

n) Trade Facilitation

The objective of Trade Facilitation is to ensure that the requirements established by foreign states to govern trade enhance rather than hinder the movement of goods and services. This is achieved by streamlining or abolishing international documentation requirements and by assisting in the development of an international computerized system to transmit documents used in domestic and international trade electronically. Officials of External Affairs and International Trade Canada participate in international and domestic industry fora as part of this process which is geared, ultimately, to protect and enhance the competitive position of Canadian exporters. Officials also assist Canadian exporters of trade information systems by identifying market opportunities overseas.

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