

Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in CAREC

Results of the UN Global Survey 2017

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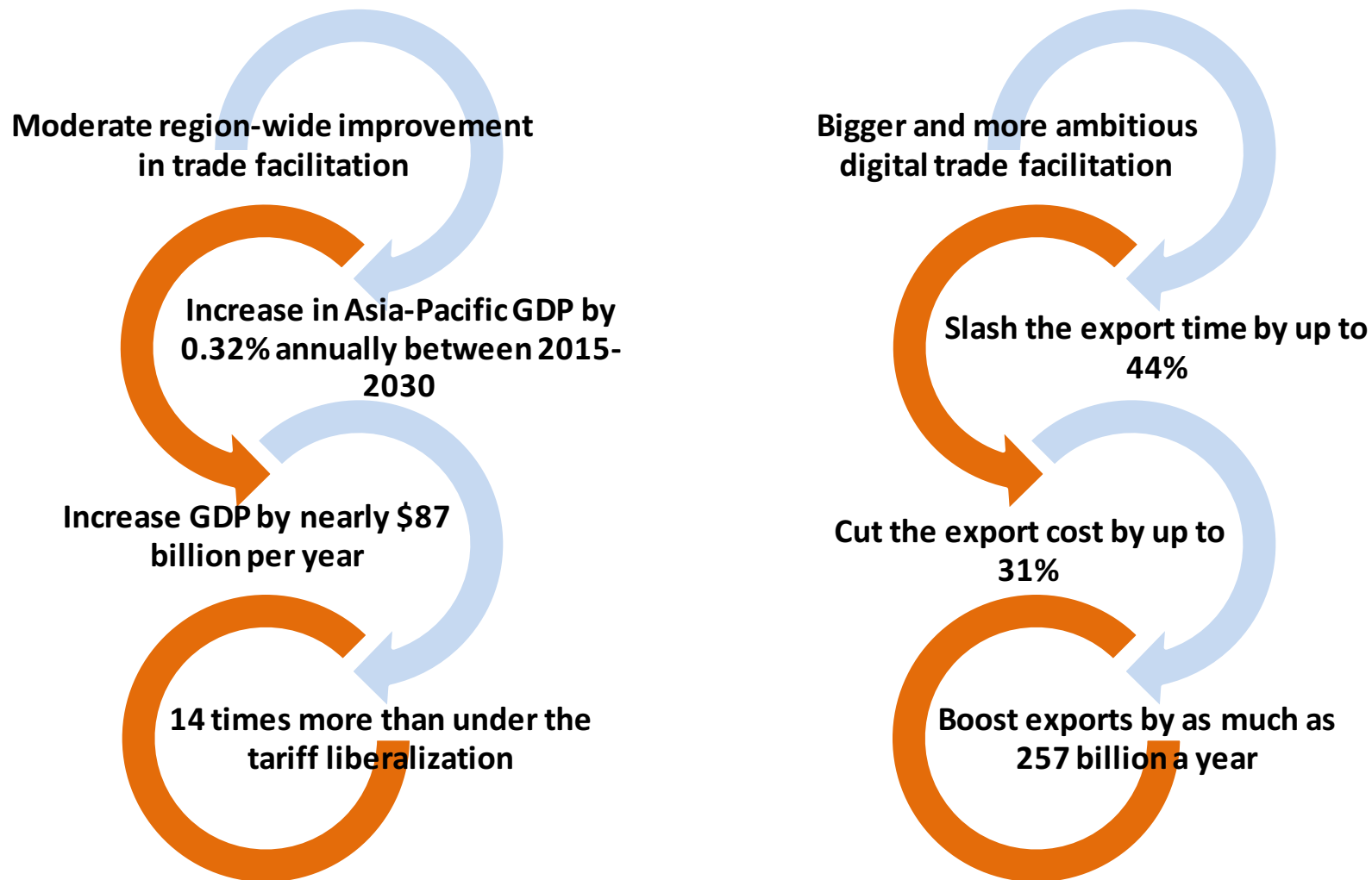
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Introduction

Why trade facilitation?



Source: 1. ESCAP (2017), Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2017: Channeling Trade and Investment into Sustainable Development; 2. ESCAP (2017), Digital Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific, Studies in Trade, Investment and Innovation No.87.

United Nations Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation



UN Survey

- Conducted in 2015-2017
- Five United Nations Regional Commissions
- Selected measures under WTO TFA + measures enabling paperless trade
- Trade facilitation targeted at SMEs, agricultural sector, and women

