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Single Window as a catalyst for regional cooperation and reducing NTMs

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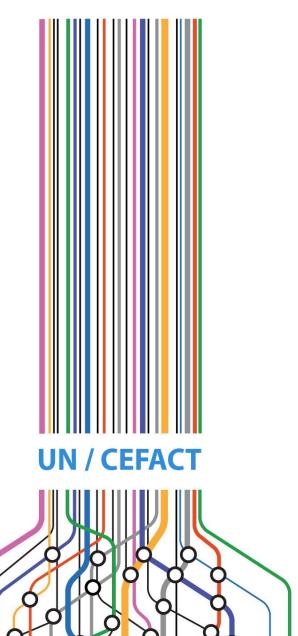
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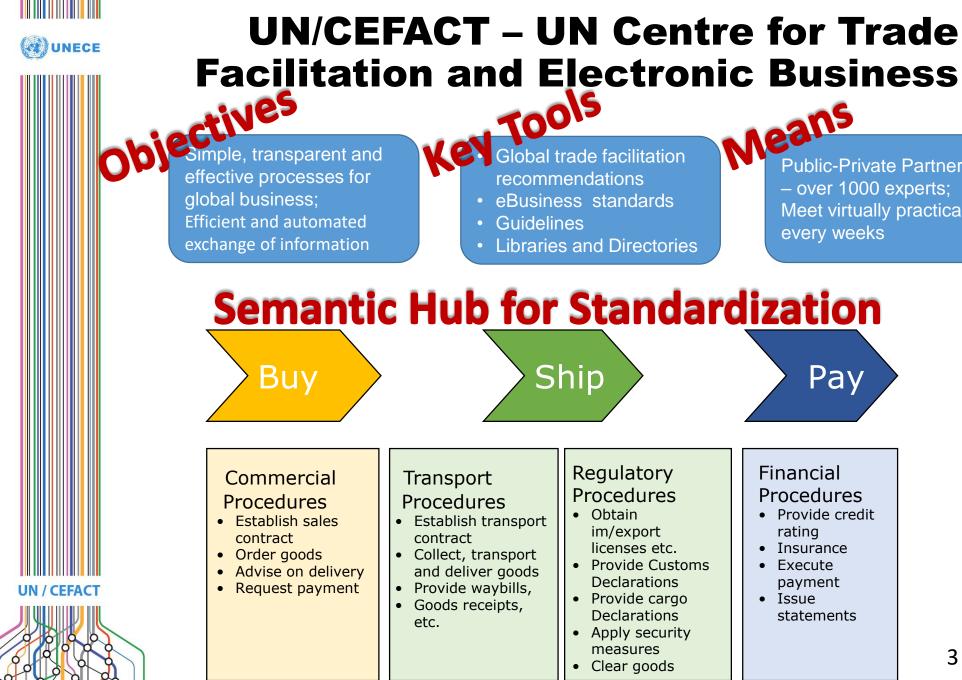
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Interoperability and integration: example of UNECE contribution with electronic Agriculture standards

- Clear semantic processes and standards for
 - Traceability of <u>agriculture products</u>, <u>fishery products</u>, <u>textile and leather</u>...
 - Agricultural certificates such as <u>eQuality</u>, <u>eSPS</u>
 - General certificates such as <u>eCertificate of Origin</u>
- Supporting countries all along the Belt and Road Initiative (Eastern and Western Europe, Central Asia, Far East Asia and beyond) to align these procedures and use clear international standards



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UN/CEFACT – Single Window

- <u>Rec33 Single Window Recommendation</u> (new release for 2020)
- <u>Rec34 Data Simplification and Standardization for</u> International Trade
- <u>Rec35 Establishing a legal framework for international</u> <u>trade Single Window</u>
- <u>Rec36 Single Window Interoperability</u>
- <u>Rec37 Single Submission Portal</u>
- <u>Technical Note on terminology for Single Window and other</u> <u>electronic platforms</u>

Work in progress:

 <u>Recommendation Project on Core Principles of Single</u> <u>Window Operations</u>





Single Window EAEU

- <u>Armenia</u>: The SW is based on UN/CEFACT Recommendations 34 (on Data Simplification and Standardization for Single Windows) and 36 (on Cross-Border Interoperability of Single Windows). The platform is being developed using home-grown ICT system, features a risk assessment function, and automatically assigns cargo to clearance/control channels (green for clearance without examination; yellow for documentary examination required; red for documentary and physical examination). (forthcoming study)
- <u>Belarus</u>: Preparations are underway to establish a SW following UN/CEFACT Recommendations; 33 and 36 (on Cross-Border Interoperability of Single Windows)
- Kyrgyzstan: the Custom Unified Automated Information System (UAIS) and the Single Window Information System (SWIS) functioned as separate systems. In 2016, the SWIS was used for issuing electronic trade documents (i.e., permits) other than the Customs deceleration. The latter was requested, processed and generated through the customs system. Efforts are underway to consolidate the SW to ensure compliance with UN/CEFACT recommendations 33 & 36
- <u>Kazakhstan</u>: SW is based on UN/CEFACT Recommendation 33. An automated system for customs administration, ASTANA-1 has been established and piloted. Since 2017, efforts are focused on rolling out the system





