

WTO Trade Facilitation Self Assessment of Needs – Macedonia

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Trade Facilitation and Needs Assessment

From Macedonia's perspective:

- The TFA provides assurance to landlocked countries with respect to transit.
- Will positively affect Macedonia's ability to attract foreign investments.
- Will foster an improved environment for participation of Macedonian companies in international value chains.



Self Assessment *Process*

- To help Macedonia better understand the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- Determine overall compliance level
- To help Macedonia determine the areas where implementation may present challenges and require greater attention and resources.
- To foster a national dialogue among the stakeholders on trade facilitation.



Self Assessment *Methodology*

- Current Situation
- Reason for Non-Compliance/Barriers
- Actions/Resources Needed
- Technical Assistance Required
- Agency Responsible
- Stakeholders Not Participating
- National Priority

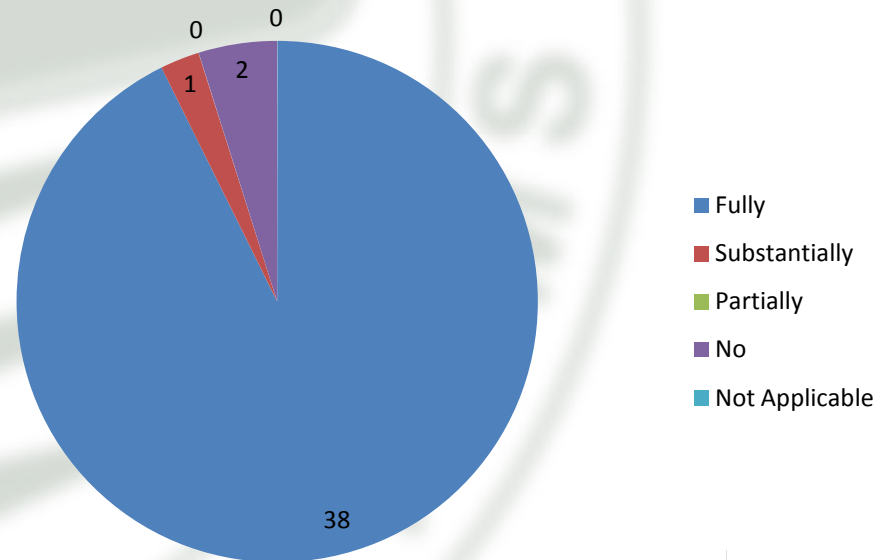


Self Assessment *Overview of Findings*

- 41 measures were considered

Compliance	Number	Percent
Fully	38	93%
Substantially	1	2%
Partially	0	0%
No	2	5%
Not Applicable	0	0%
	41	100%

