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Transparency
- Publication of regulations on the internet (100%)
- Independent appeal mechanism (50%)
- Advance ruling (0%)
- Stakeholder consultations on draft regulations (0%)
- Advance publication of regulation before implementation (50%)

Formalities
- Risk management (100%)
- Pre-arrival processing (0%)
- Post-clearance audit (0%)
- Separation of Release and Clearance (0%)
- Publication of average release times (0%)
- TF measures for authorized operators (0%)
- Expedited shipments (0%)
- Independent appeal mechanism (0%)

Paperless trade
- E-Customs System (100%)
- Internet connection available at borders (50%)
- E-Payment of duties (50%)
- E-Application for Customs refunds (100%)
- E-Preferential Certificate of Origin (50%)
- E-Air Cargo Manifests (50%)
- E-Trade licenses (50%)
- E-Single window (50%)
- E-Submission of Customs declarations (50%)

Cross-border paperless trade
- Laws for electronic transactions (100%)
- E-letter of credit (50%)
- Exchange of E-SPS (0%)
- Exchange of E-Certificates of Origin (0%)

Institutional arrangement and cooperation
- National TF Committee (100%)
- OGAs delegate controls to Customs (50%)
- Intra-agency cooperation at national level (0%)
The level of implementation of trade facilitation measures in Tonga (43%) is below the level in Asia-Pacific (46.5%). It is however higher than the level of implementation in Pacific Island Developing Economies (28.5%). Among the five core groups of trade facilitation measures, the most implemented in Tonga are “Institutional arrangement and cooperation” measures (77.8%). The least implemented are “Cross-border paperless trade” measures (11.1%).

Implementation of “Transparency” measures is below the regional average, but above the sub-regional average. The measure least implemented in this area in Tonga is *Advance publication of regulation before implementation*. Implementation of improved “Formalities” is similarly lower than the regional average, but higher than the sub-regional average. The least implemented measures in this area are *Publication of average release times, TF measures for authorized operators* and *Expedited shipment*.

In “Paperless trade”, Tonga’s implementation is lower than the regional average, but higher than the sub-regional average. *E-Single window, E-Trade licenses, E-Air Cargo Manifests, E- Preferential Certificate of Origin* and *E-Application for Customs refunds* are least implemented.

Tonga may focus its trade facilitation efforts in particular on full implementation of “Paperless trade” measures, as well as on moving towards “Cross-border paperless trade”.

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