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- EAEU Decision No. 63 provides a formal process and methodology that for guiding the establishment of a WS in member countries. The Denison provides a complete and standardized approach to the analysis, harmonization and optimization of trade procedures across the EAEU using international standards and best practices, including those of UN/CEFACT.
- Decision No. 39 (10/05/2016) of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the technological documents regulating information interaction in the implementation of the overall process by means of an integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade" sets out rules and responsibilities for exchange of information between EAEU Member States and the EAEU Commission.
- Decision No. 123 (28.09.2015) of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Methods for Assessing the State of Development of the National "Single Window" Mechanisms" sets out the approved methods by which Member states should develop their national single window strategies. This includes the documentation of use case diagrams and business process maps.

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Single Window Definition

<u>Recommendation 33</u> defines a Single Window as:

- a facility providing trade facilitation that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements.
- Individual data elements should only be submitted once <u>electronically</u>.

Source: "Recommendation and Guidelines on establishing a Single Window to enhance the efficient exchange of information between trade and government," Recommendation 33, United Nations, to be published in 2020. Previous 2005 version available at: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/recommendations/rec33/rec33_ trd352e.pdf Parties involved in trade and transport

Standardized information and documents

Single entry point

Regulatory requirements

Single submission of individual data elements



Single Window: Data Simplification and Standardization



- UNECE Recommendation 34 proposes a methodology for streamlining and harmonizing the processes and resulting data requirements between agencies
- This reduces redundancies, and helps to develop a single process for all agencies involved.

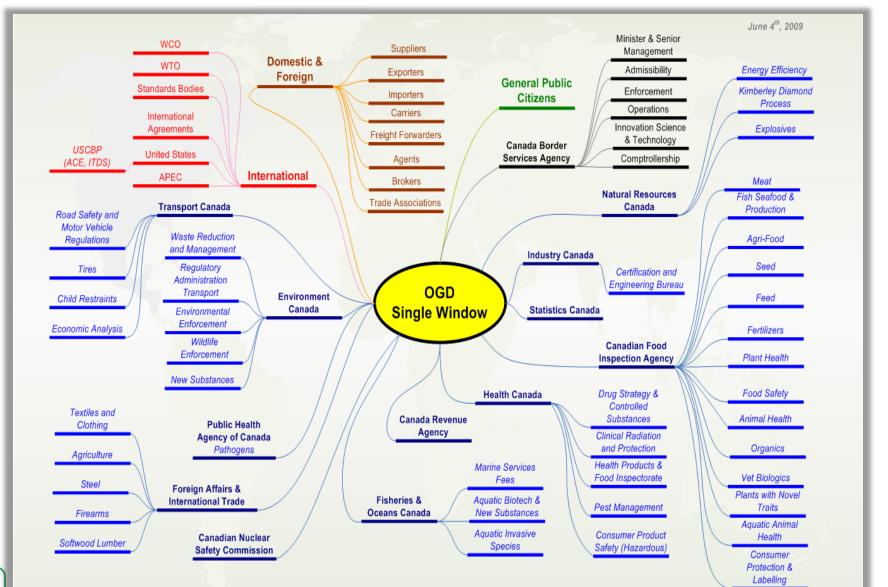


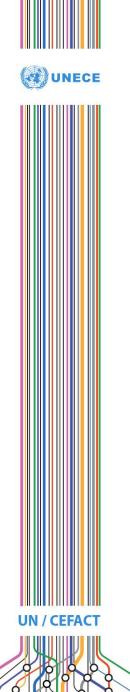


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Importance of involving all relevant stakeholders: example from Canadian expertience





Interoperability and regional integration

- <u>UNECE Recommendation 36</u> underlines the potential benefits of Single Window interoperability
 - Regional integration
 - Trade facilitation
 - Aligning standard requirements



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 - <u>tfig.unece.org</u>
 - Lance THOMPSON, Secretary UN/CEFACT, lance.thompson@un.org
- UNECE Studies on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade
 - <u>http://www.unece.org/trade/studies-on-regulatory-and-procedural-barriers-to-trade.html</u>
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• 28 October – 1st November, London, UK



<u>Conference on Single</u> <u>Window</u> <u>Implementations</u>, Tuesday 29 October

Conference on Application Programing Interfaces (APIs), Wednesday 30 October

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