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**Global Express Association's  
Customs capability database:  
a Gap analysis tool  
for the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**

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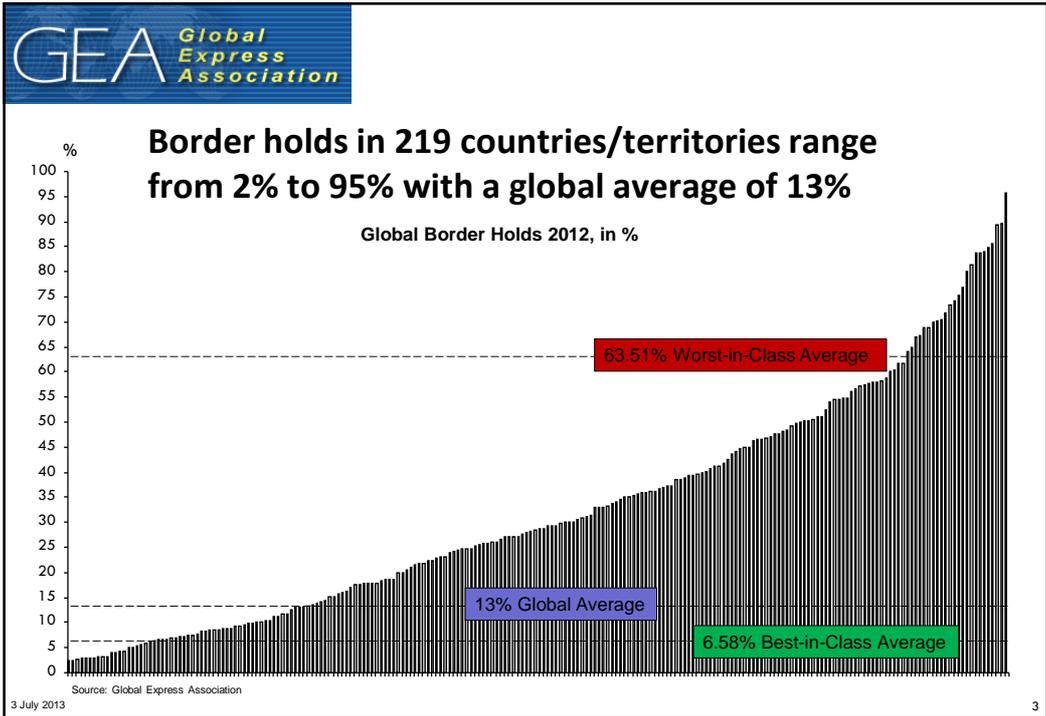
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## GEA CUSTOMS CAPABILITY DATABASE:

**A GAP ANALYSIS TOOL FOR THE WTO TRADE  
FACILITATION AGREEMENT**

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**Customs Capabilities Database**

- 139 countries
- Key Performance Indicators of border efficiency
  - Many mirror articles in the WTO Agreement
- Feb 2014 update
  - Peer reviewed

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## Article 7.1 Pre-arrival Processing

No pre-arrival electronic submission to Customs  
in  
**65**  
countries\*

\* Best endeavours clause in WTO TFA

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## Article 7.4 Risk Assessment

No automated risk assessment  
in  
**77**  
countries\*

\* Best endeavours clause in WTO TFA

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## Article 7.8 De Minimis

No *de minimis* exemption from duties and taxes  
in  
**48**  
countries\*

\* Best endeavours clause in the WTO TFA

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Search for specific customs capabilities (e.g. de minimis) for any countries via an easy to use database wizard.

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View or print the customs capability report for any country.

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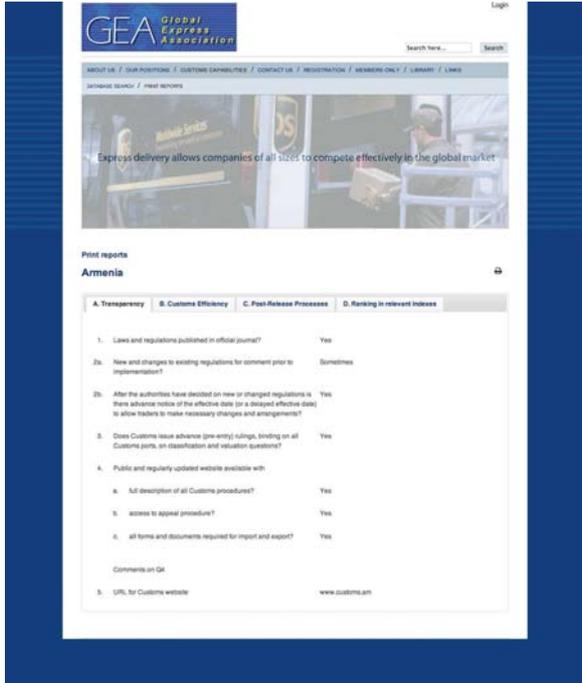
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## Country report



