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

- Encouraging Private Sector Participation in National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Revision of Recommendation 2

Related Deliverable

- Recommendation Nº1 – United Nations Layout Key for Trade Documents
- Recommendation Nº4 – National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Recommendation Nº6 – Aligned Invoice Layout Key for International Trade
- Recommendation Nº8 – Unique Identification Code Methodology – UNIC
- Recommendation Nº11 – Documentary Aspects of the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Recommendation Nº12 – Measures to Facilitate Maritime Transport Documents Procedures
- Recommendation Nº13 – Facilitation of Identified Legal Problems in Import Clearance Procedures
- Recommendation Nº14 – Authentication of Trade Documents
• Recommendation N°15 – Simpler Shipping Marks
• Recommendation N°16 – Code for Trade and Transport Locations