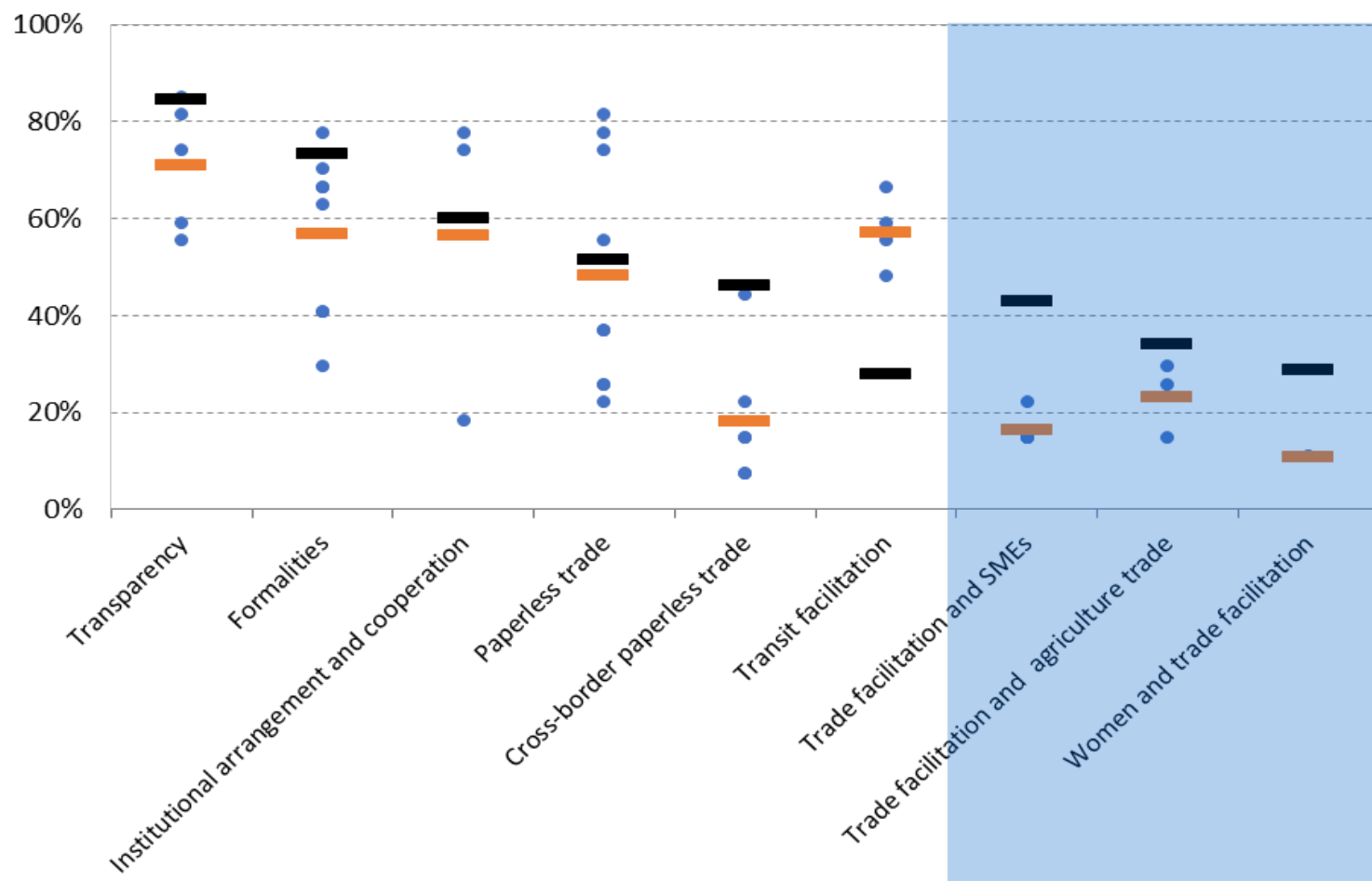
Result for CAREC

- Covered 9 members: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan; People's Republic of China; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Mongolia; Pakistan; Tajikistan; and Uzbekistan
- 2 members did not participate: Georgia and Turkmenistan

Results of the Global Survey

Regional snapshot

Figure 1 Implementation of different groups of trade facilitation measures, 2017

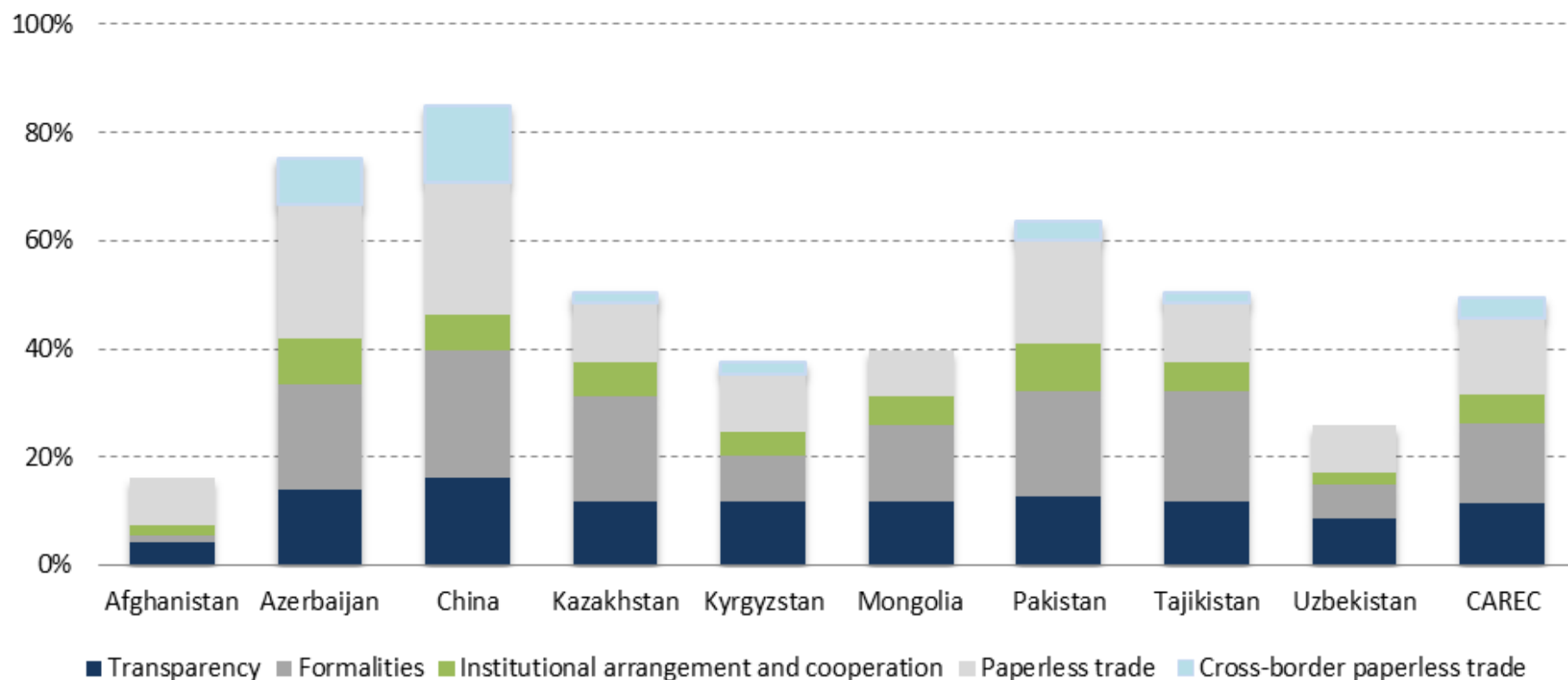


- ◆ Regional average implementation level of individual measures within each group
- Average CAREC implementation level
- Average Asia-Pacific implementation level

Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Overall implementation

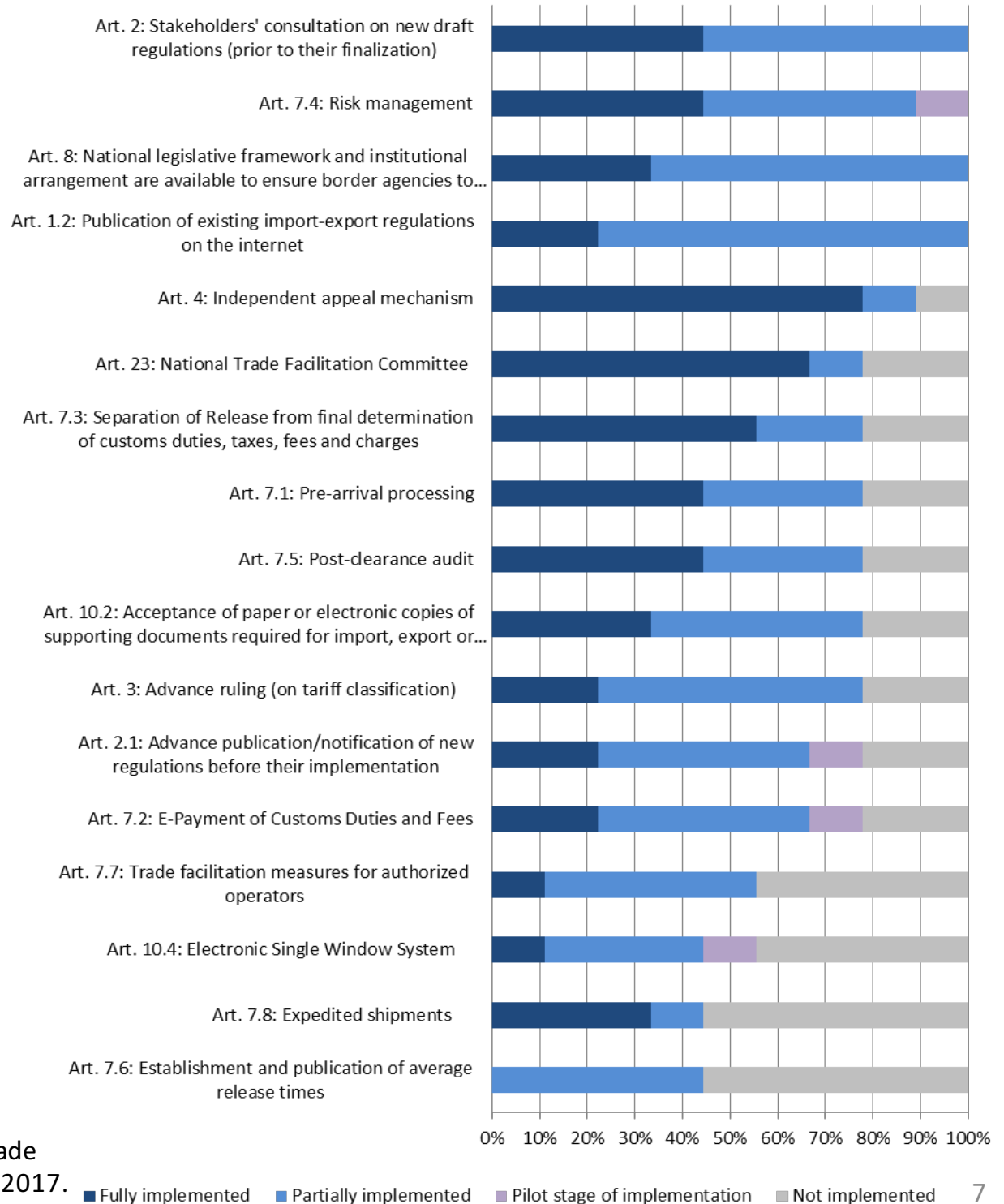
Figure 2 Overall implementation of trade facilitation measures, 2017



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Trade Facilitation under WTO TFA

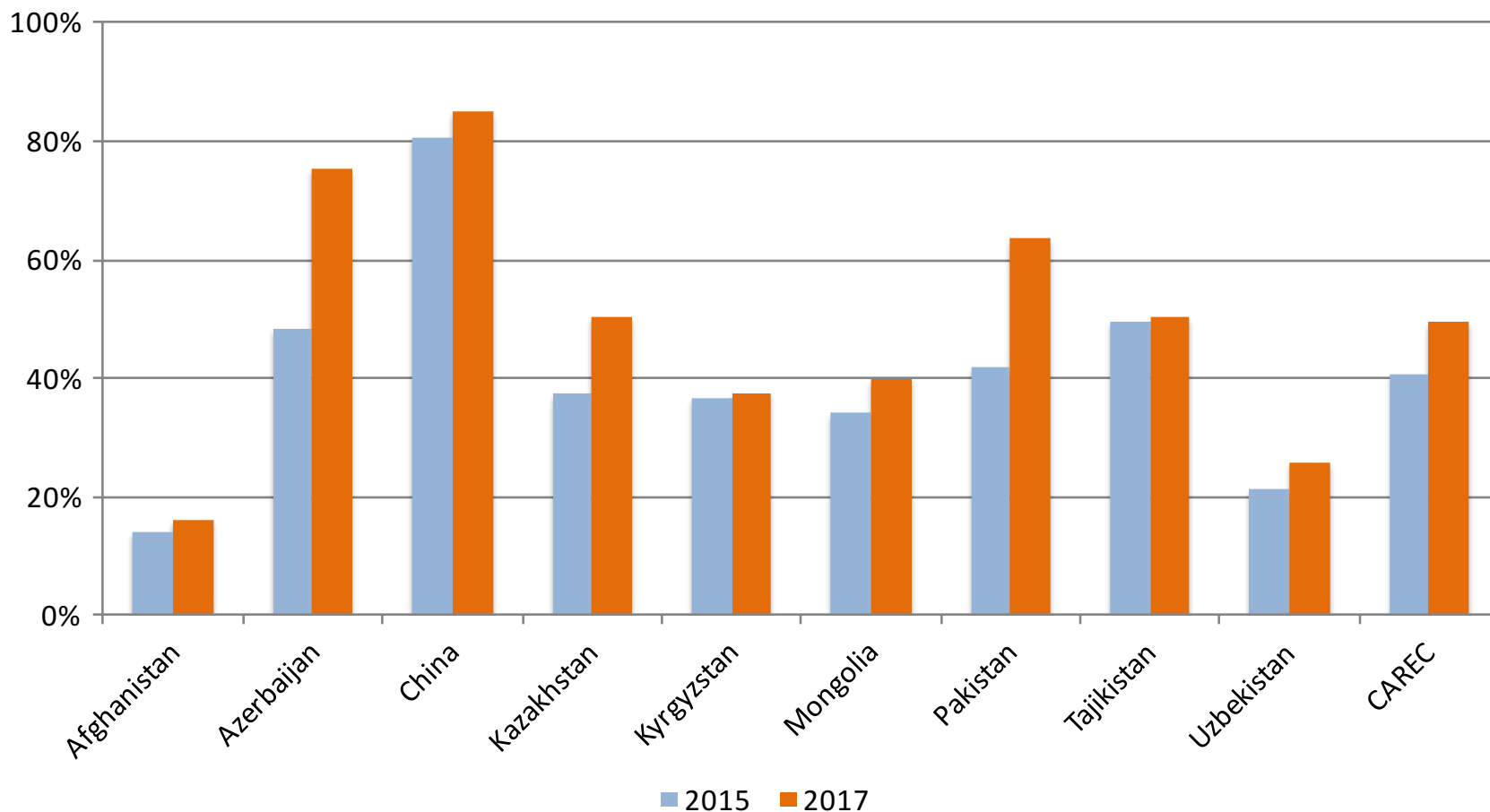
Figure 3 Level of implementation of WTO-TFA related measures (excluding transit measures), 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Progress in implementation

