

# **Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific: State of Play**

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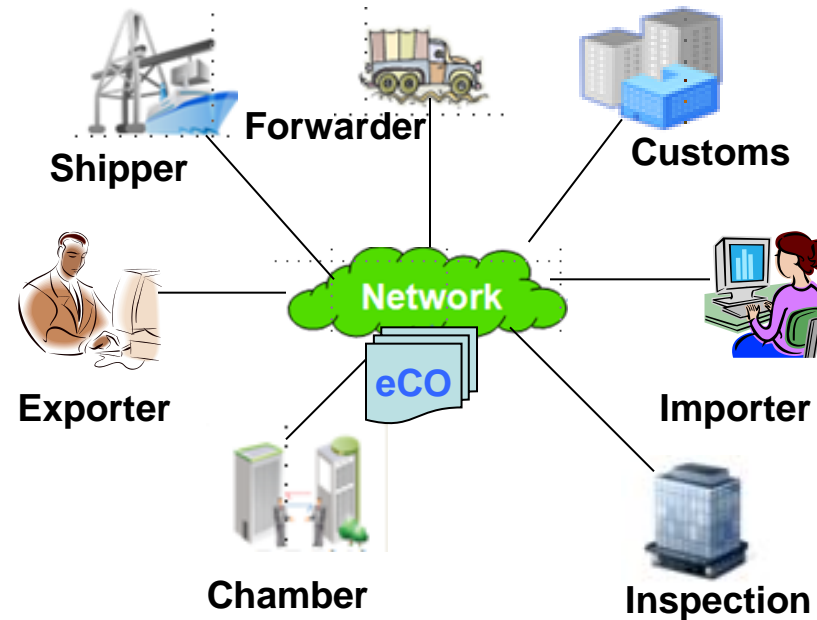
# Paperless Trade

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Conduct of trade activities on the basis of electronic rather than paper documents *e.g. electronic Customs declaration, electronic cert. of origin*

- Paperless Trade Systems

Legal/regulatory and technical frameworks in which paperless trade transactions take place *e.g. electronic Single Window facility, e-port management systems, Framework Act on Electronic Transaction (in RoK)*



