

CHAPTER 4

TRADE FACILITATION

Article 4.1: Objectives, Principles, and General Provisions

1. The Parties acknowledge the importance of customs and trade facilitation matters in the evolving global trading environment.
2. The Parties shall, to the extent possible, cooperate and exchange information, including information on best practices, to promote the application of and compliance with the trade facilitation measures in this Agreement.
3. Each Party shall ensure that its measures to facilitate trade do not hinder mechanisms to protect a person through effective enforcement of and compliance with its law.
4. Each Party shall ensure that its import, export and transit requirements and procedures are no more administratively burdensome or trade restrictive than necessary to achieve a legitimate objective.
5. Each Party shall use existing international trade and customs instruments and standards as a basis for its import, export and transit requirements and procedures, unless they would be an inappropriate or ineffective means for the fulfilment of the legitimate objective pursued.

Article 4.2: Transparency

1. Each Party shall publish or otherwise make available, including electronically, its legislation, judicial decisions and administrative policies relating to import or export requirements.
2. Each Party shall endeavour to make public, including on the internet, proposed regulations and administrative policies relating to customs matters and to provide interested persons an opportunity to comment prior to their adoption.
3. Each Party shall designate or maintain one or more contact points to address inquiries by interested persons concerning customs matters and make available, including on the internet, information concerning the procedures for making these inquiries.