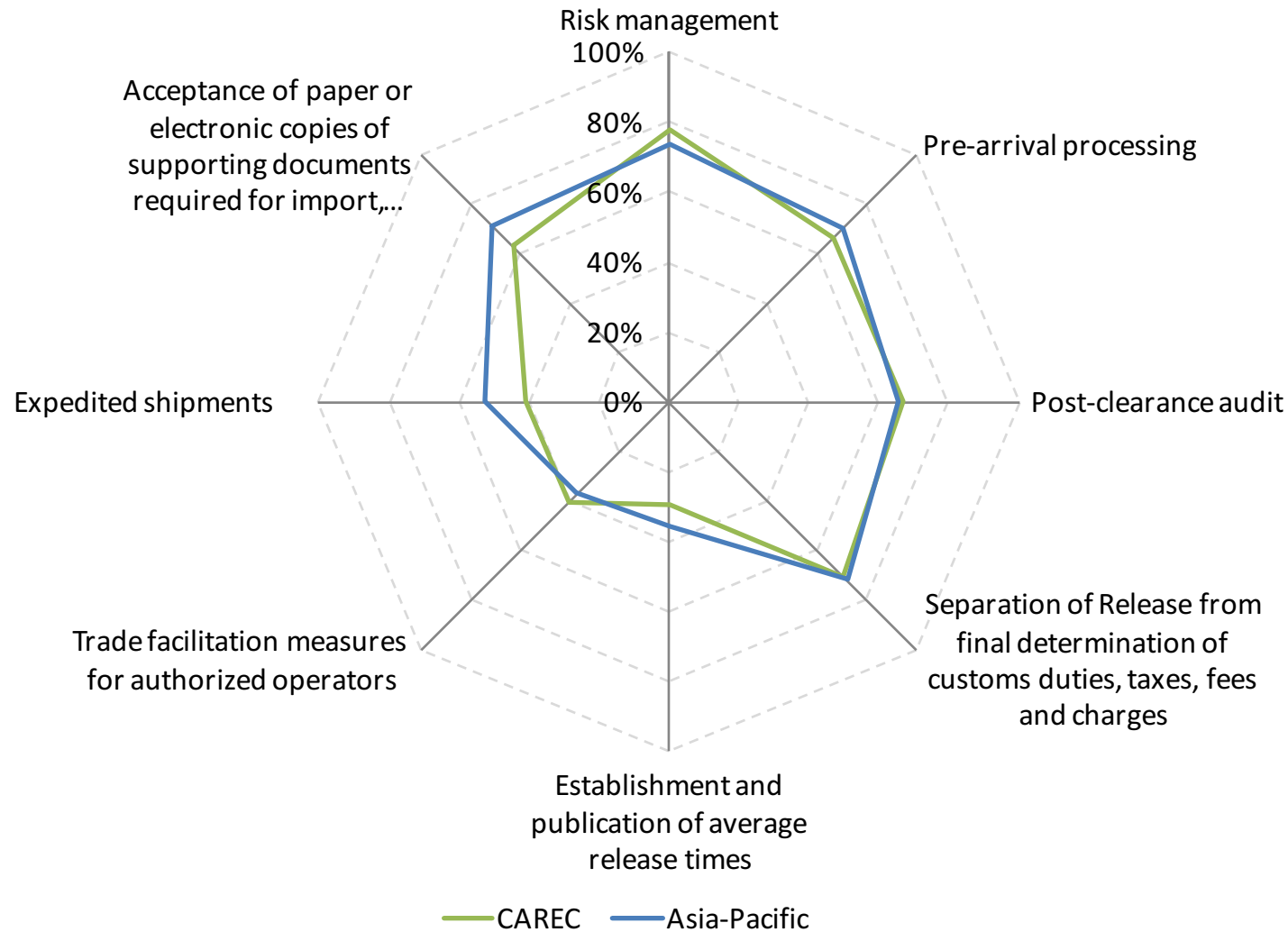
Figure 4 Progress of trade facilitation implementation, 2015 and 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Details of implementation in 2017

Figure 5 Implementation of formalities measures, 2017



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Note: Implementation of other measures are attached in annex.

Interactive Database of Global Survey

UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017



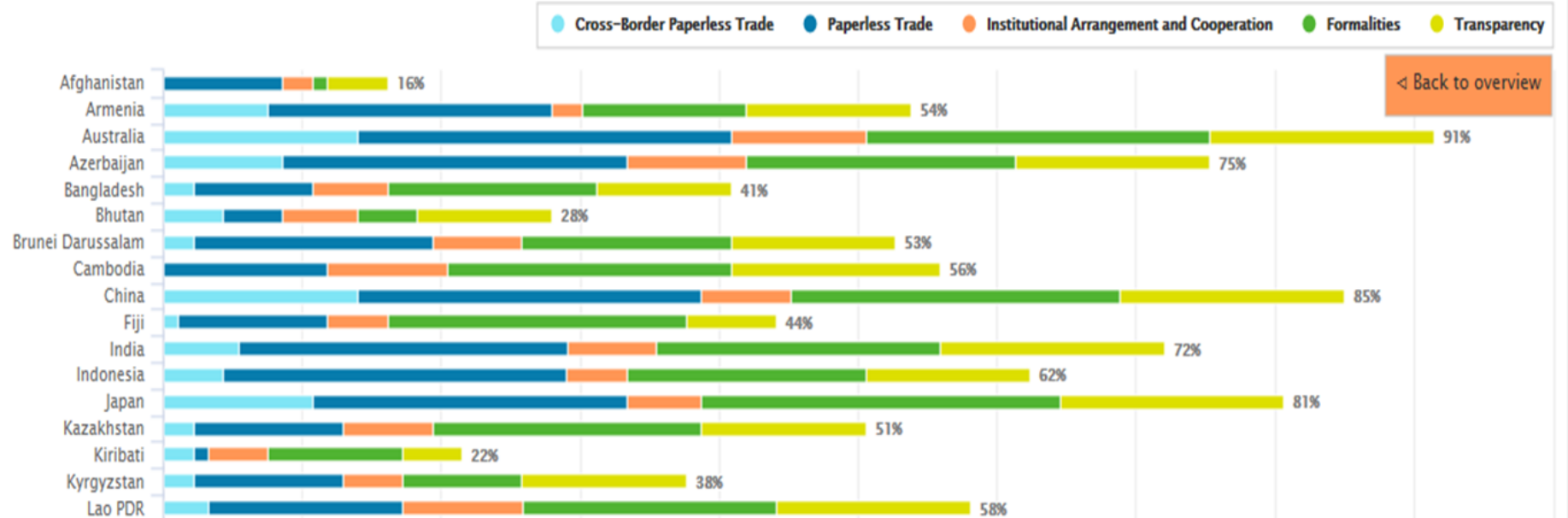
Asia-Pacific data

Global data

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Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation in Asia and the Pacific