**Armenia**

	A. Transparency	B. Customs Efficiency	C. Post-Release Processes	D. Ranking in relevant indices
1. Laws and regulations published in official journal?	Yes			
2a. New and changes to existing regulations for comment prior to implementation?	Yes	Sometimes		
2b. After the authorities have decided on new or changed regulations, is there advance notice of the effective date (or a delayed effective date) to allow traders to make necessary changes and arrangements?	Yes			
3. Does Customs issue advance (pre-entry) rulings, binding on all Customs ports, on classification and valuation questions?	Yes			
4. Public and regularly updated website available with:				
a. full description of all Customs procedures?	Yes			
b. access to appeal procedure?	Yes			
c. all forms and documents required for import and export?	Yes			
Comments on G4				
5. URL for Customs website	<a href="http://www.customs.am">www.customs.am</a>			

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**DB Search**

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**Example 1:  
Countries that meet (or don't) a specific criterion**

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**Art 1.2.1 b - Import / export forms & documents (NOT) available on the web**

1. Albania	11. Congo, Republic of	23. Paraguay
2. Bangladesh	the	24. Philippines
3. Barbados	12. Cote D'Ivoire	25. Russian Federation
4. Benin	13. Djibouti	
5. Burkina Faso	14. Eritrea	26. Sierra Leone
6. Burundi	15. Gabon	27. Togo
7. Cambodia	16. Gambia	28. Uruguay
8. Cameroon	17. Indonesia	
9. Central African Republic	18. Liberia	
10. Congo, Democratic Republic of the	19. Madagascar	
	20. Nepal	
	21. Nicaragua	
	22. Oman	

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**Art. 7.3 - (NO) Separation of release and clearance**

1. Argentina	15. Guatemala	29. Trinidad and Tobago
2. Australia	16. Honduras	30. Uruguay
3. Bangladesh	17. Kazakhstan	31. Venezuela
4. Barbados	18. Mexico	32. Viet Nam
5. Belize	19. Nepal	
6. Bermuda	20. Pakistan	
7. Bhutan	21. Panama	
8. Brunei Darussalam	22. Paraguay	
9. Cambodia	23. Philippines	
10. Chile	24. Rwanda	
11. China	25. Singapore	
12. Dominican Repub.	26. Spain	
13. Egypt	27. Sri Lanka	
14. El Salvador	28. Thailand	

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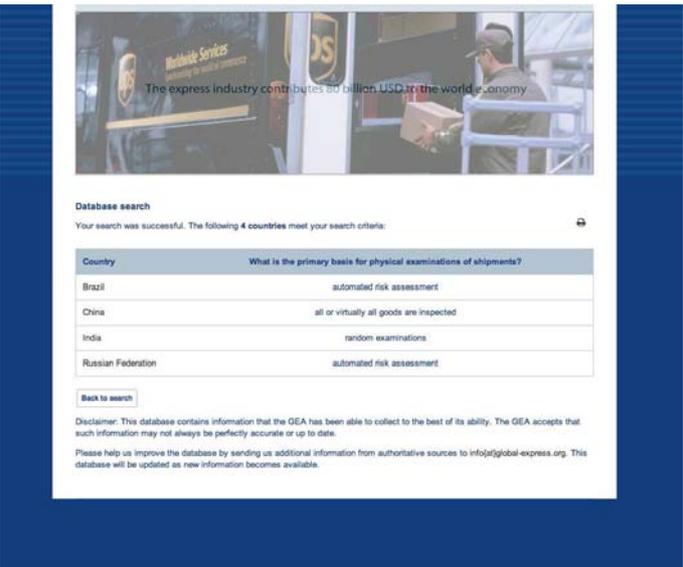
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## DB Search

### Example 2: Cross-comparison

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**Database search**  
Your search was successful. The following 4 countries meet your search criteria:

Country	What is the primary basis for physical examinations of shipments?
Brazil	automated risk assessment
China	all or virtually all goods are inspected
India	random examinations
Russian Federation	automated risk assessment

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## Asia Pacific

WTO TFA GAP ANALYSIS	BAHRAIN	CYPRUS	EGYPT	ISRAEL	JORDAN	KUWAIT	LEBANON	MOROCCO	OMAN	PAKISTAN	QATAR	SAUDI ARABIA	TURKEY	UAE
<b>ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION</b>														
1. Publication	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Information Available Through Internet (NB: Best endeavours)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Procedures	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Forms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Enquiry Points	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1. Notification	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Currently not monitored by GEA														
<b>ARTICLE 2: OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, INFORMATION BEFORE ENTRY INTO FORCE AND CONSULTATION</b>														
2. Opportunity To Comment And Information Before Entry into Force	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Consultations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>ARTICLE 3: ADVANCE RULINGS (NB: Best endeavours for a.r. on valuation and apptals)</b>														
3. Advance Rulings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>ARTICLE 4: APPEAL OR REVIEW PROCEDURES</b>														
4. Right To Appeal Or Review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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**What do we call a 'Hold' ?**

The GEA measures the **percentage of shipments held at import** on a **quarterly**, country-by-country basis.

'Holds' are measured as follows:

- By shipment (not by package count).
  - If a shipment contains several packages, it counts as one.
- Non-document shipments of the four GEA members only.
- A held shipment is counted only once, regardless of the duration of the hold.
- A shipment is considered to be held based on each GEA member's scheduled release of that shipment.
- Regardless of Government agency holding it or reason for holding it.