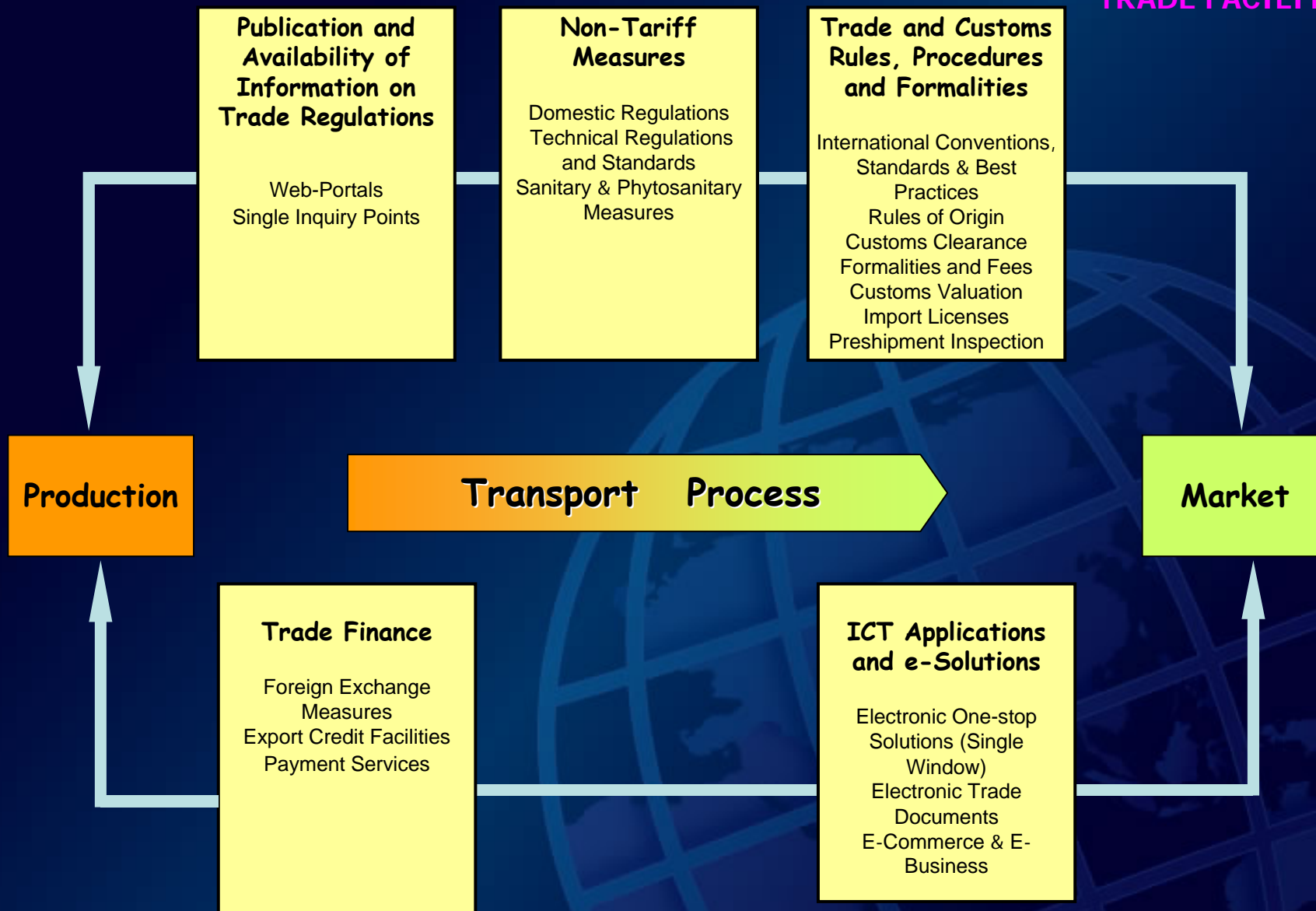


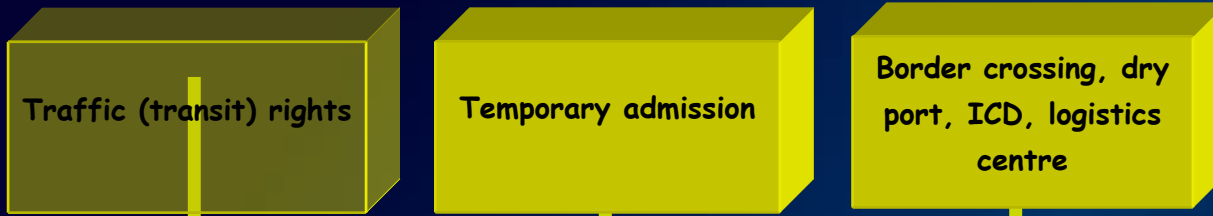
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**Terms of Reference of National
Trade/Transport Facilitation Committees and
the Need for Cooperation among National
Facilitation Bodies**

