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MINISTRY OF TRADE**

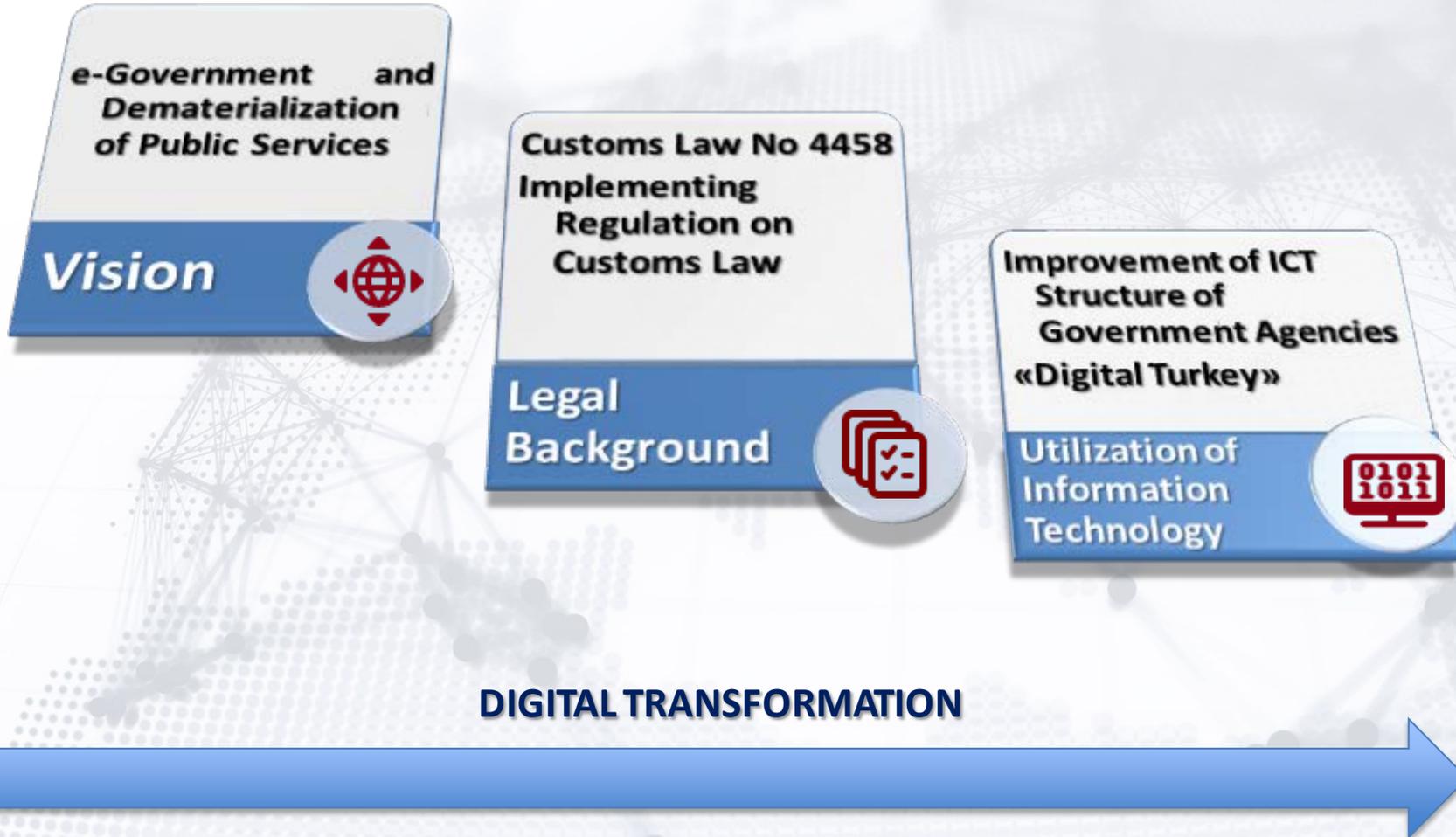
# **TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT AND ELECTRONIC CUSTOMS TRANSACTIONS**

*World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Committee  
22.04.2021*

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# Trade Facilitation and Turkey





# COVID-19 Pandemic

First Case  
11 March 2020

**DISRUPTION**

**CONTAINMENT**

**RECOVERY**



**COVID-19  
ACTION PLAN**



# Trade Facilitation Agreement and ICT

## In General

Trade Facilitation Agreement does not include any specific provision regarding use of information and communication technologies apart from certain exceptions.



