

Why Trade Facilitation?



Trade facilitation **increases trade – both exports and imports** – and results in faster GDP growth



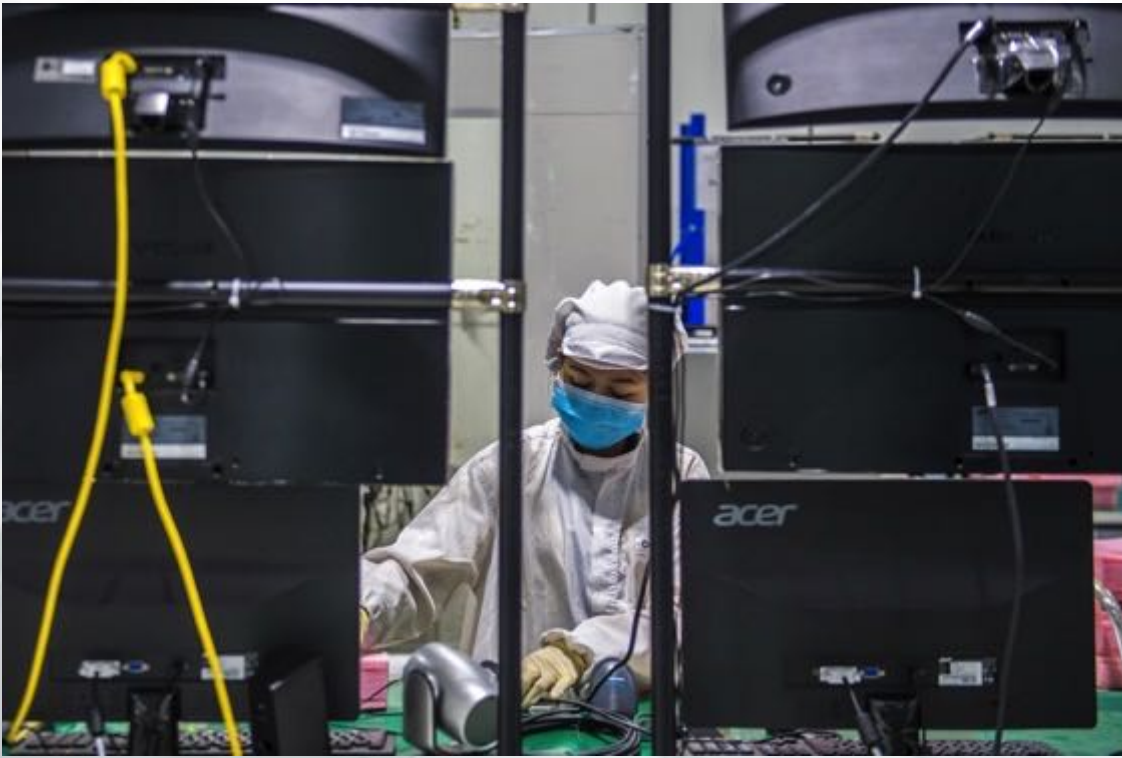
Trade facilitation **reduces costs** of trade



Trade facilitation **improves the competitiveness**
of import-dependent exporters



Trade facilitation helps **diversify export markets and products**



Trade facilitation supports **participation in global value chains**



Trade facilitation enhances overall business climate, thereby boosting FDI



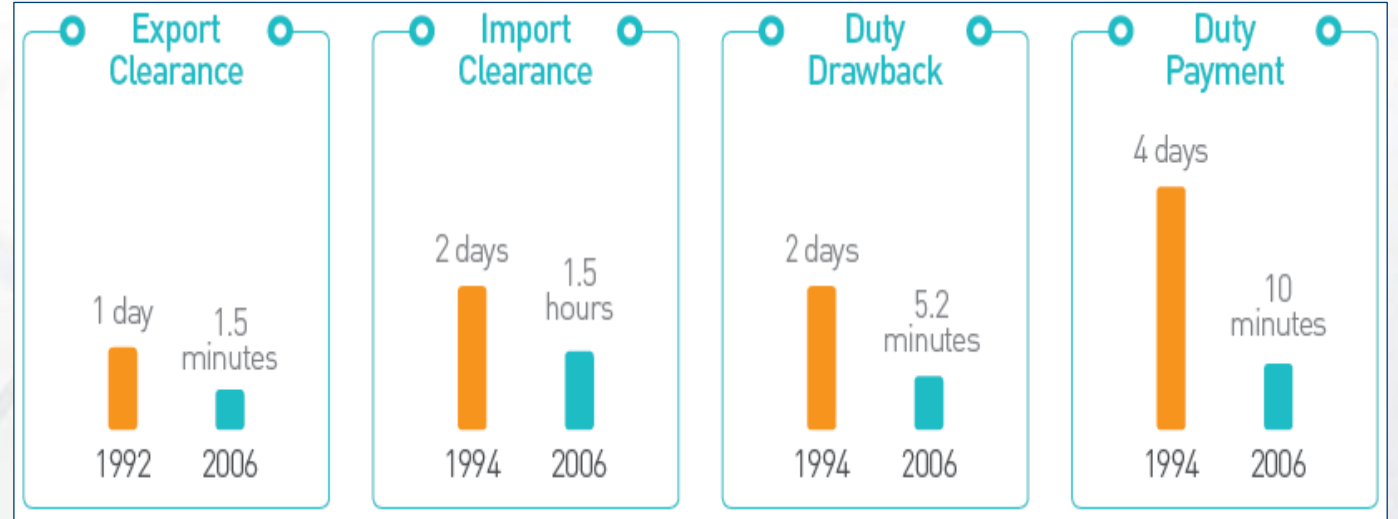
Trade facilitation results in **inclusive growth**



Trade facilitation **boosts Customs revenues**



Are there real-life examples?



The national single window system of the Republic of Korea has improved efficiency and transparency of the trade environment



In Uruguay, delays in Customs undermined exporters' performance



In Costa Rica, use of IT in the trade environment has increased the number of exporters and expanded exports of existing exporter