Link: <https://unnex.unescap.org/AP-TFSurvey2017/>

Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

Impact of trade facilitation

The impact of trade facilitation on CAREC as a whole

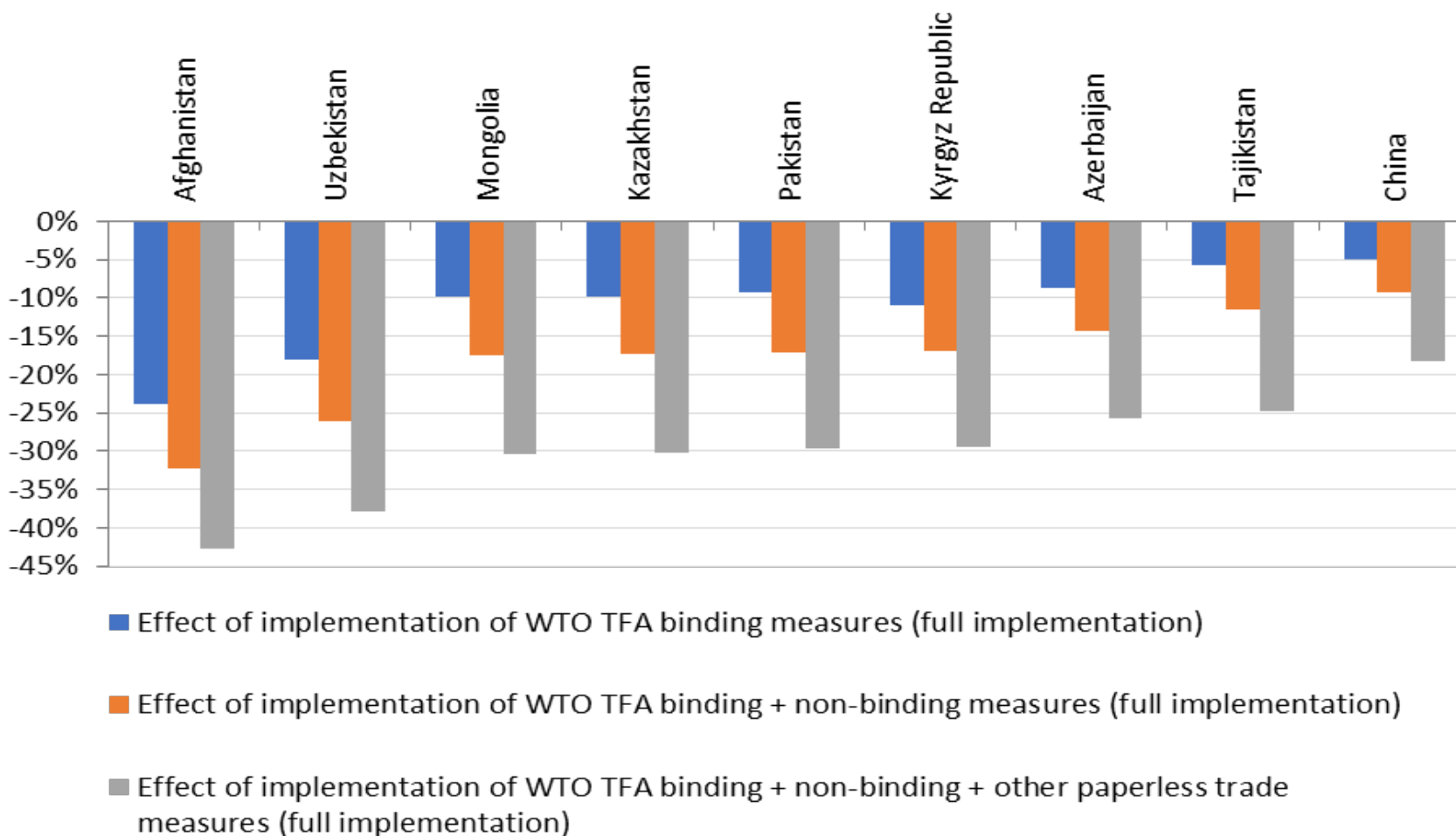
Table 1 Changes in trade costs in CAREC resulting from implementation of trade facilitation and paperless trade

| Trade costs reduction from TFI improvement: CAREC | WTO TFA (binding) | | WTO TFA (binding + non-binding) | | WTO TFA+ (binding + non-binding + other paperless and cross-border paperless) | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Partially implemented | Fully implemented | Partially implemented | Fully implemented | Partially implemented | Fully implemented |
| Model 1 | | | | | | |
| Overall TF | -5.66% | -11.25% | -9.37% | -18.01% | -19.77% | -29.87% |
| Model 2 | | | | | | |
| General TF | -5.31% | -10.33% | -7.45% | -14.62% | -8.62% | -15.86% |
| Paperless and cross-border paperless trade | 0.00% | 0.00% | -1.91% | -3.22% | -10.23% | -14.11% |

Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017.

The impact of trade facilitation on CAREC members

Figure 6 Impact of trade facilitation implementation on trade costs of CAREC members



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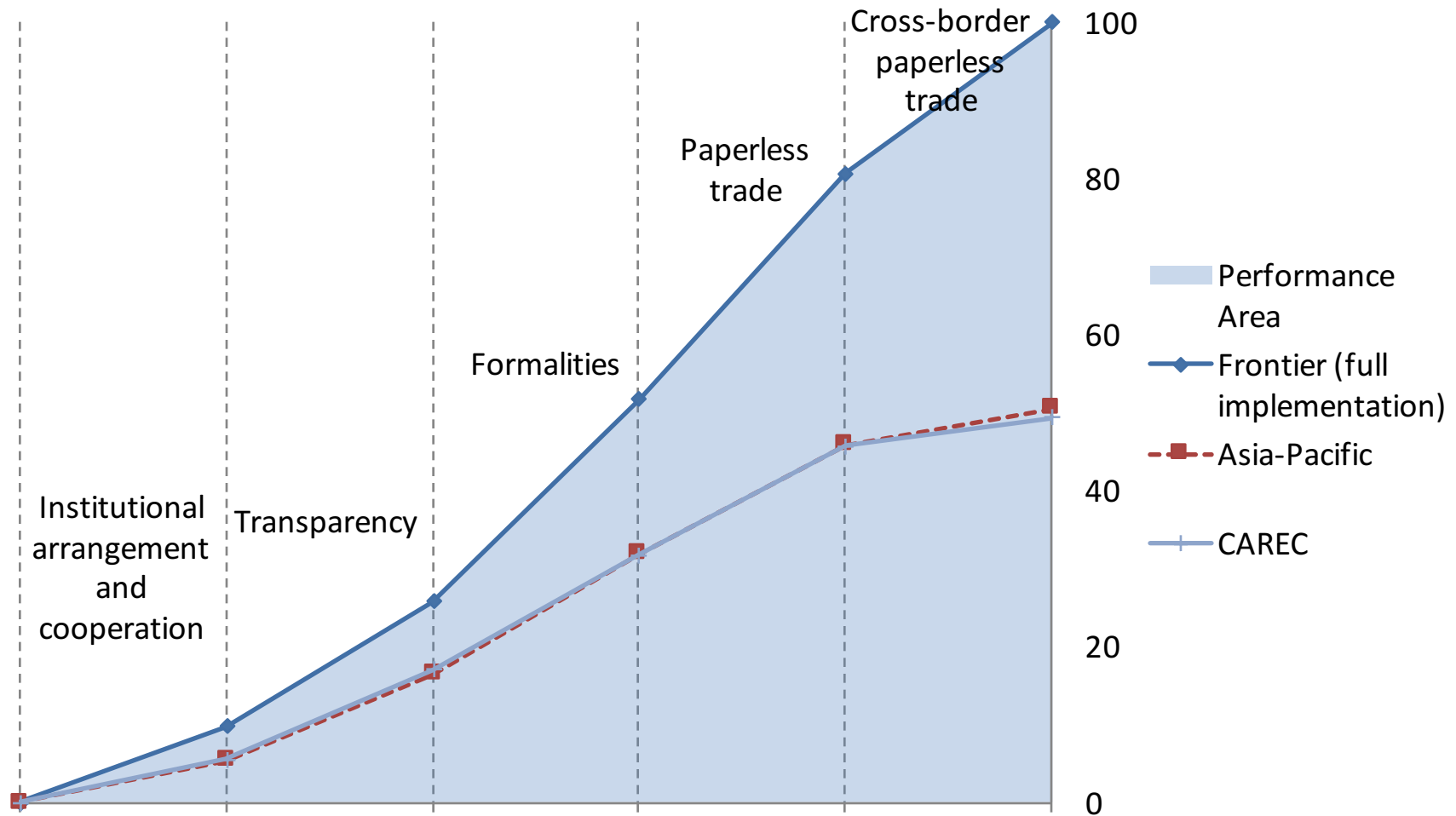
Conclusion

