

General Principles of Trade Facilitation in CEFTA

Built upon the EU Acquis (Acquis +)

No Region Specific Standards

All actions are to be in line with the Acquis

Additional legal instruments are to be created to utilise the Acquis for economic interest of the Region

Private Sector Oriented

Public-private sector dialogue is to be strengthened

Private Sector is to play advisory role

Attention of private sector to play a role of watchdog to the implementation of CEFTA

Specific and Result Oriented

Product Specific Measures

Most Trade Distortive Barriers

Facilitate Access to Markets

Thematic Prioritisation of Trade Facilitation in CEFTA

Simplification (Customs)

Simplification of inspections in all clearance procedures

Exchange of Information between Customs Authorities

Mutual recognition of AEO in CEFTA

Harmonisation (TBT-NTBs)

Addressing Non-Tariff Measures (particularly in non-regulated areas)

Eliminating the most trade distortive non-tariff measures (particularly behind-the-border measures)

Standardisation (TBT and SPS)

Mapping all documentary requirement in all stages of trade (export to import)

Addressing redundant / overlapping documentary requirements

Standardisation documentary requirements throughout the Region)