**Overview:** Turkey improved its performance in terms of implementation of trade facilitation measures, increasing its average implementation rate from 60% in 2015 to 65% in 2017. The country's average implementation rate is at par with the Caucasus and Turkey region (65%) but remained slightly below than the UNECE region (69%) region. Among the six categories, Transparency related measures have been implemented the most (80%) and Cross-Border Paperless Trade measures have been implemented the least (33%).

1 Caucasus and Turkey countries for calculation purposes: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey
Spotlight:
Turkey’s performance in Transparency, Formalities and Transit Facilitation are noteworthy. Full implementation of multiple provisions across categories demonstrate the country’s attempt for a stronger push for trade facilitation reforms. Turkey has made strides into the Paperless Trade measures. Transit Facilitation measures have a balanced implementation level. Turkey has established an electronic customs system and has partially implemented a Single Window System.

Moving up the trade facilitation ladder:
Turkey has been moving up the trade facilitation ladder steadily. While being relatively far away from the full implementation of trade facilitation measures and below the EU, Norway and Switzerland’s level of implementation, Turkey has been maintaining the same levels as its own sub-region. Turkey should focus its efforts on fully implementing the Institutional Arrangement provisions that serve as an important foundation for trade facilitation reforms. The country should also work on systematically improving its performance with regards to Transparency and Formalities related measures. The full implementation of such measures as stakeholder consultation and publication of export-import information would greatly benefit traders. Based on such developments (although not necessarily sequential), more advanced Paperless Trade measures and Cross-Border Paperless Trade measures could be implemented.

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