Main findings

- CAREC implementation rate stood at 49% in 2017
- China and Azerbaijan had the highest implementation rate
- CAREC made progress from 41% in 2015
- Implementation of Transit facilitation exceeded Asia-Pacific average
- Transparency registered the highest implementation level in CAREC
- Paperless implementation of TFA measures and electronic exchange of trade data and documents across border (cross-border paperless trade) results in a trade cost reduction of nearly 30% for CAREC.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder

Figure 7 Moving up the ladder towards seamless international supply chains



Source: ESCAP, based on UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation 2017

Note: the figure shows cumulative trade facilitation implementation scores of CAREC for five groups of trade facilitation measures included in the survey. Full implementation of all measures = 100.

The Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Fact

- Developed by 25 Asian and Pacific countries
- Over 4 years
- Adopted in May 2016

- An inclusive and enabling platform
- Signed by Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China and Islamic Republic of Iran
- Acceded by Azerbaijan

Benefit

- Digitalization of trade processes
- Enabling the seamless electronic exchange and legal recognition of trade-related data and documents across borders

- Support development of national and subregional trade systems
- Prepare interoperability with similar paperless trade systems elsewhere
- Help promote existing paperless trade solutions

Thank you!

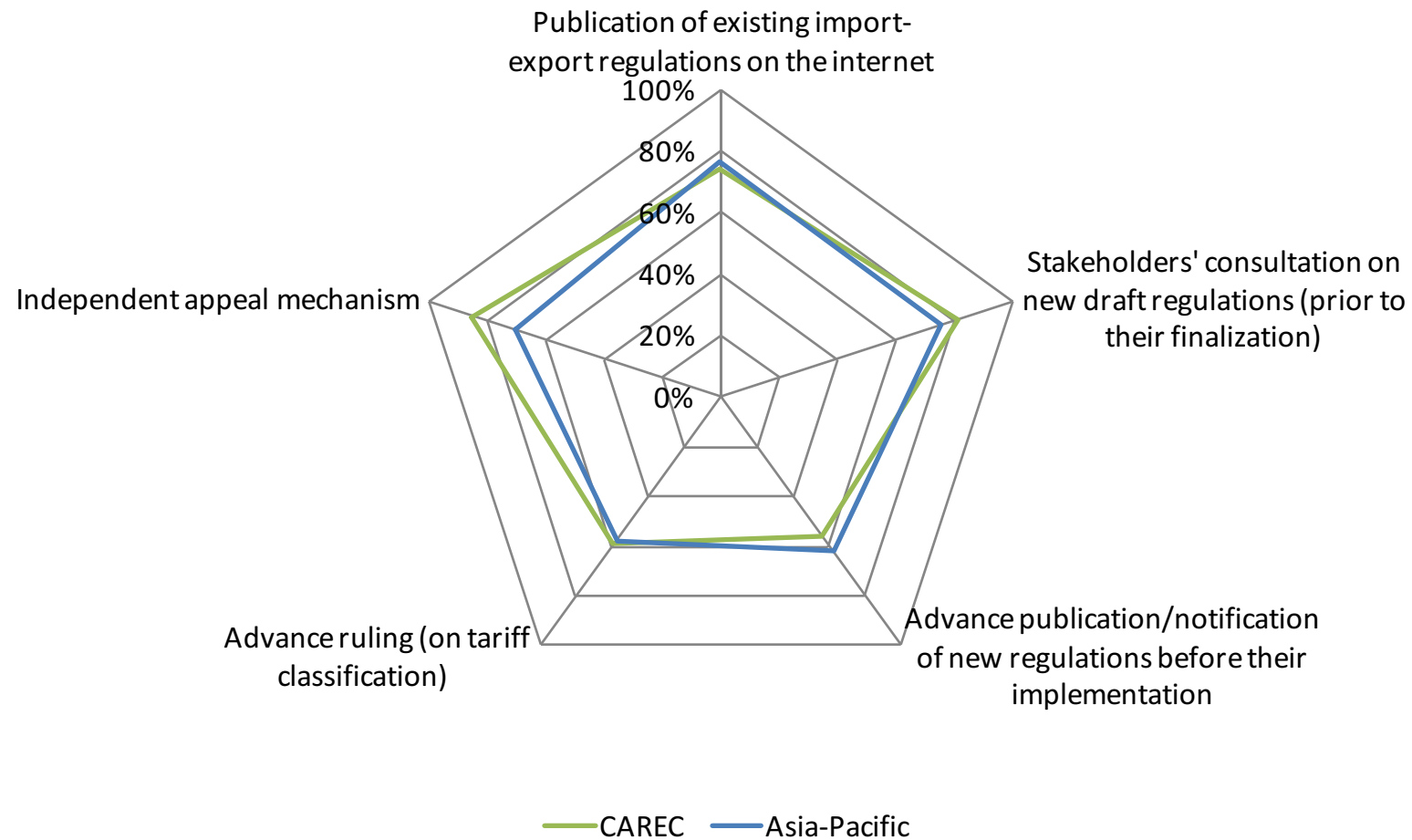
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Details of implementation in 2017

