Overview: Belarus’ average implementation rate of trade facilitation measures (75%) is not only higher than the Eastern Europe\(^1\) average (61%), but also than the UNECE average (69%). The average implementation rate of each category is

\(^1\) Eastern European countries for calculation purposes: Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine.
higher than those of the UNECE region, with the only exception of Formalities-related measures. Among the six categories, Transparency measures have been implemented the most (87%), and Paperless Trade Facilitation measures have been implemented the least (67%).

**Spotlight:**

When it comes to Transparency provisions, Belarus fully implemented the following measures: existing import-export regulations on the internet, advance publication of new regulations before their implementation and independent appeal mechanism. As for Institutional Arrangement measures, Belarus is the only country in the Eastern Europe sub-region that fully implemented the government agencies delegating controls to customs authorities provision. In addition, the country entirely implemented all Transit Facilitation measures, and has made significant progress with respect to the electronic Single Window System.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:

Belarus is steadily moving up the Trade Facilitation ladder. The upward movement is based on strong foundation of the Institutional Arrangement and Transparency-related measures. The country is not far away from the EU, Norway and Switzerland level. However, to reach the frontier, Belarus may focus its efforts on further improvement of Formalities related measures including fuller implementation of risk management and expedited shipment. Further emphasis on the Paperless Trade provisions will pave the way for more advanced Cross-Border Paperless Trade Facilitation measures.

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