- ❖ Article 1.4 Information Available Through Internet
- ❖ Article 7.2 Electronic Payments
- ❖ Article 10.1 Formalities and Documentation Requirements

*«...With a view to ... simplifying import, export and transit documentation requirements and taking into account ... availability of techniques and technology ... each Member shall review such formalities and documentation requirements.»*

- ❖ Article 10.2 Acceptance of Copies

*«Each Member shall, where appropriate, endeavour to accept paper or electronic copies of supporting documents required for import, export and transit formalities.»*



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## In General

### ❖ Article 10.4 Single Window

*«Members shall, to the extent possible and practicable, use information technology to support the single window.»*

All in all, use of ICT is not mandatory within trade facilitation measures but allow;

- ❖ *Reduction of time and costs of documentary requirements,*
- ❖ *Simplification of business processes in relation with customs administrations and OGAs,*
- ❖ *Enhanced integrity and less fraud cases allowing effective trade facilitation measures for legitimate trade.*



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## Article 3

- ❖ In line with TFA Article 3 and Customs Law No 4458 Article 9, upon application of traders with relation to specific export and import, Turkish Customs can issue an advance ruling on tariff or rules of origin.

*A recent advance ruling issued on magnet units to be used in valves, HS 8481*

### BAĞLAYICI TARİFE BİLGİSİ DETAY BİLGİSİ



BTB Numarası: TR350000210047  
Gtip No: 848190000000  
Geçerlilik Bsg.Tarihi: 20/04/2021

#### Sınıflandırmanın Gerekçesi:

MAGNET ÜNİTESİ \* ticari olarak isimlendiril en ayrı bir gövde/boru içerisinde geçen bir akışkanın emniyet amacıyla akışının durdurulmasını sağlayan eşyanın Ege Üniversitesi Makine Mühendisliği Bölümünün 38391723-650-117957 sayılı 12.04.2021 tarihli analiz raporu ve Tarife yorumu ile ilgili genel yorum Kurallarının 1 ve 6 maddesi ve Tarife Cetveli 84.81 tarife altı pozisyonuna istinaden

#### Eşyanın Tanımı:

GAZ MUSLUKLARININ İÇERİSİNDE BULUNAN MIKNATIS ÜNİTESİ OLARAK GEÇEN KISIMDIR

### BAĞLAYICI TARİFE BİLGİSİ VE BAŞVURU İŞLEMLERİ

#### Ana Menü

Bağlayıcı Tarife Bilgisi Sorgulama İşlemi  
Bağlayıcı Tarife Bilgisi Başvuru İşlemi

Başvuru Yapmadan Önce Lütfen Okuyunuz!  
BTB E-Başvuru Kılavuzu!

- ❖ Application for advance rulings on tariff classification must be made through Advance Rulings Portal (<https://uygulama.gtb.gov.tr/BTBBasvuru/AnaSayfa>)
- ❖ Portal has an advance search mechanism which allows stakeholders and other related parties to search advance rulings that are recently issued, in force and revoked.
- ❖ Currently, rules of origin module for Advance Ruling Portal is still in development.

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## Article 5 – Test Procedures

- ❖ For the purpose of consolidating all laboratory analysis reports within context of customs transactions, Turkish Customs had established «Laboratory Analysis and Reporting Program» called LARA in 2016
- ❖ LARA is integrated within BILGE system and allows officers to forward goods in question to one of the seven laboratories established within mandate of customs administration.
- ❖ On the other hand, traders can follow the current status of their goods in laboratory analysis within electronic systems.
- ❖ Currently, three other government agencies' laboratories (Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ministry of Labour and Social Security) integrated to system and accepted within customs transactions for tariff determination.



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## Article 7

❖ For all customs clearance procedures, Computerized Customs Operations System (BILGE) is used. System has different modules (export, import, inwards processing, etc.) and integrations (Support Management System, Risk Based Controls System in Foreign Trade, etc.) which allows traders a packed program for customs transactions.

The screenshot displays the BILGE software interface for a customs declaration. The window title is 'Kalem Bilgileri'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Header:** Includes 'Bilgi', 'Düzen', 'Ekler', and 'İşlem' tabs. It shows 'TGGZ No: 114-2362', 'Kalem No: 1', 'DB Sıra No', and 'TGTG Pozisyon No(33): 250100100000'.
- Market and Origin:** 'Merk: ADDR', 'Orin: BR', 'Açık: 1', 'Teslim Şekli: CF'.
- Commodity:** 'Küp Eyağı 01 (31)', 'DENEZ BİLYU'.
- Financials:** 'Fatura: 5.500,00 USD', 'Banka Müf: 1.000 KCDF', 'İst. Kıymet: 5.500,00', 'Dış. İ. 2.441,98 TRY', 'İst. Kıymet: 15.728,35'.
- Classification:** 'Beyan Miza: C62', 'Menşe Ülke(24): 004 KDV%: 500', 'İst. Adlık (3): KGM 25000', 'Net Adlık (3): KGM 24500', 'Öçü birim (4): C62 500'.
- Alphabets:** 'Alphabeta birim 1: 0', 'Alphabeta birim 2: 0', 'Alphabeta birim 3: 0'.
- Payment:** 'Destekli/bedelsiz: 01 Ek Kod: 01', 'Kullanılmıyorsa: K1 Ürün Yılı: 01'.
- Additional Info:** 'Kasimata birim: 0', 'Tic. Açık. Amaç: 0', 'Dış. Açıkama: 0', 'Dış. Açıkama: 0'.