# Benefits of Paperless Trade

## Government

Effective & Efficient  
Deployment of  
Resources

Correct  
Revenue  
Yield

Improved  
Trader  
Compliance

Enhanced  
Security

Increased  
Integrity &  
Transparency

## Traders

Cutting Costs  
through  
Reducing Delays

Faster  
Clearance &  
Release

Predictable  
Application and  
Explanation of Rules

Effective & Efficient  
Deployment of  
Resources

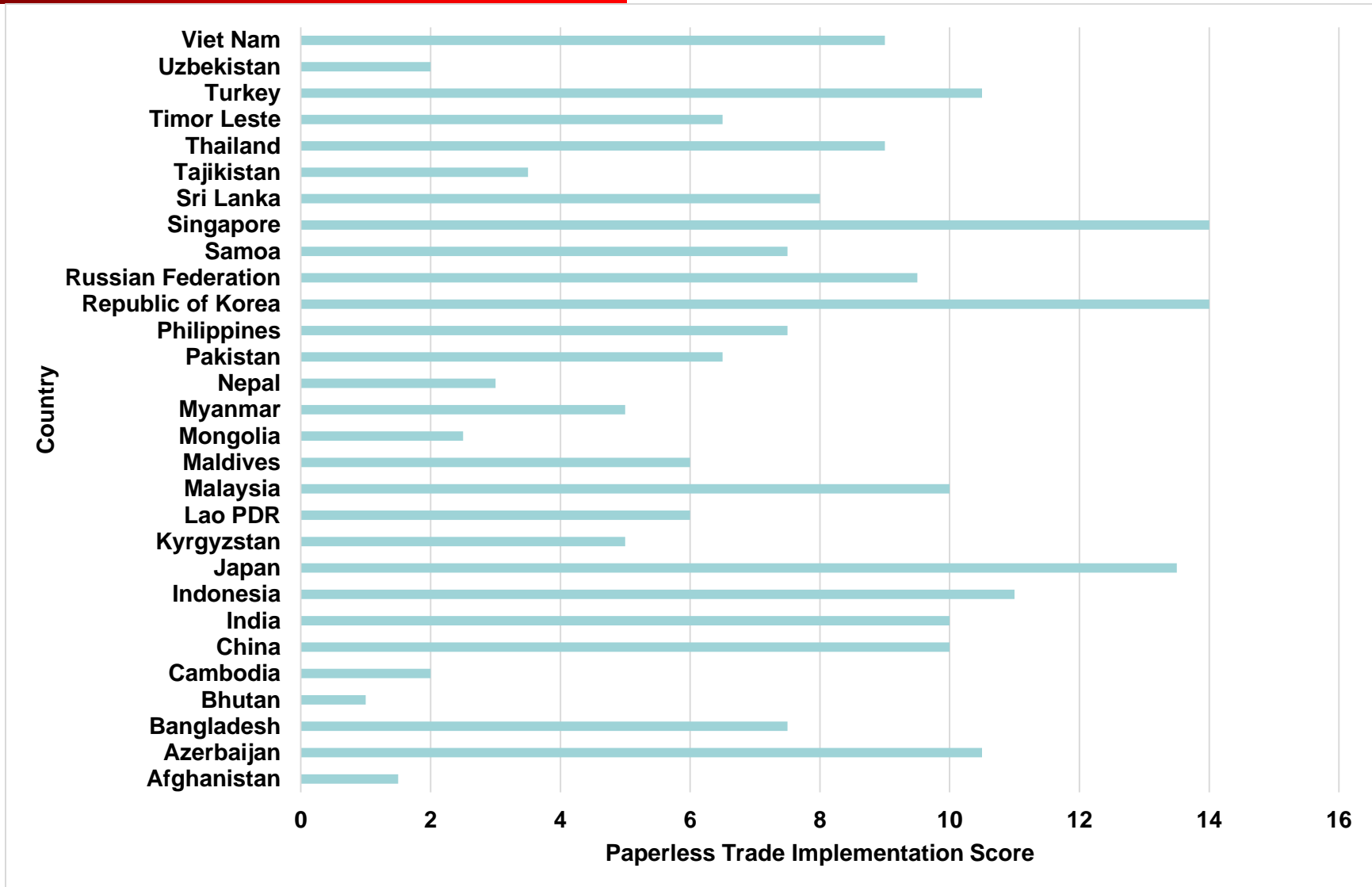
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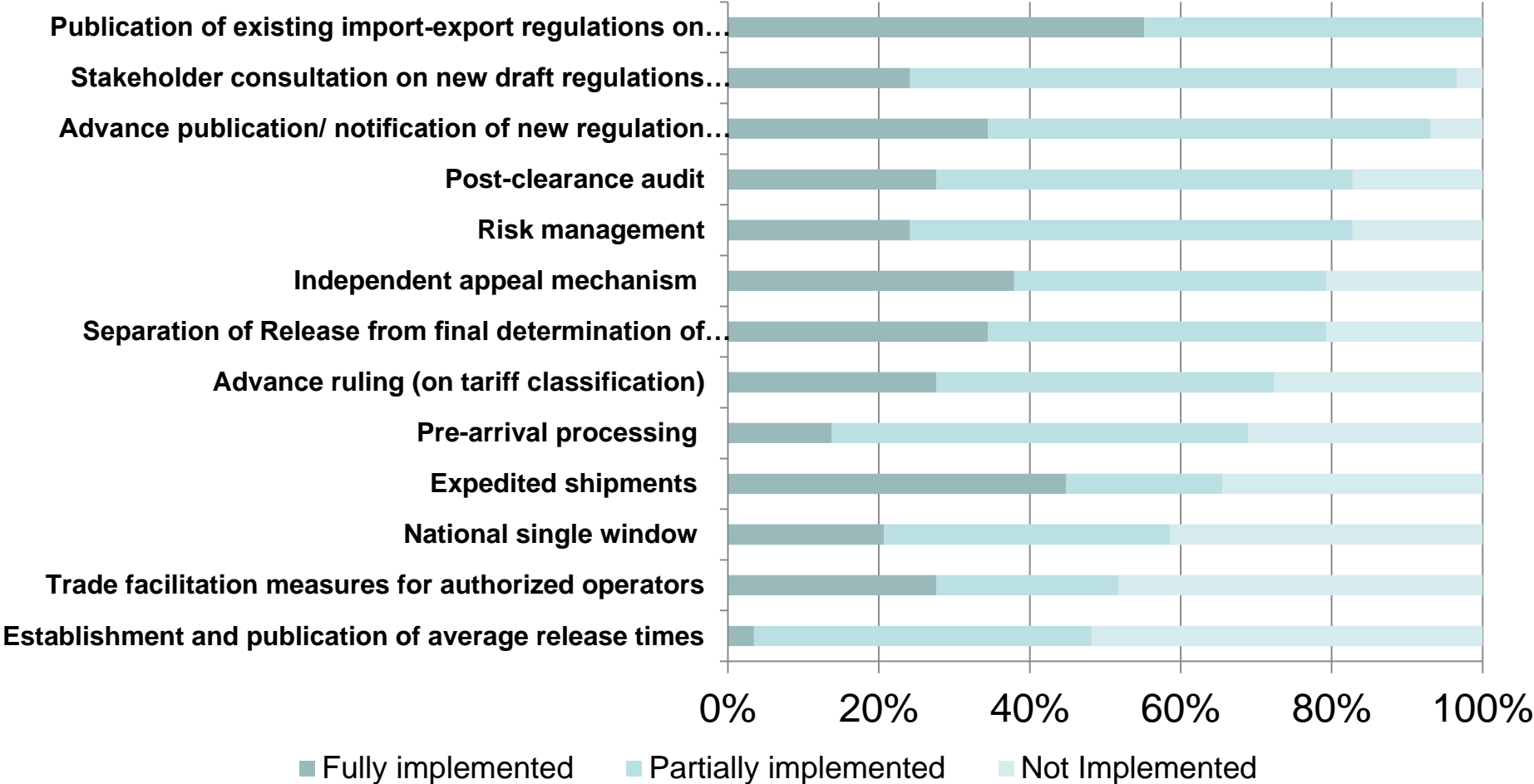
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- ❖ **Survey conducted in conjunction with annual APTFF**
  - ❖ Started from APTFF 2012 in collaboration with ADB
- ❖ **2013/14 survey structure:**
  - ❖ 1) General trade facilitation measures;
  - ❖ 2) Paperless trade facilitation measures;
  - ❖ 3) Towards cross-border paperless trade;
  - ❖ 4) Border agency cooperation;
  - ❖ 5) transit facilitation;
  - ❖ 6) trade-related information availability and
  - ❖ 7) key challenges and recommendations
- ❖ **Data collected from Sept.13 to Mar.14**
  - ❖ APTFF participants + UNNExT experts and secondary data