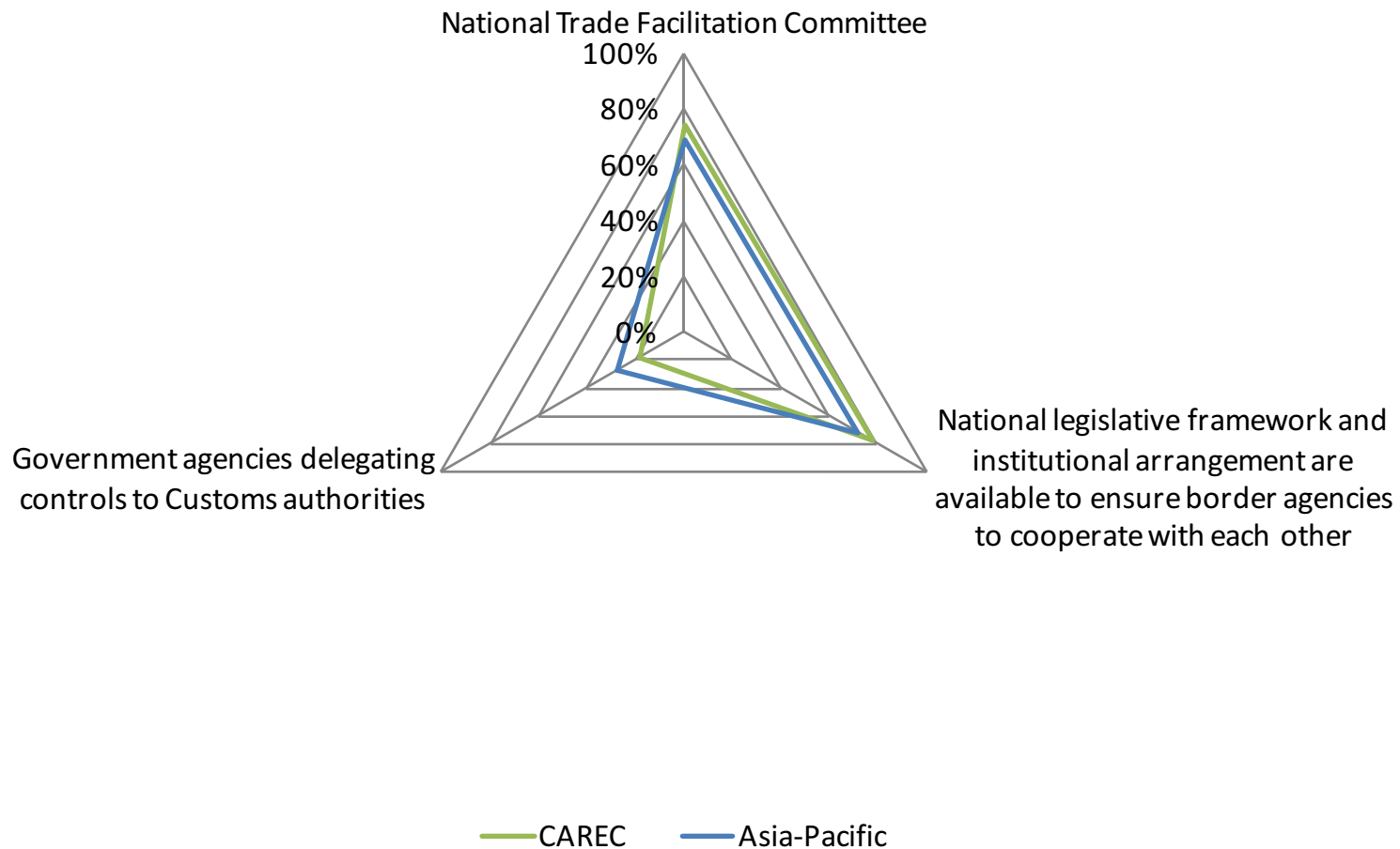
Figure A1 Implementation of transparency measures, 2017



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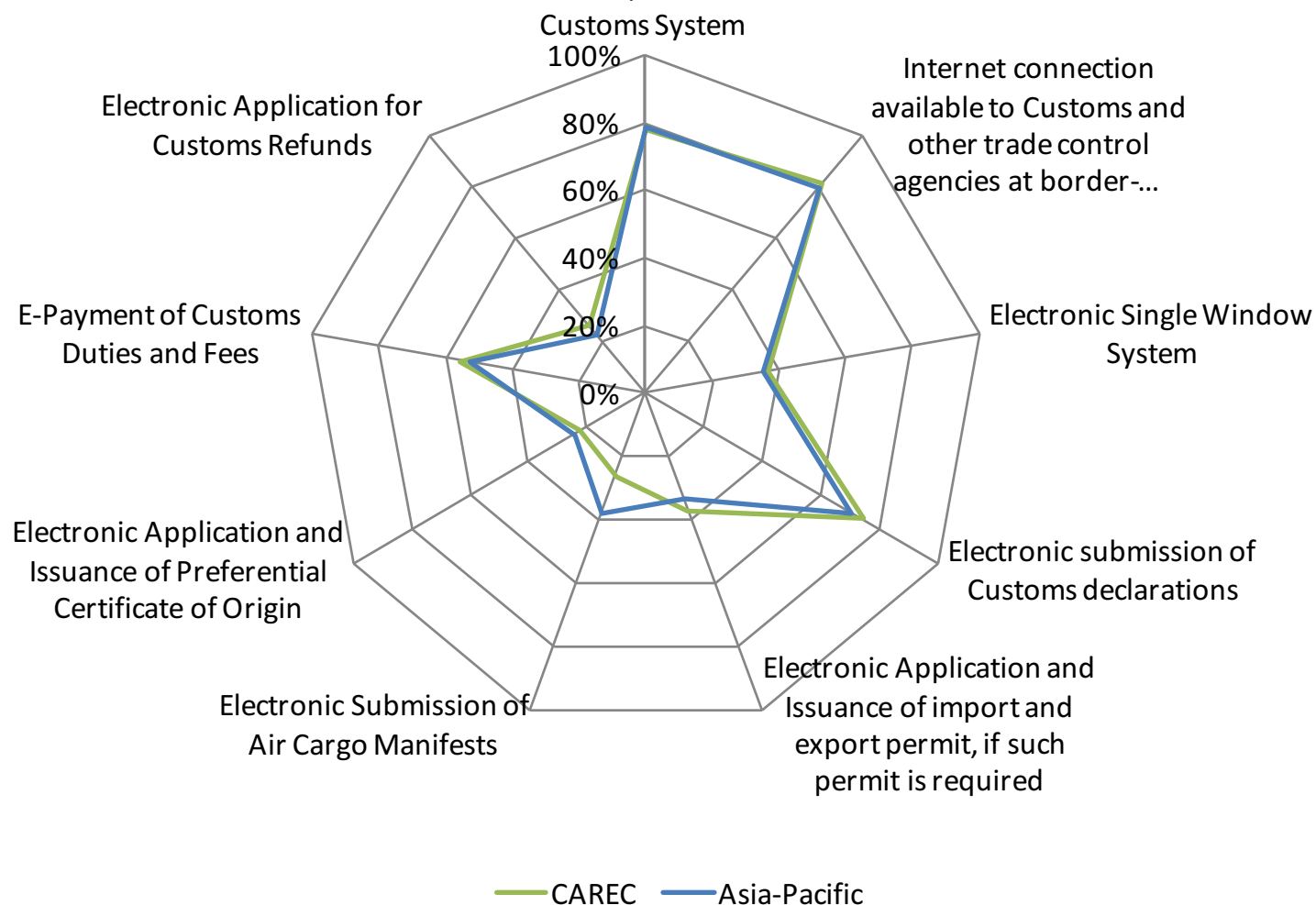
Figure A2 Implementation of Institutional arrangement and cooperation measures, 2017