❖ Majority of measures contained within sub-Articles of Article 7 and 10 of TFA are concluded with the help of BILGE Program



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## Article 10.1 – Documentation Requirements

### *Digital Customs in Export*

171 Documents are transferred to electronic environment

**Authenticity Via QR CODE**

**Notification of Other Countries**

**Post-Clearance Check is Possible**

1

Sending electronic documents added to declaration from office

2

Electronic messaging between officers and declarants

3

Sharing of export declaration information with banks and other institutions in electronic environment

4

Faster Export

5

Reduced Costs

# Trade Facilitation Agreement and ICT

## Article 10.4 Single Window

### BENEFITS

Traceability and efficiency

Better allocation of time and resources

Standardization of trade administration documents



### CURRENT STATE

2012/6 Decree on Single Window System in Customs Services

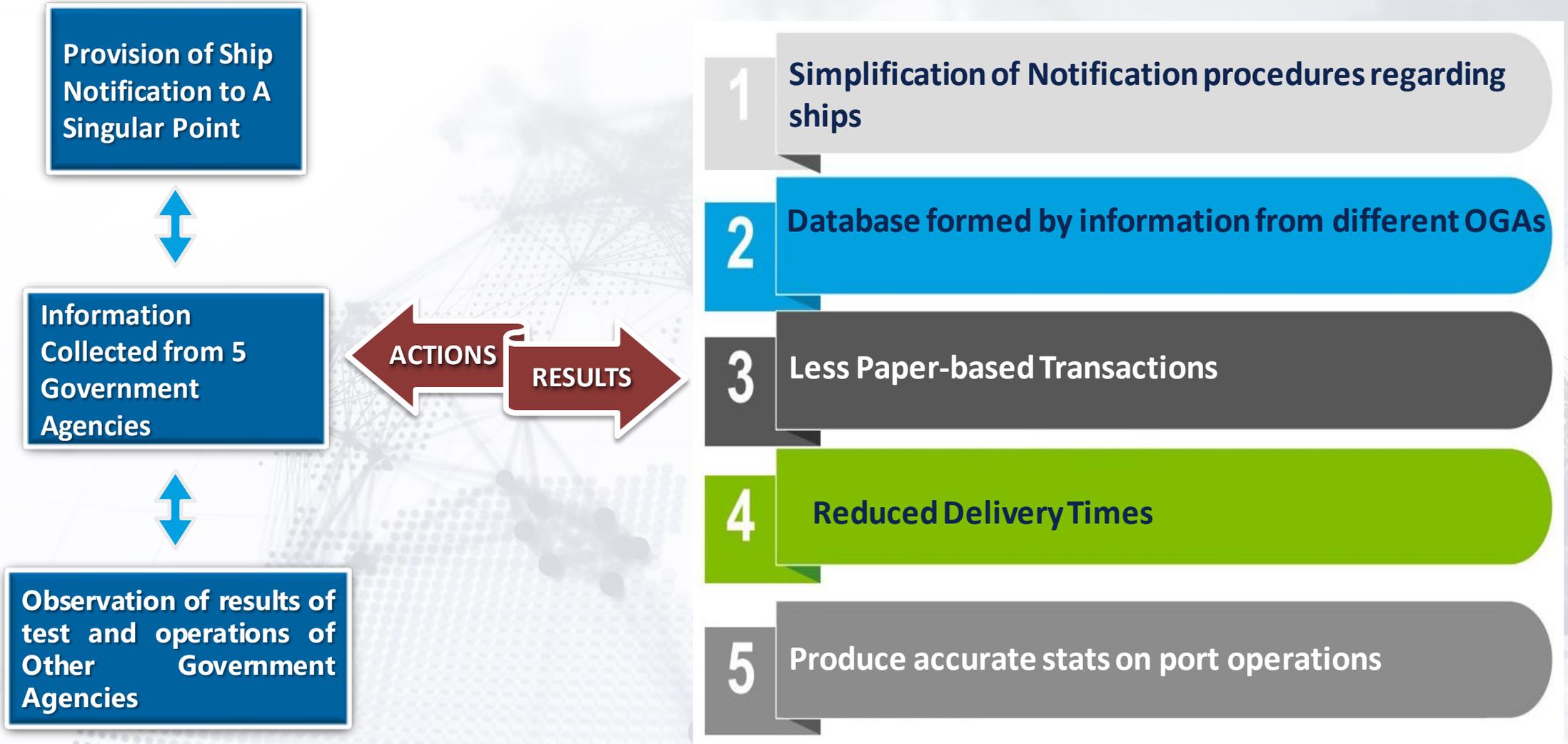
E-Registration and E-Document phases

18 Institutions and 143 Documents



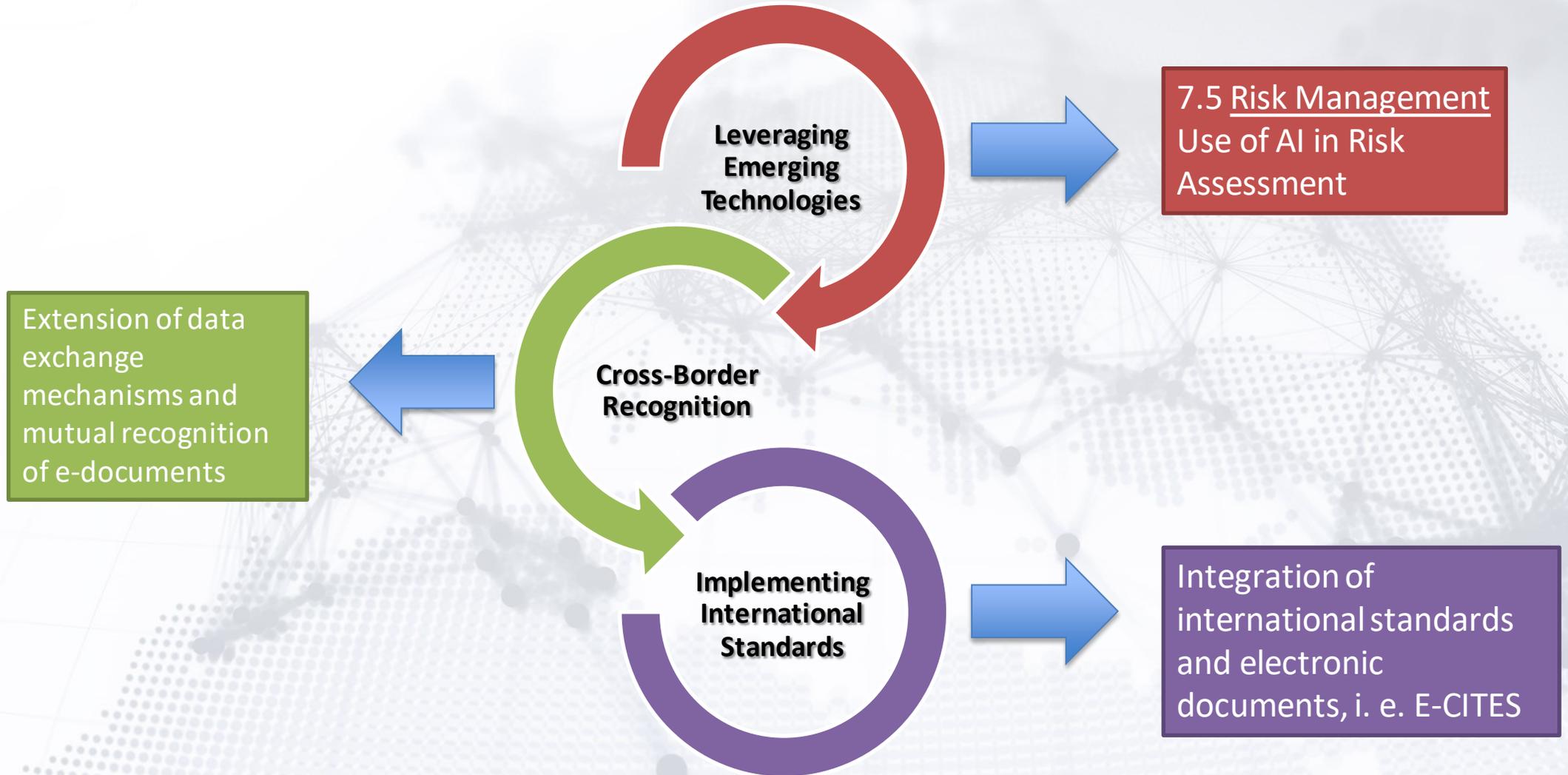
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## Article 10.4 Single Window





# Going Forward





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**Thank you for your attention.  
Questions?**

**Hakkı GÜRKAN**

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