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1. How does the Agreement promote transit for LLDCs?

2. Where do we stand on its implementation?
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Multilateral framework for transit facilitation of global scope and almost universal application
Common direction & Convergence of reforms
Rules with teeth

Dispute settlement system
New enforcement perspectives
What's inside?
Provisions of particular relevance to LLDCs
Transit per se
(examples)

- Disciplines on related regulations, formalities, documents, fees & charges
- Strengthened non-discrimination
- Infrastructure improvements
  - Improved guaranty systems
  - Enhanced cooperation and coordination
Transparency measures
Increased access to information
Reduced/simplified fees & formalities
Expedited release & clearance of goods
Improved border agency cooperation
Where do we stand on its implementation?
Implementation road map
Article X:3 Marrakesh Agreement
53 Instruments of Acceptance deposited

53 out of 162
TRADE FACILITATION: AGREEMENT

How to accept the Protocol of Amendment to insert the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement

Background information for Members on procedures.

Introduction

At the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference held in Bali, Indonesia, from 3 to 7 December 2013, a Decision was reached on a WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement as part of the wider “Bali Package”. The Decision mandated the adoption of a Protocol of Amendment (Protocol) to insert the Trade Facilitation Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement. On 27 November 2014, the General Council adopted the Protocol and opened it for acceptance by Members.
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