Q1: COUNTRY

THAILAND

Q2: ABOUT YOU

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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :

No

Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Yes

Q5: Please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the 12 listed. (1 being the most important)

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Q6: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

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Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012?  
No

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| Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes?  
(Please choose no more than 3 options) | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q9: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy? | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners? | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy? | Respondent skipped this question |

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Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)  
National development strategy,  
National infrastructure development strategy,  
Regional trade agreement,  
Regional development strategy

Q14: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?  
Yes

Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:
National infrastructure development strategy

Q17: Additional information.
Respondent skipped this question

Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?  
Important

Q19: Additional information.
Respondent skipped this question

Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?  
Yes

Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports?  
National trade strategy

Q22: Additional information.
Respondent skipped this question

Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?  
Important

Q24: Additional information.
Respondent skipped this question
Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?  
Yes

Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?  
National trade strategy

Q27: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)  
Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms)

Q29: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option)  
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism)

Q31: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q32: In which regional markets to which you export merchandise goods and services do you face the highest trade costs? (Please select no more than 5 regions)  
North America, Western Europe, Developed Asia, East Asia

Q33: Indicate your home region.  
East Asia
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**Q34: FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS:** For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 option)
- Border procedures (trade facilitation),
- Non-Tariff Measures (including standards)

**Q35: Additional information.**
- Respondent skipped this question

**Q36: FOR SERVICES:** For the markets which you have identified as the highest costs, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 options)
- Poor network infrastructure (ICT, telecoms),
- Inefficient government regulations

**Q37: Additional information.**
- Respondent skipped this question

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**Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years?**
- Unsure

**Q39: Additional information.**
- Respondent skipped this question

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**Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)**
- Research by national academic institution

**Q41: Additional information.**
- Respondent skipped this question

**Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)**
- Yes, dialogue with government

**Q43: Additional information.**
- Respondent skipped this question

**PAGE 26: E.1) REDUCING TRADE COSTS**
| Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs? | Yes |
| Q45: What national action is your government taking? (You may tick more than 1 box) | Joint public-private sector initiatives |
| Q46: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box) | FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: , Border procedures (trade facilitation), Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), FOR SERVICES: , Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers |
| Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs? | Yes |
| Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box) | Regional economic community |
| Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box) | FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: , Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), FOR SERVICES: , Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers |
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| Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs? | Yes |
| Q53: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |

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| Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs? (You may tick more than 1 box) | Improved dialogue with regional partners has resulted in this being prioritized |
| Q55: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |

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| Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs? (You may tick more than 1 box) | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q57: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |

**PAGE 34: F.1) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT**

| Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs? | Unsure |
| Q59: Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
Q60: In which regions would the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- North America
- Western Europe
- East Asia
- South Asia
- Other

Q61: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted?

Yes, after TFA adoption

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?

Unsure

Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.

- WTO: 2014
- UNCTAD: 2014
- World Bank: 2014
- International Trade Centre: 2014

Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?

Unsure

Q66: Please specify why.

Respondent skipped this question

Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- To support implementation of specific TFA provisions
Q68: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)

National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform

Q69: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will prove the hardest to implement and where Aid-for-Trade support should be focused? (You may tick more than 1 box)

The Agreement as a whole, Disciplines on fees, Freedom of transit

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities, Use of regional approach

Q72: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Creation of one-stop border posts, Improved border infrastructure

Q74: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question
### Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Reduction in customs revenue,
- Increase in traffic flows through border posts

### Q76: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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### Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Rise in employment,
- Increase in foreign direct investment,
- Unsure

### Q78: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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### Q79: Which types of actions have achieved the most positive results in reducing trade costs for goods and services? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

- Customs reform,
- Tariff reforms,
- Support for compliance with Non-Tariff Measures,
- Upgrading transport infrastructure,
- Improving skills levels in service sectors

### Q80: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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### Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

- Rise in employment,
- Foreign direct investment,
- Reduction in poverty

### Q82: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*
| Q83: | Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your national needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005? | Improved |
| Q84: | If it has improved, please specify why. (You may tick more than one box) | Better dialogue with regional partners |
| Q85: | Why has the alignment declined? (You may tick more than one box) | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q86: | Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q87: | What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005? (You may tick more than one box) | Unsure |
| Q88: | Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q89: | What potential future contribution could the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose no more than 5 options) | Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy, Coherence in trade and development policy, Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows, Catalyst for foreign direct investment, Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth |
| Q90: | Additional information. | Respondent skipped this question |
Q91: What potential future contribution could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose a maximum of 5 options)

- Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development
- Engaging the private sector in development issues
- Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development
- Helping to create the conditions for employment

Q92: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?  
Respondent skipped this question

Q94: Additional information on "Reducing trade costs and inclusive, sustainable growth". If there is anything you would like to add on the topic of "Reducing trade costs for inclusive, sustainable growth", which you feel has not been covered in this questionnaire, please use this box.  
Respondent skipped this question