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#### Recommendations and standards:

Support to capacity building and technical cooperation

### **Draft Training Modules: Supply Chain Management, Facilitation of Import and Export Procedures and Single Window Implementation**

#### **Material submitted by the Secretariat**

#### *Summary*

This training material was prepared in the framework of an extrabudgetary project on the topic of “Trade Facilitation for easier access to regional and global markets.” It aims to group together and explain the recommendations and standards available through the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). This material was developed in accordance with the mandate provided during the twenty-third session of the UN/CEFACT, in the Programme of work, ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/19, paragraph 23.

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1. In 2015, The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) completed the study “Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan”<sup>1</sup>, which highlighted the impact of such barriers on the country’s export competitiveness and regional integration. To address them, the assessment recommended the establishment of “training facilities, equipped with trained staff and training material adapted to the local context, [within relevant market support institutions] in order to familiarize traders with emerging trends in supply chain management marketing, outsourcing and financial management”<sup>2</sup>.
2. These training modules intend to provide an overview of available strategies to better integrate countries into the regional and global supply chains from a trade facilitation perspective. Supply chain management, the facilitation of import and export procedures, and single window implementation are part of these strategies. The idea behind this is the harmonization, simplification and standardization of procedures and information flows, which reduces the time and cost of doing trade significantly.
3. The structure of each of the three modules comprises a first session which targets policymakers involved in policy formulation, followed by technical sessions for project managers and government experts involved in policy implementation, and for representatives of the private sector for them to gain a better understanding of trade facilitation concepts and approaches. Each session concludes with various training material such as topics for discussion, case studies, explanatory illustrations and additional resources that can be used by trainers to prepare training sessions based on the proposed training contents.
4. Drafted in collaboration with the Eurasian Economic Commission and based on United Nations recommendation, in alignment with other international organizations’ guidance, these training manuals take into account the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement. In this context, they provide recommendations to governments and the trading community on how to integrate its key provisions into national policies, legislation and regulation.
5. The first module on Supply Chain Management goes over regional and global value chains and their legally enabling environment. It then covers the Business Process Analysis approach to describe these value chains and how they fit into the Buy-Ship-Pay Model of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business.
6. The second module on Trade Facilitation provides a general background on the base principles and measures governments can take to improve facilitation of imports and exports. It provides a comprehensive explanation of Authorized Economic Operator and simplified procedures and how these relate to customs modernization.
7. The third and final module on Single Window implementation goes over the base principles of Single Window as established in the UNECE Recommendation 33, 34 and 35.
8. The UNECE hopes that this training manual will support the efforts to strengthen the capacity of government agencies and the trading communities to strengthen its competitiveness and access to regional and global markets, in support of sustainable and inclusive economic development.
9. These training modules are available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48638>.

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<sup>1</sup> “Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan: Needs Assessment” United Nations, New York and Geneva, 2015, available at: [https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/Publications/ECE\\_TRADE\\_412E-Kyrgyzstan.pdf](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/Publications/ECE_TRADE_412E-Kyrgyzstan.pdf) (link as of December 2018)

<sup>2</sup> Op cite, page 18