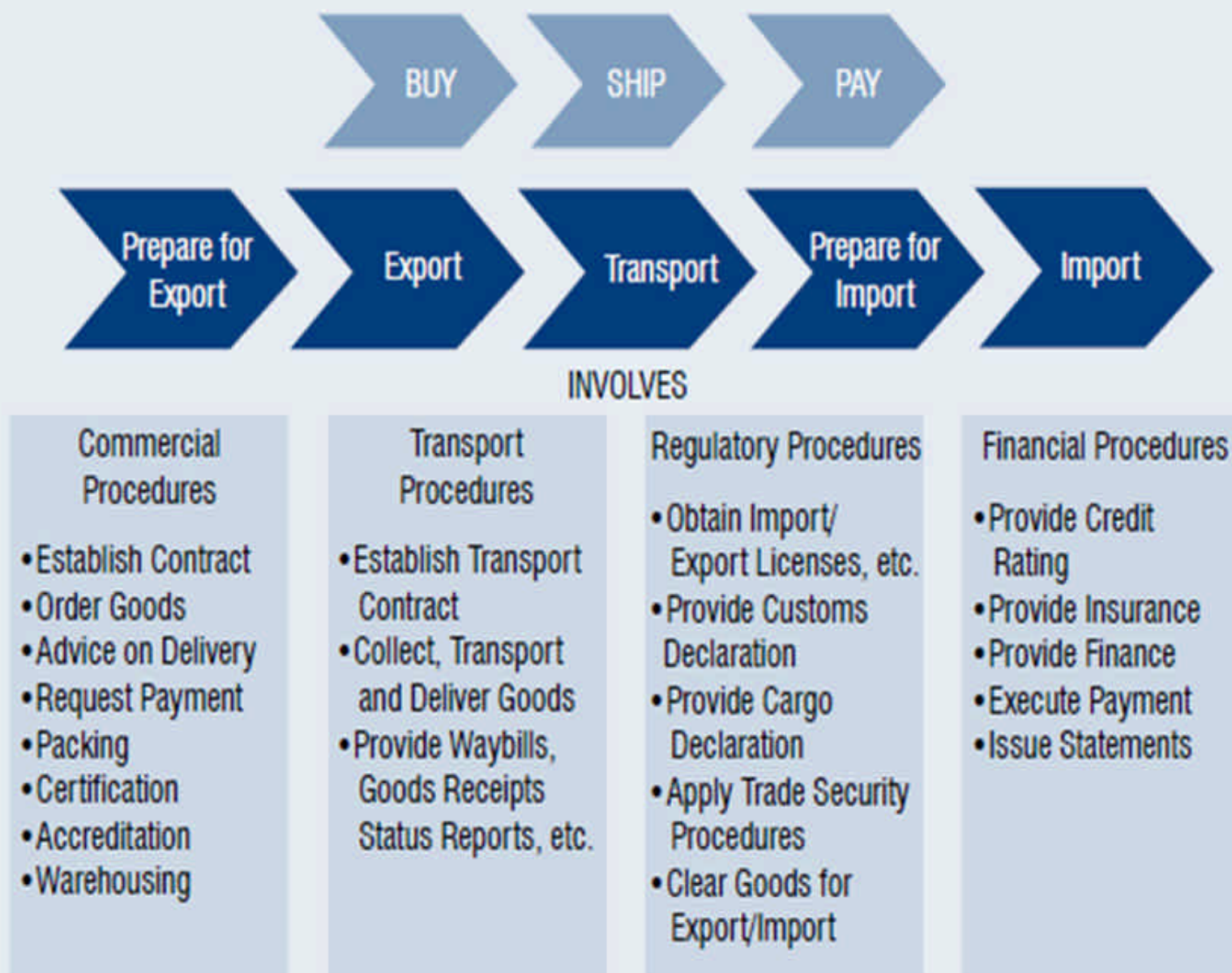
Privatization

Increased Attention for Trade Facilitation

# Trade Facilitation : Concept

- Not a new concept- became more visible after the Singapore Ministerial Conference of WTO in 1996.
- No universally agreed definition for trade facilitation (TF)
- In a narrow sense TF primarily focuses on systematic rationalization of regulatory procedures and documents at border crossings
- Focus of WTO Trade Facilitation Agenda is mainly linked to border issues (e.g. customs and other border agencies)
- Broader version of TF involves all stakeholders, measures from sellers to buyers covering both border issues and behind the border issues along the supply chain.  
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**Figure 1.1: Buy-Ship-Pay Model**