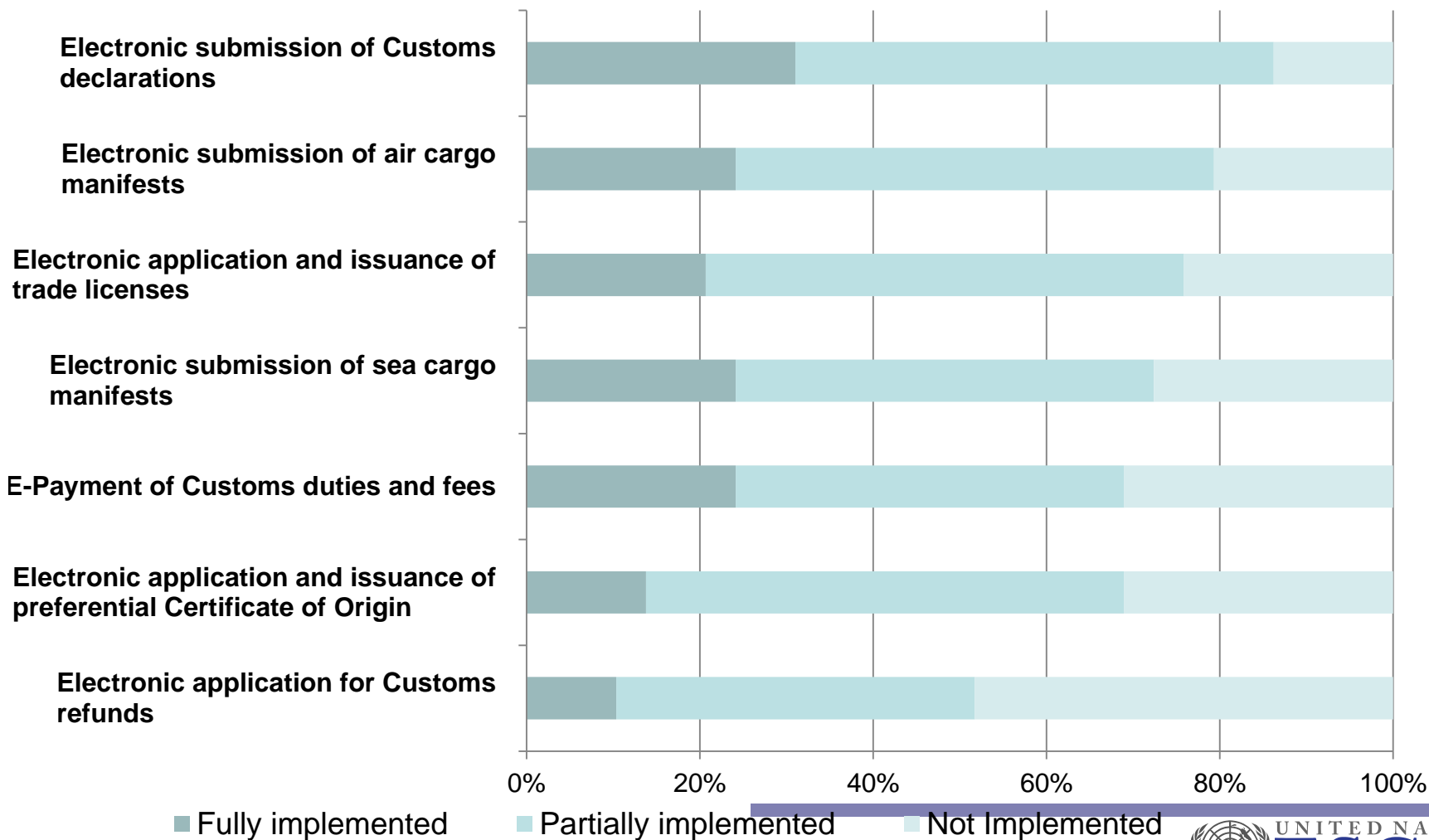
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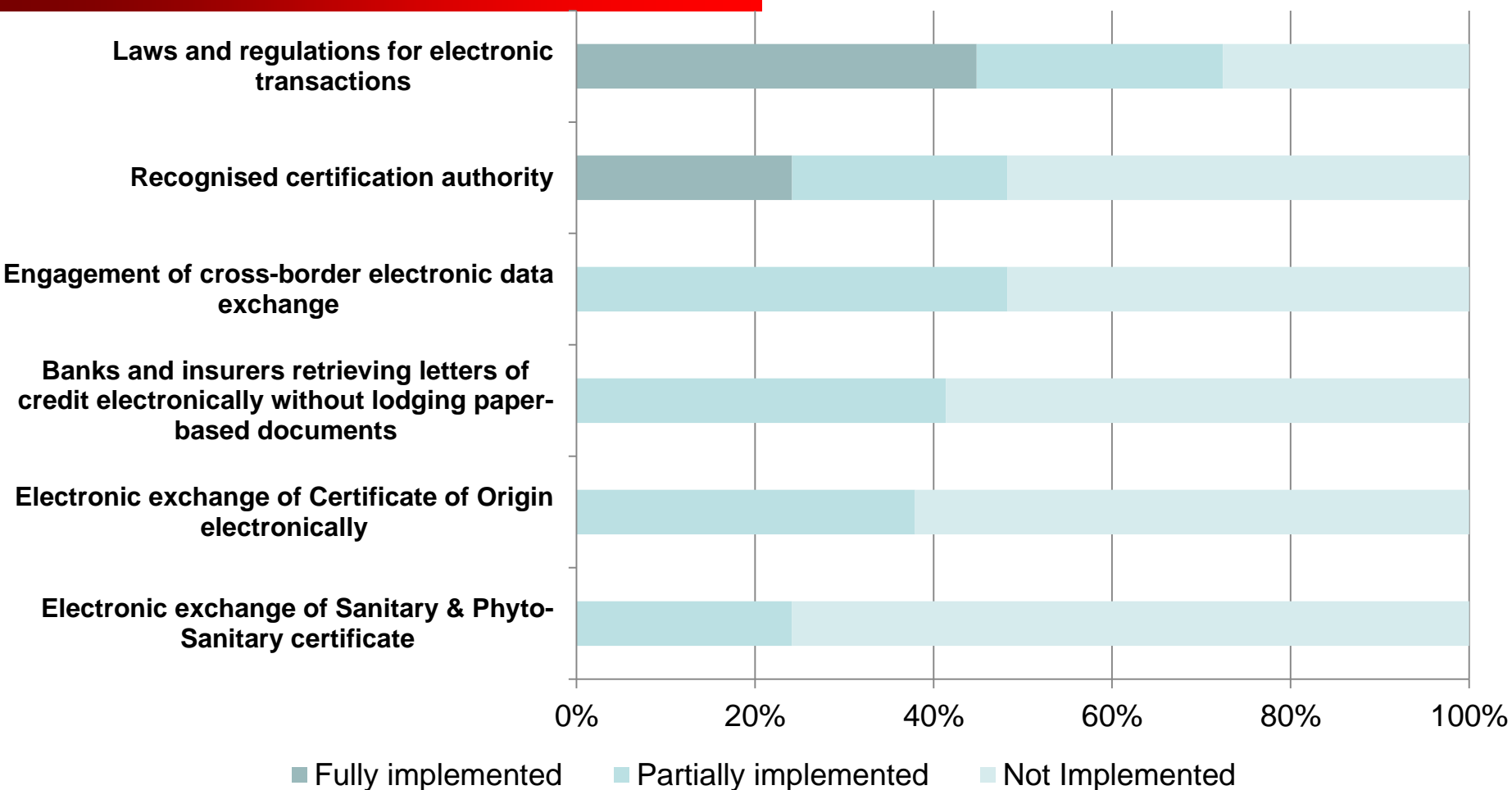
# General Trade Facilitation Measures (included in the WTO TFA)



