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**RELATION BETWEEN THE WTO TRADE
FACILITATION AGREEMENT, THE TIR
CONVENTION AND OTHER LEGAL
INSTRUMENTS.**

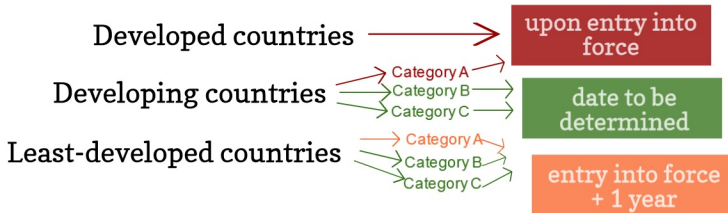
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World Trade Organization
**TRADE
FACILITATION
AGREEMENT**

- Adopted in 2014
- Not yet into force

Sets forth a series of measures for expediting the movement of goods across borders

implementation starts soon.



World Trade Organization

TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT (TFA)

facilitate trade

United Nations

TIR

Harmonization Convention

facilitate transit

harmonize border controls

trade facilitation + border crossing facilitation

AUTHORIZED OPERATORS

Art.11

RAPID RELEASE TIME

TRANSIT

TIR

COMMON BORDER PROCEDURES

Art. 7

Art.10

ENHANCED CONTROLS

BORDER HOURS

RESTRICTIONS

World Trade Organization
TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT (TFA)

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

ADVANCED INFORMATION

NATIONAL REGULATIONS

Art. 1

INSPECTIONS

Harmonization Convention

Art. 7

CLEARANCE OF GOODS

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

CUSTOMS CHARGES
CUSTOMS ESCORTS

INFORMATION EXCHANGE
REDUCED FORMALITIES
GUARANTEES

Art.12

CUSTOMS COOPERATION

BORDER CROSSING FACILITATION

Art. 1

BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION
PERISHABLE GOODS

Harmonization Convention

Art. 8

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS

Art. 9

TRADE STANDARDS

PRIORITY CONSIGNMENTS



COMPARATIVE TABLE

World Trade Organization
TRADE FACILITATION
AGREEMENT (TFA)

Art. 11.9 Members shall allow and provide for advance filling and processing of transit documentation and data prior to the arrival of goods.



example 1
example 2

COMPARATIVE
TABLE

World Trade Organization
TRADE FACILITATION
AGREEMENT (TFA)

Art. 7 (4.3) Each Member shall concentrate customs control and, to the extent possible other relevant border controls, on high-risk consignments and expedite the release of low-risk consignments...

United Nations

TIR

Harmonization
Convention

Art. 19 The goods and the road vehicle, the combination of vehicles or the container shall be produced with the TIR Carnet at the Customs office of departure.

Annex 9 (rail), art. 8 The contracting Parties shall endeavour to provide the customs authorities in advance with information on goods arriving at border (interchange) station...

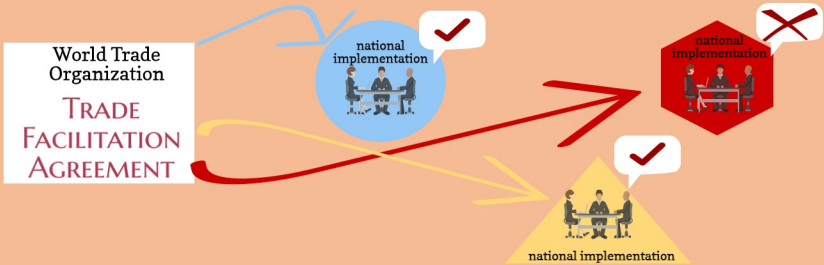
United Nations

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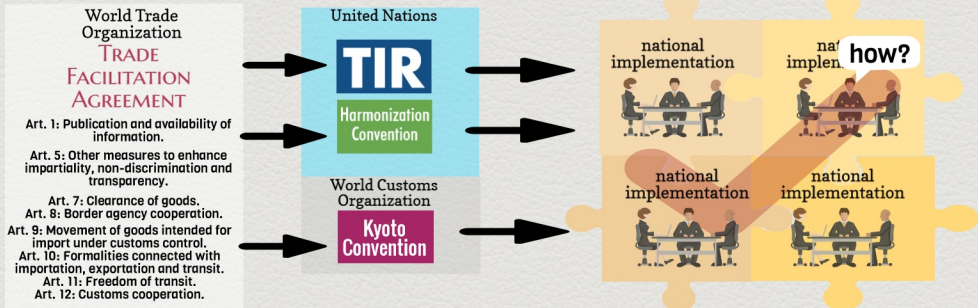
Harmonization
Convention

Art. 5 Goods carried under the TIR procedure in sealed road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or containers shall not as a general rule be subject to examination at Customs offices en route...

Art. 2 In order to facilitate the international movement of goods, this Convention aims at reducing the requirements for completing formalities as well as the number and duration of controls...



UN agreements provide for a practical and coordinated implementation of the TEA.



challenges

lack of
awareness

limited
geographic
scope

insufficient
coordination

opportunities

training

geographic
expansion

coordinated
strategies

border
crossing
facilitation

new leaflet



COMPARATIVE TABLE

The **UNITED NATIONS**
Transport Conventions
on **Border Crossing Facilitation**
Benefits for governments

TWO UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS

TIR *TIR* **Convention** on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets
Harmonization Convention on the International Transport of Goods

ADVANTAGES

More trade
Threats, discounts and guarantees are harmonized internationally.
Border controls are faster and more transparent.
Changes management across borders in a faster and more reliable manner.

Intelligent borders
Piloted cooperation for border crossing for business.
Increased revenues.
Borders are more secure and controls are more effective.



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