

The UNITED NATIONS Transport Conventions

on Border Crossing Facilitation

Benefits for governments

TWO UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS

TIR

1975

The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets

aimed at establishing an international customs transit system.



Harmonization Convention

1982

The International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods

aimed at the international coordination of control procedures and their methods of application.



ADVANTAGES

More trade



Transit documents and guarantees are recognized internationally.



Border controls are fewer and more transparent.



Cargo is transported across borders in a faster and more reliable manner.

Intelligent borders



Enlarged cooperation for border crossing facilitation.



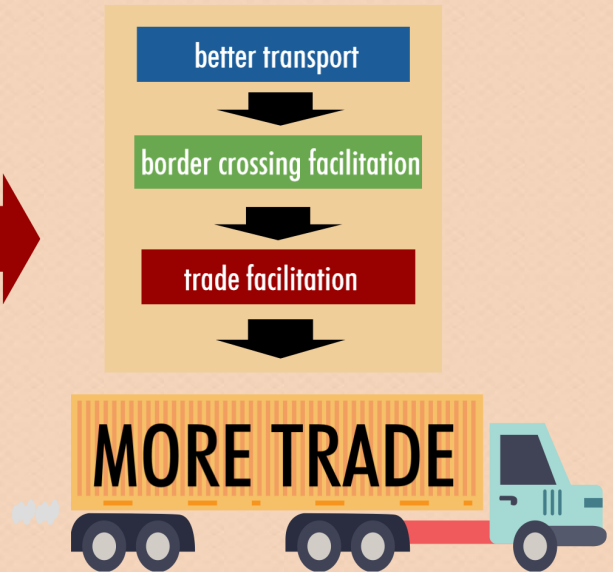
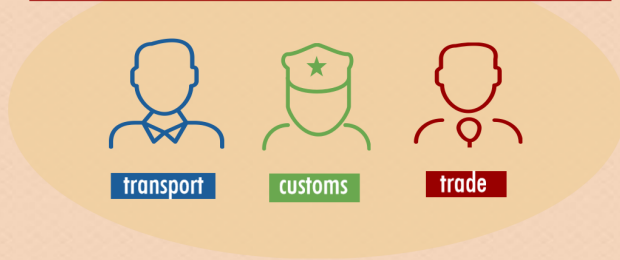
Increased revenues.



Borders are more secure and controls are more effective.

TRADE, CUSTOMS & TRANSPORT

national coordination



WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

- Art. 1: Publication and availability of information ✓
- Art. 5: Other measures to enhance impartiality, non-discrimination and transparency ✓
- Art. 7: Clearance of goods ✓
- Art. 8: Border agency cooperation ✓
- Art. 9: Movement of goods intended for import under customs control ✓
- Art. 10: Formalities connected with importation, exportation and transit ✓
- Art. 11: Freedom of transit ✓
- Art. 12: Customs cooperation ✓

TIR ✓

Harmonization
Convention ✓

Trade, customs and transport authorities must work together to promote border crossing facilitation.

United Nations agreements, such as the TIR Convention and the Harmonization Convention, provide for the practical implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.