Trade Procedures Facilitation Domain

Background Information

This Domain concentrates on the business processes, commercial practices and official procedures involved in the international trade transactions. Using the Buy-Ship-Pay (International Supply Chain Reference Model), the Domain covers all aspects of end-to-end transactions from initial sales contract to final settlements.

ITPD is the successor of the TBG15 “International Trade Procedures Working Group” and GE2 of Working Party 4.

Scope

The work of the Domain is divided into three main areas:

a) The maintenance of existing UNECE trade facilitation recommendations;
b) The development of new trade facilitation recommendations; and
c) New initiatives, techniques and tools to facilitate international trade transactions.

Further work of the Domain includes:

a) Ensuring that recommendation projects being developed in UN/CEFACT (within and outside of the ITP-PDA) are keeping trade facilitation in view;
b) Ensuring that recommendation projects being developed in UN/CEFACT (within and outside of the ITP-PDA) are compliant with all published and approved UNECE trade facilitation recommendations; and
c) Acting as a focal point for any questions related to recommendation development within UN/CEFACT.

Active Projects

- Readiness for emergency relief importation
- Response to pandemic crisis

Related Deliverable

- Recommendation N°1 – United Nations Layout Key for Trade Documents
- Recommendation N°4 – National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Recommendation N°6 – Aligned Invoice Layout Key for International Trade
- Recommendation N°8 – Unique Identification Code Methodology – UNIC
- Recommendation N°11 – Documentary Aspects of the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Recommendation N°12 – Measures to Facilitate Maritime Transport Documents Procedures
- Recommendation N°13 – Facilitation of Identified Legal Problems in Import Clearance Procedures
- Recommendation N°14 – Authentication of Trade Documents
• Recommendation N°15 – Simpler Shipping Marks
• Recommendation N°16 – Code for Trade and Transport Locations