Paperless Trade as the e-commerce enabler

UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation

Reviews the progress of trade facilitation: 58 measures covering both binding and non-binding WTO TFA measures and measures beyond the scope of WTO TFA+

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Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

- A UN Treaty: enabling and action-oriented and open to interested (53) ESCAP member states (voluntary) to become parties
- To facilitate cross-border paperless trade (data exchange) among willing ESCAP member states by providing a dedicated intergovernmental framework to develop legal and technical solutions
- Complementary to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) as well as (sub)regional efforts

Visit: https://www.unescap.org/kp/cpta and:

1. Watch the video: https://youtu.be/F6mW4d9Lg3w
2. Watch the video (if time permitting): https://youtu.be/TTPXQIr8RHU OR read the introductory presentation: https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/d8files/2021-01/CPTA.pdf

Readiness Assessment Guide for Cross-border Paperless Trade

This readiness assessment guide will facilitate self-assessments of legal and technical readiness on cross-border paperless trade. Following the structure of the checklists, the guide is divided into legal and technical areas.

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1. Read the about page: https://readiness.digitalizetrade.org/about
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Technical assistance/capacity-building support options

1. Accession/Ratification Accelerator Programme for the Framework Agreement
   https://www.unescap.org/announcement/accessionratification-accelerator-programme-framework-agreement-facilitation-cross
2. Readiness Assessment for cross-border paperless trade (with a request from the country, technical support could be given by ESCAP – funding for the national expert team to conduct the study, virtual support from international advisors, etc.)
   https://www.unescap.org/resources/readiness-assessments-cross-border-paperless-trade
3. UNTF Survey – national workshop for updating the 2021 Survey result (upcoming) and Next Generation Trade Facilitation Course (upcoming) https://www.unescap.org/training/ngtf