

# **Legal environment for electronic single windows and paperless trade in Korea**

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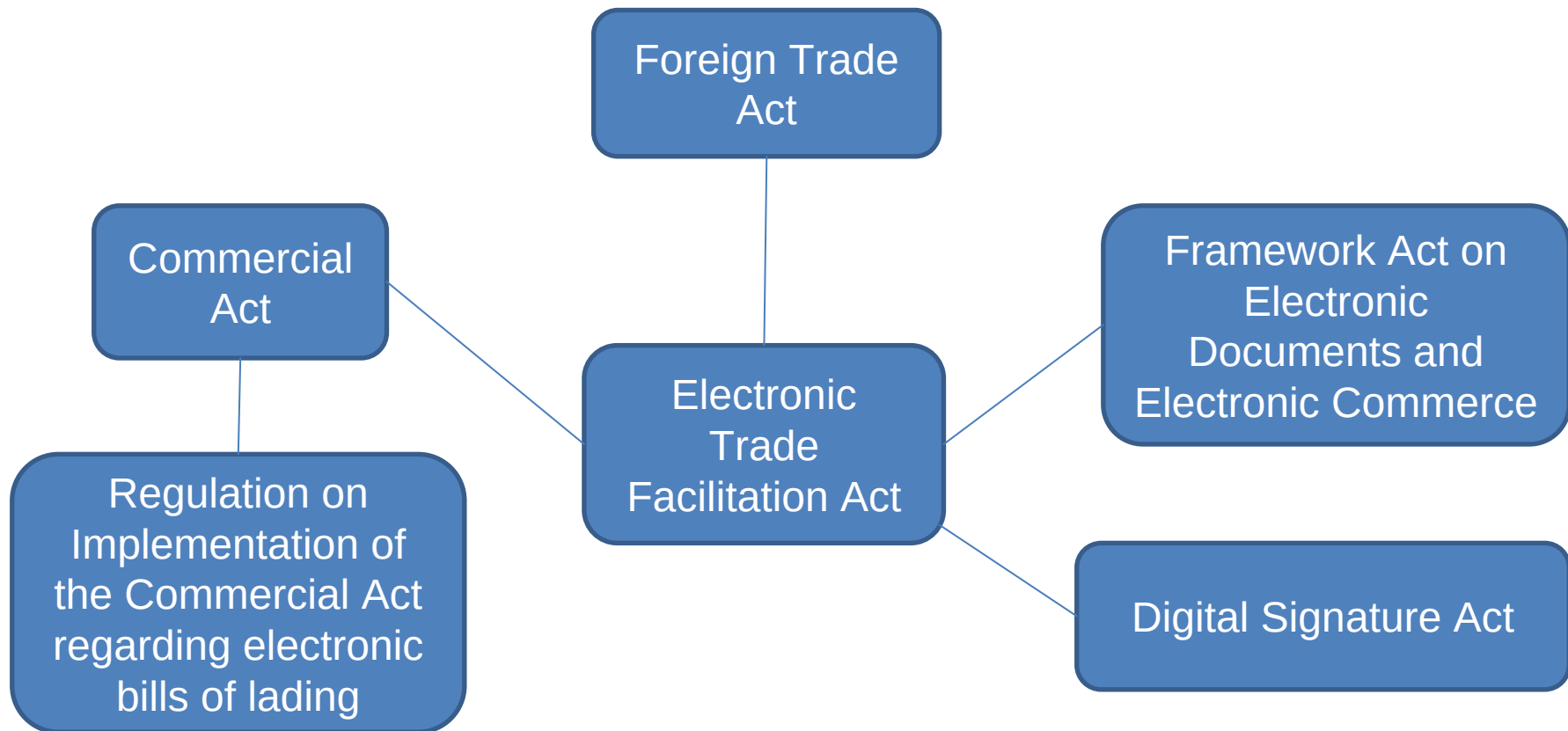
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# I . Main Legal Framework for Electronic Single Window and Paperless Trade in Korea



The role of each laws above for single window and paperless Trade

- Foreign Trade Act

defines domestic legal procedure related with export and import activities and Article 15 of this act defines that the Minister of Knowledge Economy shall make efforts to establish a platform for the exchange system of electronic documents.

