

Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG) Focal Point

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- *The Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide is [a tool for simplifying cross-border trade](#).*
- Developed by UNECE, with contributions from UN/CEFACT and with financial support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida.

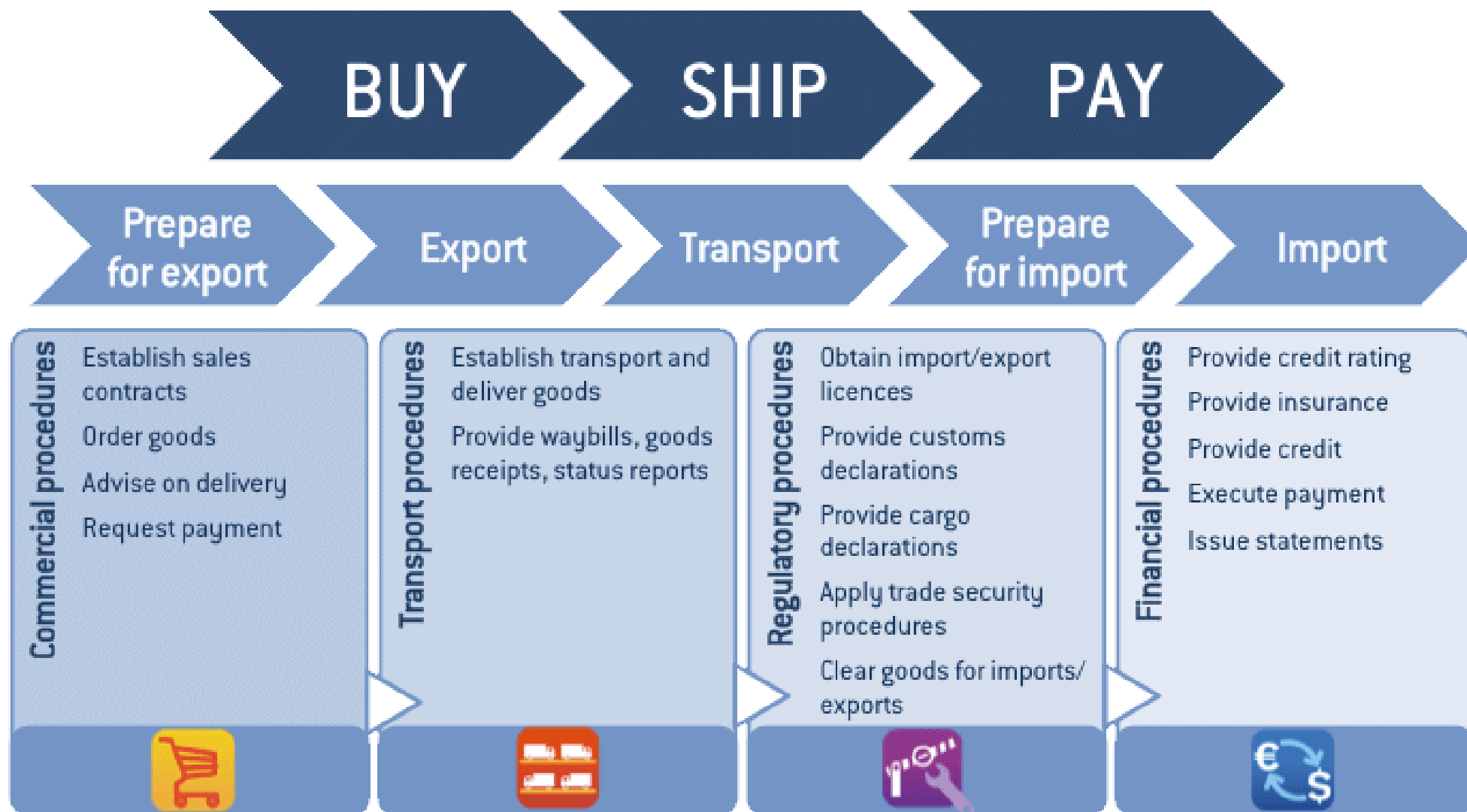
- Check TFIG! <http://tfig.unece.org/>

Since 2012 until September 2015, there have been **290,000** unique visitors and **1.9 million** page views for TFIG website



TFIG

- Based on Trade Facilitation principles:
 - Transparency
 - Simplification
 - Harmonization
 - Standardization
- Following Buy – Ship – Pay -model
- Consisting four parts:
 - Commercial Procedures
 - Transport Procedures
 - Regulatory Procedures
 - Financial Procedures



TFIG Focal Point Scope

the TFIG Focal Point will be responsible for:

- Promoting the value of TFIG to other domains within the UN-CEFACT forum;
- Encouraging other Domains to review their work programmes to identify materials to enhance the offering already available in the TFIG;
- Requesting other domains to consider projects within their area of expertise that could add new material to the TFIG;
- Reviewing regularly all UN-CEFACT contribution to the TFIG to ensure the information and material is up to date and remains of value to the objective of trade facilitation implementation;
- Assisting the UNECE Secretariat, when requested, with the maintenance of the TFIG website;
- [The TFIG Focal Point will liaise with the WTO TFA Focal Point with a view to fine tuning work and making sure that new developments related to the WTO TFA are promptly reflected in the TFIG].

TFIG Development Plan (by UNECE secretariat)

- Plan for TFIG update:
- 1. Integrate two itineraries namely: 'Establishing National TF Bodies' and 'Trade Facilitation Road Map'.
- First one will be developed based on recommendations no. 4 and 40 primarily but also include reference to new ITC and UNCTAD publications on these topics.
- Second one will be mainly developed based on the UNECE TF road map.
- 2. Request for updating information from various international organizations on their pages have been forwarded.
- 3. Update and add few case studies for best practices.
- 4. All updates will be translated to Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish.
- 5. Conduct two webinars on TFIG preferably in connection with any other event.

TFIG Administrative Issues (by UNECE secretariat)

- Sida through Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided approx. USD 125,000 to update by December 2015.
- ITC ILO has been granted for making the update. One expert has been identified to develop the content of the update (except international organizations)
- However, due to implementation of UMOJA (new ERP), administrative processes have been delayed and halted.
- Funding for update will expire by December 2015.

Action plan for TFIG Focal Point (to be developed)

- Discussions and presentations with related ITP (and other) Domains/ Coordinators will be started
- Establish a process to identify topics that will be proposed to be included in the guide, in cooperation with secretariat
- Encourage domains/experts to provide contributions to TFIG maintenance
- Follow up the work and outcomes by Domains, related to the Guide principles

Thank you!

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