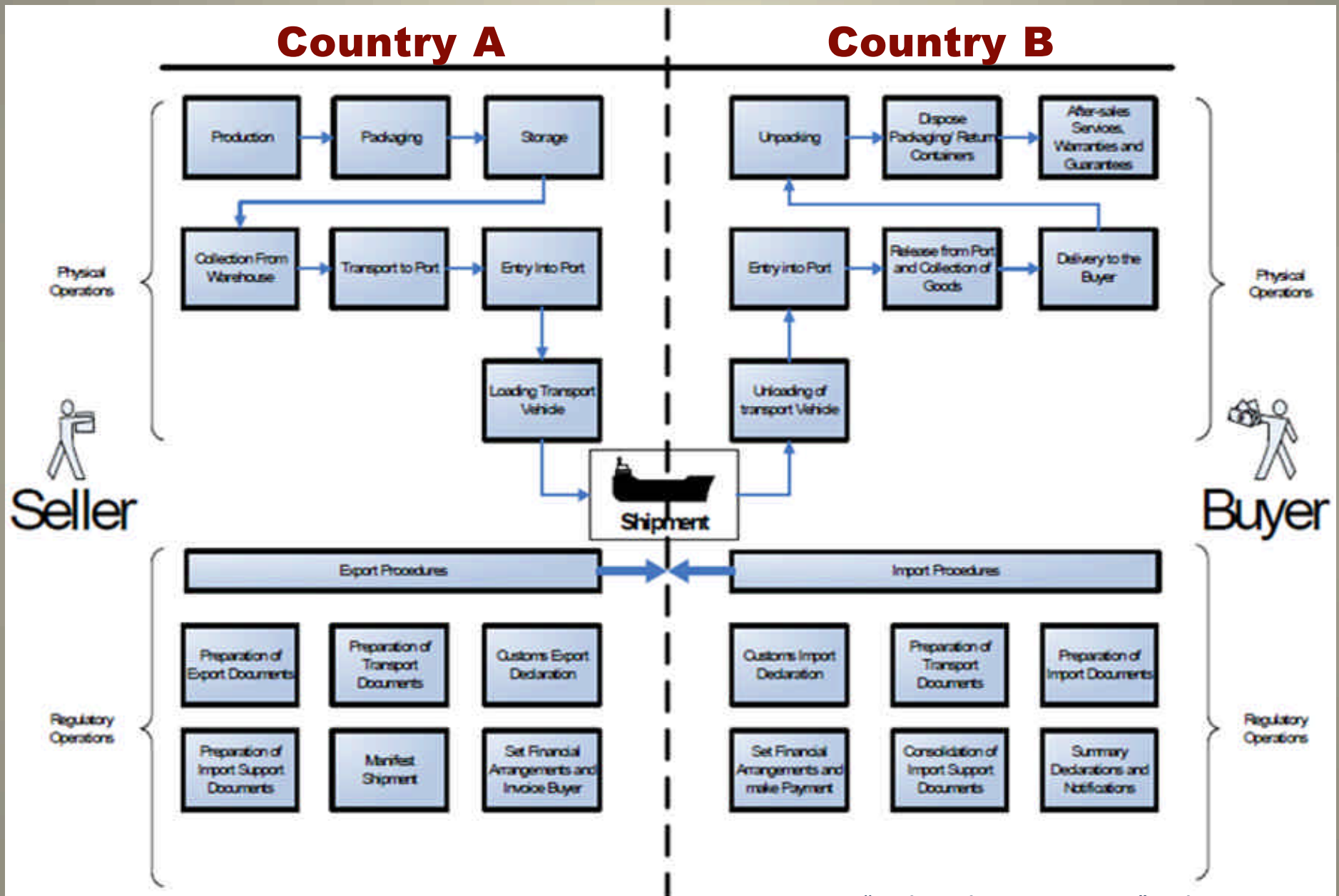


Source: United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). 2008.

# Trade Facilitation: Concept

- Simplification, standardization and harmonization of trade procedures and associated information flows required to move goods and services from sellers to buyers and to make payments.
- Identifying and addressing bottlenecks that are imposed by weaknesses in trade related logistics and regulatory regimes. These weaknesses prevent movement of goods timely and cost effective manner
- Put it simply: TF is transparency and efficiency in the trade supply chain
- TF broadly encompasses two dimensions:
  - Hard dimension (infrastructure)
  - Soft dimension (custom management, transparency aspect)

# Business Processes in a Typical Trade Transaction



Source: "Trade Facilitation: A Review" Andrew Grainger



# Example: Trade and Customs Procedures for Exports from a Landlocked Country

## Exporting Country

## Transiting Country

## Importing Country

<b>Customs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• export declaration</li> </ul>	<b>Customs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unless there is a transit agreement traders will have to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make a transit declaration</li> <li>• arrange for a financial transit security</li> <li>• lodge a transit declaration upon exit</li> <li>• request for the security to be returned</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Customs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• import declaration; pre-notifications and authorizations</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Transit Procedures</b>		<b>Tariff Quota and Import Licenses</b>
<b>Export Licenses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• many different line ministries</li> </ul>		<b>Commercial Procedures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arrange contract with seller, agree Incoterms, arrange for payment of goods, insurance, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Certificate of Origin</b>	<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certain types of goods may be subject to SPS requirements</li> </ul>	<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certain types of goods may be subject to SPS requirements and must be declared</li> </ul>
<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certain types of goods subject to SPS requirements during transit and in the importing country</li> <li>• ex = Veterinary Health Certificate, Fumigation certificate, etc.</li> <li>• many SPS need to be obtained</li> </ul>	<b>Transport Procedures</b>	

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