Overview: Kazakhstan significantly improved the overall implementation of trade facilitation measures from about 39% in 2015 to 50.5% in 2017. The average implementation rate is above the Central Asia average (41%), but significantly below the UNECE region average (69%). Average performance of each category is higher than that of Central Asia. Formalities

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1 Central Asian countries for calculation purposes: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
related measures have been implemented the most (75%), while Cross-border paperless trade measures have been least-implemented (11%).

Spotlight:
Kazakhstan evidently performs best in Formalities related measures including risk management, pre-arrival processing and post-clearance audit. The new customs code was adopted in early 2018. Between 2015 and 2017, Kazakhstan improved its performance in Formalities related measures significantly (by 33 percentage points). The National Trade Facilitation Committee has been established, thus contributing to stronger Institutional Arrangements.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:
Kazakhstan has been progressively moving up the ladder in trade facilitation. A solid basis for trade facilitation reforms are the Institutional Arrangements, which have seen significant progress in the last few years. Full implementation of provisions such as stakeholder consultation, publication of export-import information or expedited shipment would bring greater benefit to traders. At this point, Kazakhstan may direct its efforts to developing paperless trade or cross-border paperless trade measures. In this dynamic process, establishing a relevant legal framework would be necessary.

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