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TRANSPORT FACILITATION



Bilateral/ subregional agreements →

Routes/ border crossings →

Permits/quota →

Customs, sanitary & phytosanitary systems →

Vehicle weight sizes, emission & worthiness →

Insurance →

Driving license/visa →

International Conventions →

Subregional Agreements →

Single window/ single stop inspection →

Inland clearances →

Regional coordination →

Subregional Agreements →

← Infrastructure

← Customs, sanitary & phytosanitary measures

← Simplification & harmonization

← International Conventions

Production



Market

Road charges →

Fees for controls →

Transit fees →

Tariff →

Adjustments to int'l standards →

Exchange & dissemination →

Harmonization →

Transparency →

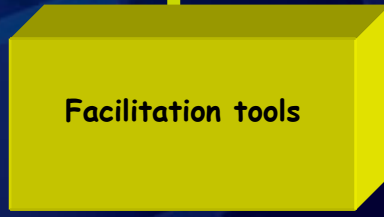
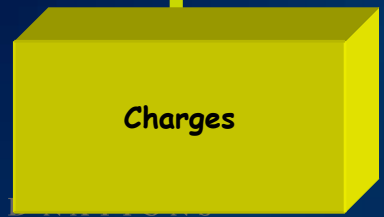
Electronic tools →

ICT application →

← Inspection equipment

← Vehicle positioning

← T/C-D Model



Trade Facilitation and Transport Facilitation

A. Trade Facilitation

B. Transport Facilitation

Overlap

Trade policy

- Review, assess and propose changes to international trade policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral trade agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international trade conventions, standards, good practices

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of cargo documentation:
 - Certificates of Origin
 - Letters of Credit
 - Import licenses
 - Export permits
 - Quality certificates
 - Quarantine (agric. and veterinary) certificates
- Collection of Customs duties, fees or charges

Controls on cargo

- Inspection of common documentation:
 - Contract
 - Customs declaration
 - Waybills/Bills of Lading/Consignment Notes
 - Invoices
 - Packing lists
 - Cargo insurance policy
- Customs physical inspection of cargo
- Quarantine (agriculture and veterinary)/Health inspection of cargo

Other activity at border

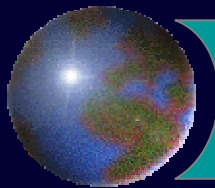
- Statistical data

Int'l transport policy

- Review, assess and propose changes to international transport policy
- Review, assess and propose amendment to bilateral and multilateral transit agreements
- Review, assess and propose adoption of international transport conventions

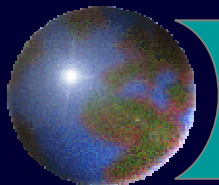
Controls on vehicles and drivers

- Checking of transport authorization
- Checks on customs security of vehicles and containers
- Collection of vehicle tax, fuel tax and road charges
- Collection of payments for special transport permits
- Checks on vehicle certificates, weights and dimensions, road worthiness and insurance cover
- Vehicle quarantine inspection
- Driver passport/visa, customs and health inspections
- Inspection of driver licenses and rest period records
- Cargo storage, consolidation/ deconsolidation, transshipment



Recommended structure (1)

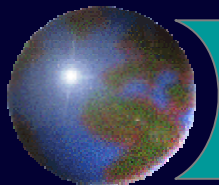




Why are facilitation coordination mechanisms needed?