# Paperless Trade Facilitation Measures (electronic submission)



# Measures Towards Cross-border Paperless Trade





# Key Challenges to implementation

	Afghanistan	Azerbaijan	Bangladesh	Bhutan	Cambodia	China	India	Indonesia	Japan	Lao PDR	Malaysia	Maldives	Mongolia	Nepal	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Russian Federation	Sri Lanka	Thailand	Uzbekistan	Viet Nam
Lack of coordination between government agencies	3		3		3	1		1		2		3	2	1	3		2	3	2	2	1
Lack of political will								3			1		3	2	2		1	1	1		
No clearly designated lead agency				3		2		2			2					1		2			
Financial constraints	1		1	1	1					1	3	1	1								2
Limited human resource capacity	2	1	2	2	2	3				3		2		3			3		3		3
Others									1						1					1	

Note: '1' indicates the most challenging factor

# Concluding remarks

- Asia-Pacific countries trade facilitation performance varies widely, but all are making efforts to improve
- The benefits of paperless trade are well understood and countries at all level of development are increasingly applying ICT to trade procedures
- Exchange of electronic data and documents across borders remain at best “pilot” and “bilateral” in most cases
- Efforts are also on-going at the subregional level, but progress have been relatively slow
  - ❖ Subregional commitments have accelerated implementation of national systems however

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