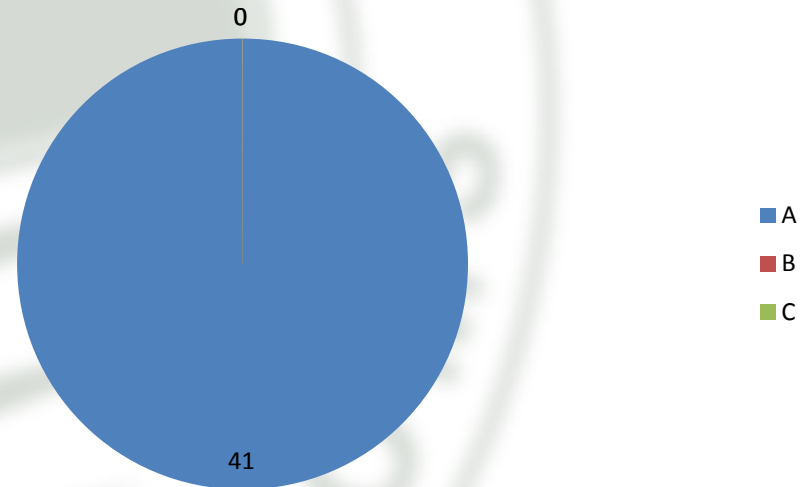
Level of Compliance with Measures



Self Assessment *Overview of Findings*

	Number	Percent
Category		
A	41	100%
B	0	0%
C	0	0%
	41	100%

Implementation Categories



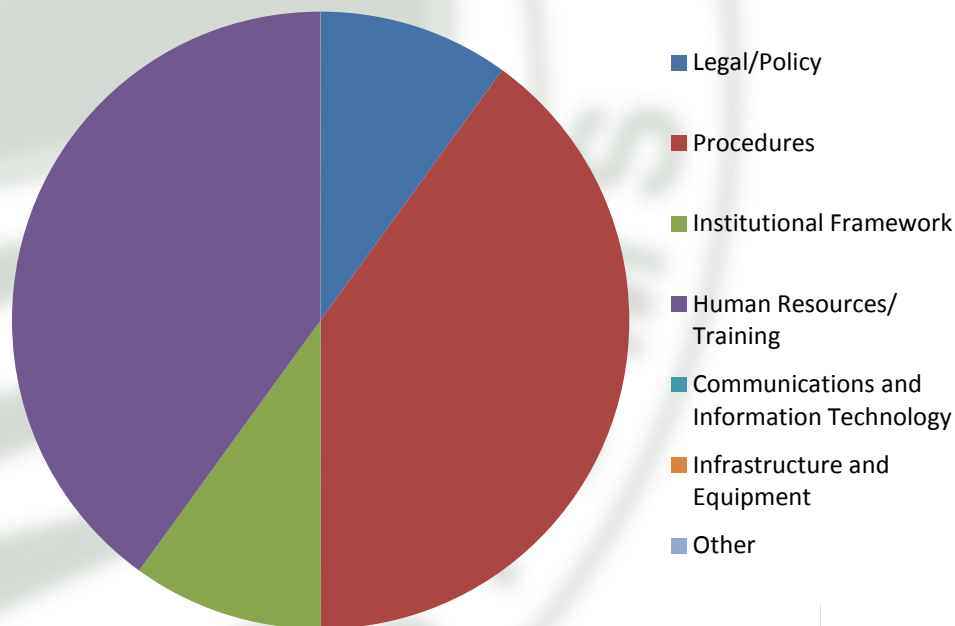
- A = we can implement when Trade Facilitation Agreement enters into force
- B = we will need additional time to implement
- C = we will need additional time and technical assistance to implement



Self Assessment *Overview of Findings*

Types of Actions Required

	Number	Percent
Actions Required		
Legal/Policy	1	2%
Procedures	4	10%
Institutional Framework	1	2%
Human Resources/ Training	4	10%
Communications and Information Technology	0	0%
Infrastructure and Equipment	0	0%
Other	0	0%



Self Assessment

Fully Comply

- Include the following:

Publication

Information Available
Through Internet

Notification

Opportunity to Comment
and Information before Entry
into Force

Consultations

Advance Rulings

Right to Appeal or Review

Notifications for enhanced
controls or inspections

Detention

Test Procedures

General Disciplines on Fees
and Charges Imposed on or
in Connection with
Importation and Exportation

Penalty Disciplines

Electronic Payment

Post-Clearance Audit

Separation of Release from
Final Determination of
Customs Duties, Taxes,
Fees and Charges

Risk Management

Establishment and
Publication of Average
Release Times

Trade Facilitation Measures
for Authorized Operators

Expedited Shipments

Perishable goods

Border Agency Cooperation

Movement of Goods under
Customs Control intended
for Import

Formalities and
Documentation
Requirements

Acceptance of Copies



Self Assessment

Substantially Comply

- Include the following:
 - Pre-arrival processing for imports
 - Currently such processing is not available but will be implemented along with the new customs declaration processing system in 2015.



Self Assessment

Non-Compliant Measures

- Include the following-
 - Enquiry Point for Trade Facilitation
 - National Committee for Trade Facilitation

Conclusions

- Enquiry Point for Trade Facilitation will be established by the Customs Administration
- National Committee for Trade Facilitation will be established by Ministry of Economy with participation of all relevant agencies

Recommendations

- Continue with implementation of the system for integrated risk analysis by Customs and other relevant border agencies.
- Donors are encouraged to provide necessary training in those areas identified in the self-assessment: training for transit coordinators, with respect to RIA assessments, and enquiry points.
- Assistance is needed for implementation of WTO Time release study.



Thanks
for the attention!