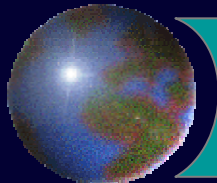
● Trade/transport facilitation mechanisms needed to:

- **Coordinate and cooperate among all relevant authorities & business sector**
- **Streamline, simplify, harmonize documentation, procedures, inspections at national level and between neighbouring countries**
- **Set and monitor performance standards for processing of international trade and transport**



Recommended membership

- Trade/transport regulatory authorities (e.g. ministries of trade/commerce, transport)
- Other government regulatory or planning authorities (e.g. ministry of finance, ministry of planning, ministry of interior, ministry of defense, ministry of agriculture, ministry for ICT, Customs, immigration, border guards, traffic police, transport management, quarantine/product quality control, central bank)
- Business sector (chamber of commerce, transport associations, trading bank, insurance companies, Customs agent, freight forwarders)



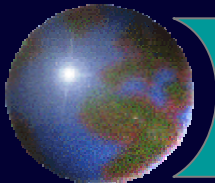
Recommended functions (1)

- Monitor and assess the flows of trade & transport across national borders
- Identify bottlenecks in the entire process of int'l trade & transport
- Review and assess the adequacy of int'l trade & transport-related infrastructure, and propose investment projects, as necessary
- Study and propose measures for improving the operational performance of int'l trade & transport
- Coordinate to establish harmonized documentation and procedures for cross-border trade & transport
- Identify, propose and follow through changes to border control procedures and documentation needed to improve trade/transport efficiency and reduce costs
- Coordinate and cooperate for implementation of Single Window clearances and Single Stop Inspections at border crossings
- Promote the application of ICT to border control procedures and documentation and procedures in the management of int'l trade & transport operations



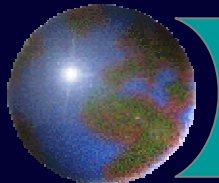
Recommended functions (2)

- Coordinate the national positions in negotiation of agreements on int'l trade/transport with multi-sectoral nature
- Identify, propose and follow through changes in trade/transport policies and in the bilateral or multilateral agreements through which these policies are enforced, when such changes are required to improve trade/transport performance
- Coordinate the implementation of agreements on int'l trade & transport with multi-sectoral nature
- Review the int'l conventions relating to trade and transport facilitation and provide advice to national government on accession to the conventions
- Monitor and coordinate for the implementation of the acceded int'l conventions relating to trade & transport facilitation
- Monitor the dissemination of information to the trading & transport communities on changes or revisions to border control procedures and documentation
- Organize workshops and seminars on facilitation of int'l trade & transport
- Serve as national focal points for int'l facilitation programmes and assistance



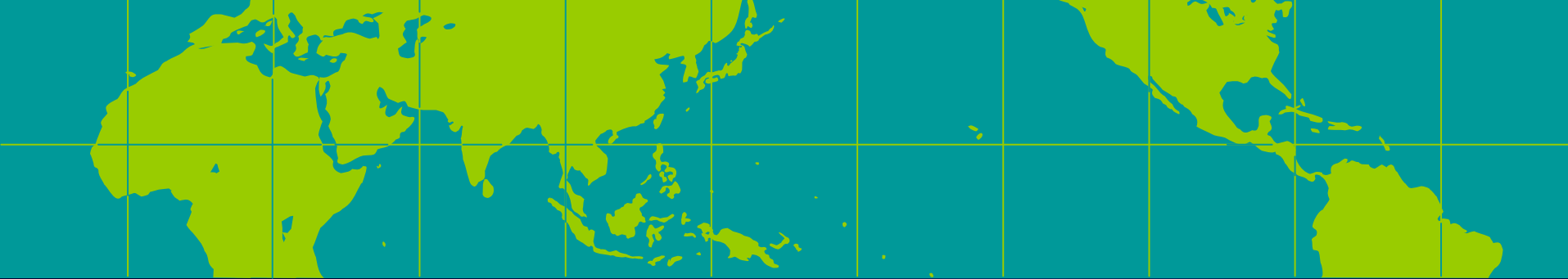
Working Together (1)

- **CAREC** transport and trade facilitation
- **SPECA** trade and transport facilitation
- **ECO** Transit Transport Agreement
- **SCO** Road Facilitation Agreement
- **TRACECA**
- **CIS/EURASEC** trade/transport agreements
- **Others**



Working Together (2)

- **Need for simplified environment for control authorities, traders and transporters**
- **Need for harmonized implementation of various facilitation programmes and projects**
- **Need for better management of transport agreements**
- **Need for sustainability of facilitation bodies**



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