Trade Costs in Central Asia

*a quick look at data from the ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database*
Comprehensive Trade Costs, Uzbekistan with Kazakhstan, 2000-2015

Data source: ESCAP - World Bank Trade Cost Database | Produced with: ESCAP Asia-Pacific Trade Indicators Portal
Comprehensive Trade Costs of selected Economies, 2000-2015

- Average trade costs of Armenia with large developing Asia-Pacific economies
- Average trade costs of Azerbaijan with large developing Asia-Pacific economies
- Average trade costs of Georgia with large developing Asia-Pacific economies
- Average trade costs of Kyrgyzstan with large developing Asia-Pacific economies
- Average trade costs of Russia with large developing Asia-Pacific economies
- Average trade costs of Tajikistan with large developing Asia-Pacific economies

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Key factors in lowering trade costs – Asia-Pacific Perspective

Contribution of natural barriers, behind-the border facilitation and trade-related practice to trade costs

Tariff Trade Costs
- 0-10%*
- 60-90%*
- 10-30%*

Policy-Related Non-Tariff Trade Costs
- 6-7%
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- 16-18%

Natural Trade Costs (Geographical and Cultural Factors)
- 52-57%

Direct Behind- & At-the border Trade Costs
- Availability/use of ICT Services
- Business (Regulatory) Environment
- Maritime Connectivity/Services
- Other Trade Costs
  - Indirect cost of trade procedure
  - Currency fluctuation
  - Other non-tariff barriers

* Illustrative based on casual observation of the data only. Natural trade costs for landlocked countries may be outside the range shown for natural trade costs.
Support from ESCAP on Aid for Trade Facilitation
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Trade Facilitation Programme in ESCAP

- Enabling paperless trade (Res. 68/3)
- Interim Intergov. Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (Res. 70/6)
- Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

Legislative

- Business Process Analysis
- Single Window & Paperless Trade Implementation
- Trade & Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism
- Agricultural & SME trade facilitation
- WTO TFA implementation support
- UNNExT Masterclass

Knowledge

- ESCAP-WB Trade Cost Database
- Paperless Trade Guides & Impact analyses
- Global Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade Implementation Survey
- Trade Process Analysis Database

Capacity Building
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