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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	5
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	1
Cross-border infrastructure	4
Competitiveness	3
Regional integration	2

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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 trade strategy,
National sectoral strategy(ies),
Regional trade agreement,
Regional development strategy,
Regional infrastructure strategy

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Q14: Additional information.

Translation DB: To unify efforts to modernize public administration as regards procedures to facilitate customs trade, El Salvador has set up an Integral Commission for Trade Facilitation, composed of private sector unions and Government institutions. Likewise a Customs Simplification Act has been created which establishes standards and procedures to be followed at El Salvador's customs posts. Through the Centre for Import and Export (CIEX) a single window has been created to centralize at one point all important export formalities.

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

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

National infrastructure development strategy,
Regional trade agreement,
Other (please specify)
Translation DB: Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy.

Q17: Additional information.

Translation DB: The Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy aims to develop actions in the framework of the Border Management Coordinator (GCF) to make joint procedures at border posts more efficient. Initiatives such as the National Policy for Mobility and Logistics, led by the Ministry of Public Works, are being developed.

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

Q19: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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

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Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?	National development strategy, National trade strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
Q22: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?	Very important
Q24: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?	Yes
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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?	National development strategy, National trade strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
Q27: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Access to trade finance

Q29: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Non-recognition of professional qualifications,
Low levels of skills in service sectors

Q31: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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, Central America,
South America, The Caribbean,
Western Europe

Q33: Indicate your home region.

Central America

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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), Transport infrastructure, Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Access to trade finance
Q35: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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), Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Recognition of professional qualifications
Q37: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Between 0-10% reduction
Q39: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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 with private sector, World Bank Doing Business Index, World Bank Logistic Performance Index, World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report
Q41: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)	Yes, dialogue with private sector, Yes, dialogue with government

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Q43: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)

National government initiatives,
Joint public-private sector initiatives,
Private sector initiatives,
Initiatives supported by development partners,
Initiatives supported by non-governmental organizations

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)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Access to trade finance,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism)

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Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)	Free trade agreements, Joint public-private sector initiatives, Private sector initiatives, Initiatives supported by development partners, Initiatives supported by non-governmental organizations
Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Tariffs, fees and other charges, Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Access to trade finance, Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism)
Q51: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ?	Yes
Q53: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)	Dialogue with donors has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs , Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized , Improved dialogue with regional partners has resulted in this being prioritized
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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?

More than 10% reduction

Q59: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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)

All regions

Q61: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

Yes

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

WTO 2010

World Bank 2010

International Trade Centre 2010

(please specify)

Translation DB: El Salvador was involved in needs assessments during the period 2008-2014

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

Q66: Please specify why.

Translation DB:

Freedom of Transit: in the sense of identifying those border measures applied to transits that could be modified to improve transportation flows.

Acceptance of copies: need to change national and regional legislation on this issue which require originals or certified copies to perform any processing of trade transit.

Granting bail to transits has been identified as one of the procedures to be improved, however technical and financial support is needed to do this. Currently the process of granting bail is rudimentary and can only be done by the Ministry of Finance.

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

To develop national implementation plans,

To support scheduling of commitments,

To align support with on-going national reform programmes

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To align commitments with on-going regional programmes

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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)

Lack of information on funding opportunities,
Differing priorities of in-country donors,
Accessing global programmes

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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)

Border agency cooperation, Freedom of transit

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Private sector engagement and commitment,
Alignment of projects with private sector priorities
,
Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities
,
Use of regional approach

Q72: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Updated customs legislation,
New rules on transit,
Creation of electronic single windows,
Creation of trade facilitation committees,
Creation of dialogue with private sector

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Q74: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

Reduction in border clearance times,
Increase in customs revenue,
Increase in traffic flows through border posts,
Increase in export volumes,
Increase in import volumes

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)

Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Entry into new value chain,
Rise in female employment,
Increase in foreign direct investment

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, Other border agency reforms,
Improving access to trade finance,
Improving the regulatory environment for services

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)

Increase in exports, Rise in employment,
Rise in female employment,
Entry into new value chains,
Moving up value chains,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products

Q82: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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

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Q84: If it has improved, please specify why. (You may tick more than one box)

Better dialogue with the private sector,
Better dialogue with regional partners

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Q85: Why has the alignment declined? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q86: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)	More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning , More priority given by private sector to trade issues
Q88: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Coherence in trade and development policy, Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth
Q90: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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)	Contribution of financing for development, 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 address issues of inequality
Q92: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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