Resulting from this efforts, “Electronic Trade Facilitation Act” was enacted and this act mostly related with building of electronic single window and facilitating of paperless trade

- Commercial Act” is mainly dealing with legal affairs about marine and air transport and insurance in related with international trade. amended in 2007, legal ground of Electronic bills of lading was enacted.

- “Regulation on Implementation of the Commercial Act regarding electronic bills of lading” provides for matters delegated pursuant Article 862 of the Commercial Act.

- “Framework Act on Electronic Documents and Electronic Commerce” provides mainly legal ground about legal force of electronic documents equal to paper documents.

- Digital Signature Act gives a digital singature a legal effect equal to a signature and seal on a paper based document or letter.

## II . Electronic Trade Facilitation Act

### 1. History of Legislation of Electronic Trade Facilitation Act

- 1991. 12. Enactment of Act on The Promotion of Office Automation For Trade
  - Plural “Designated Trade Automation Operator” operate the Trade automation business(a business furnishing a trade automation service to traders and trade-related agencies using a Communication network connecting traders and trade-related agencies)
- \* “trade-related agency” means agency which are authorized to grant to the traders any approval, license, authentication

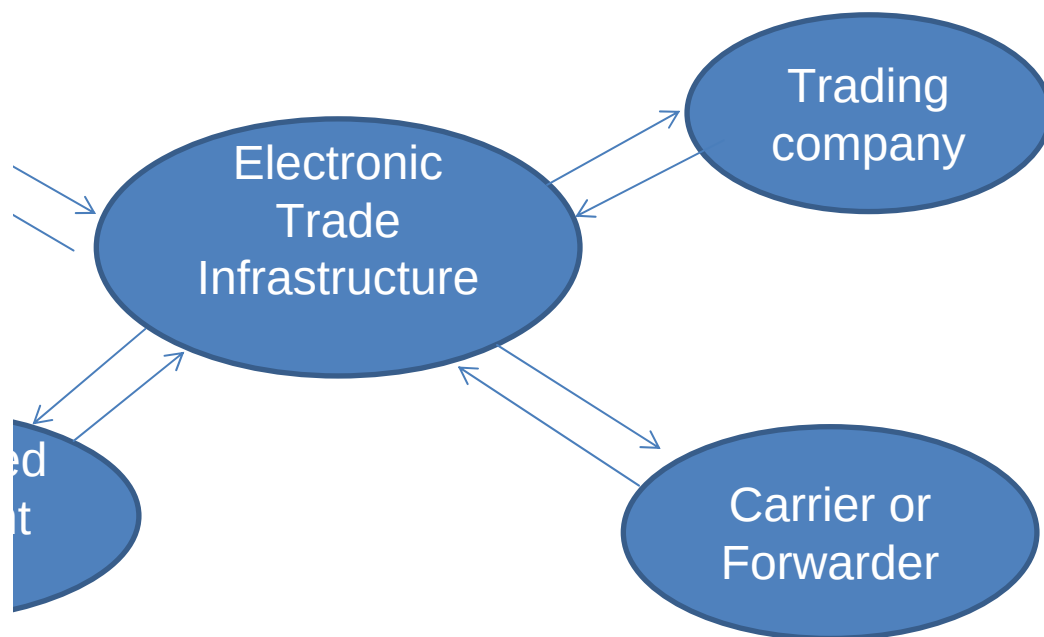
- 2005. 12. Wholly amended and retitled “Electronic Trade Facilitation Act”
  - Complete Revision from Act on The Promotion of Office Automation For Trade
  - Single “Paperless Trade Infrastructure Operator” operates Paperless Trade Infrastructure which means an information system that intermediates, keeps and certifies electronic trade documents by systematically interlinking traders with trade-related agencies through information and communications networks

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## Paperless Trade Infrastructure as Single Window



electronic documents are intermediated through Paperless e and kept in it, traders don't need to submit the documents to agency repeatedly and each agency can check the document