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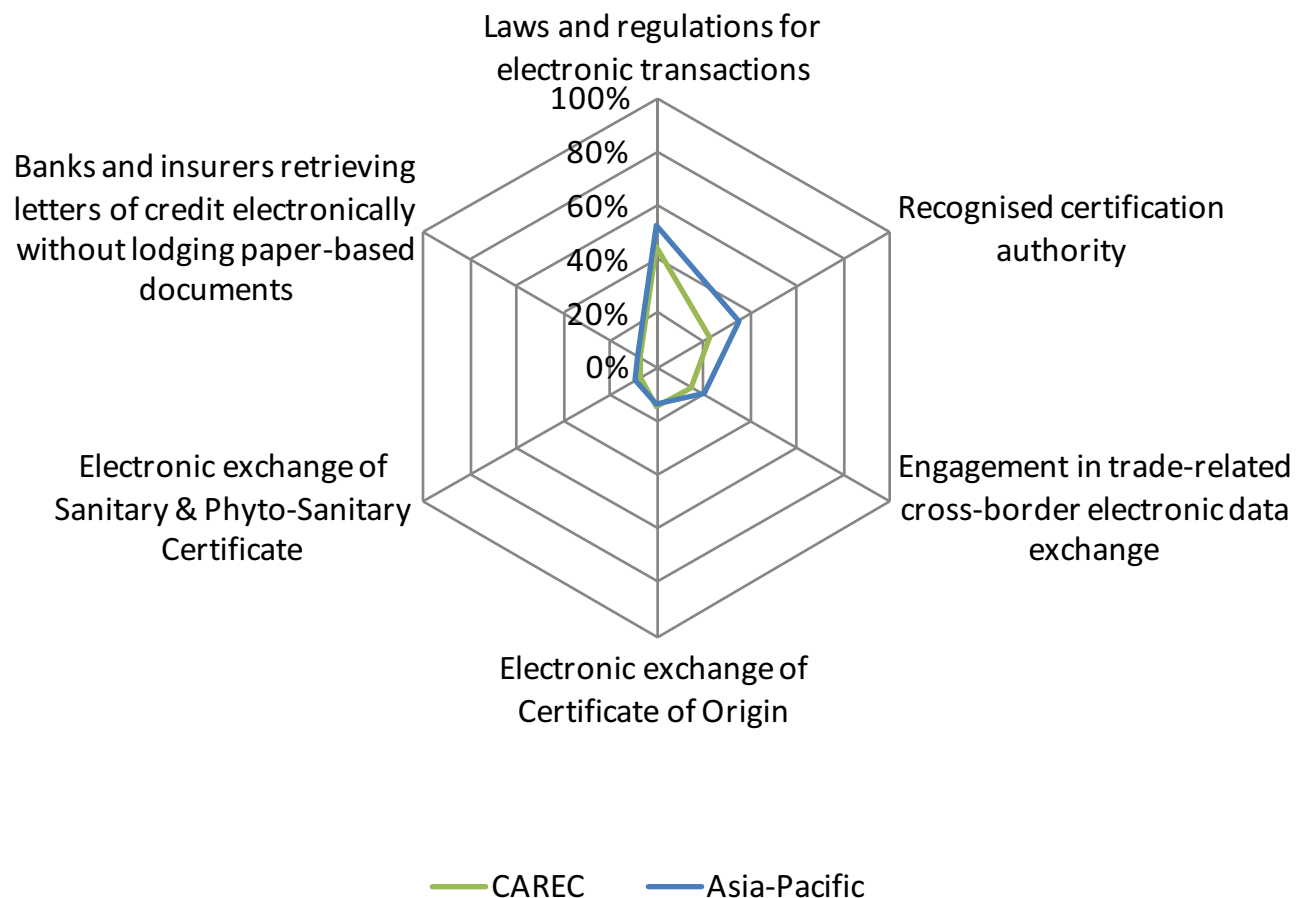
Figure A3 Implementation of paperless trade measures, 2017



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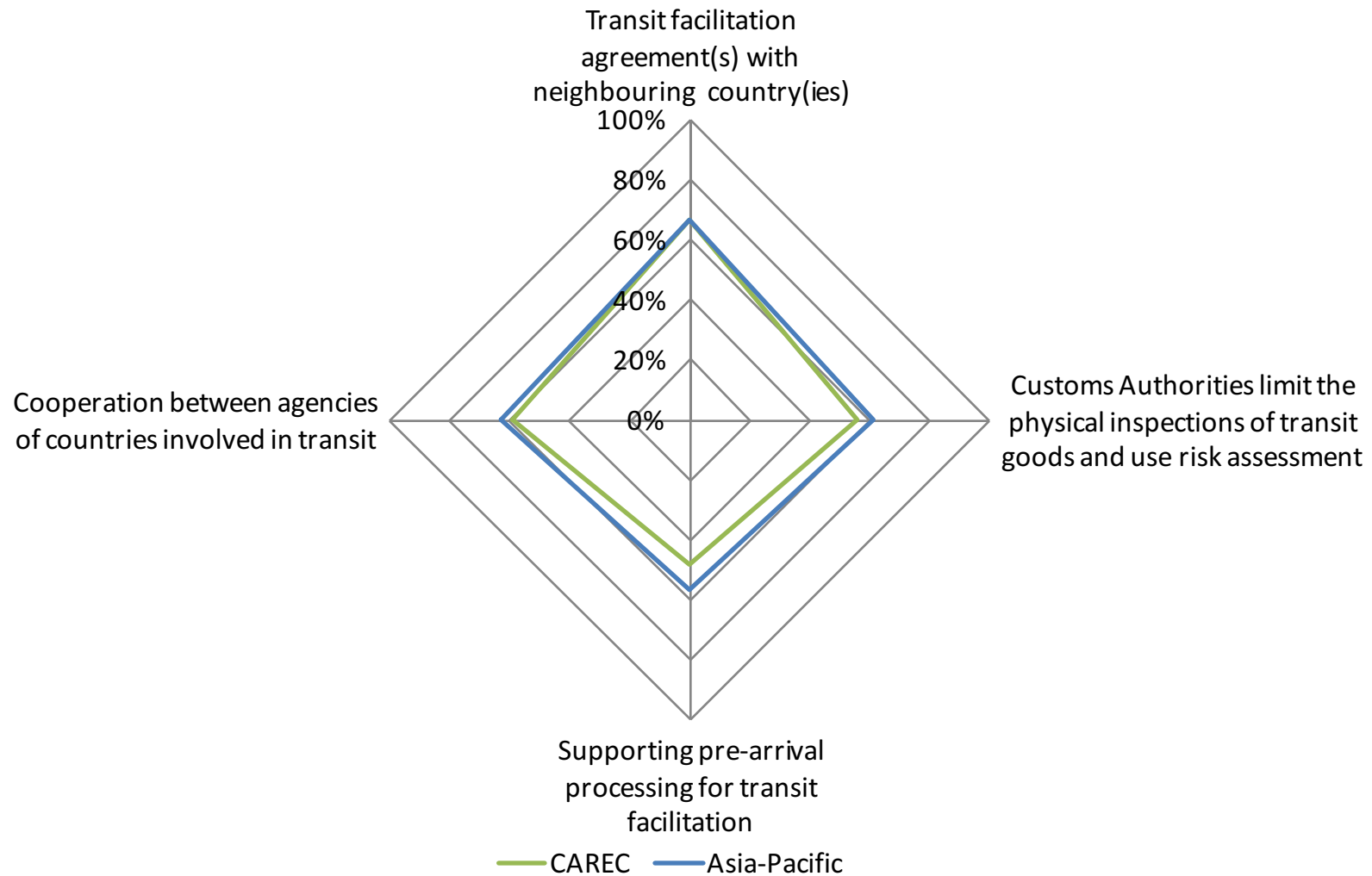
Figure A4 Implementation of cross-border paperless trade measures, 2017



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Details of implementation in 2017

Figure A5 Implementation of transit measures, 2017



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