

# New Insights & WTO TFA Implementation status by Ghana

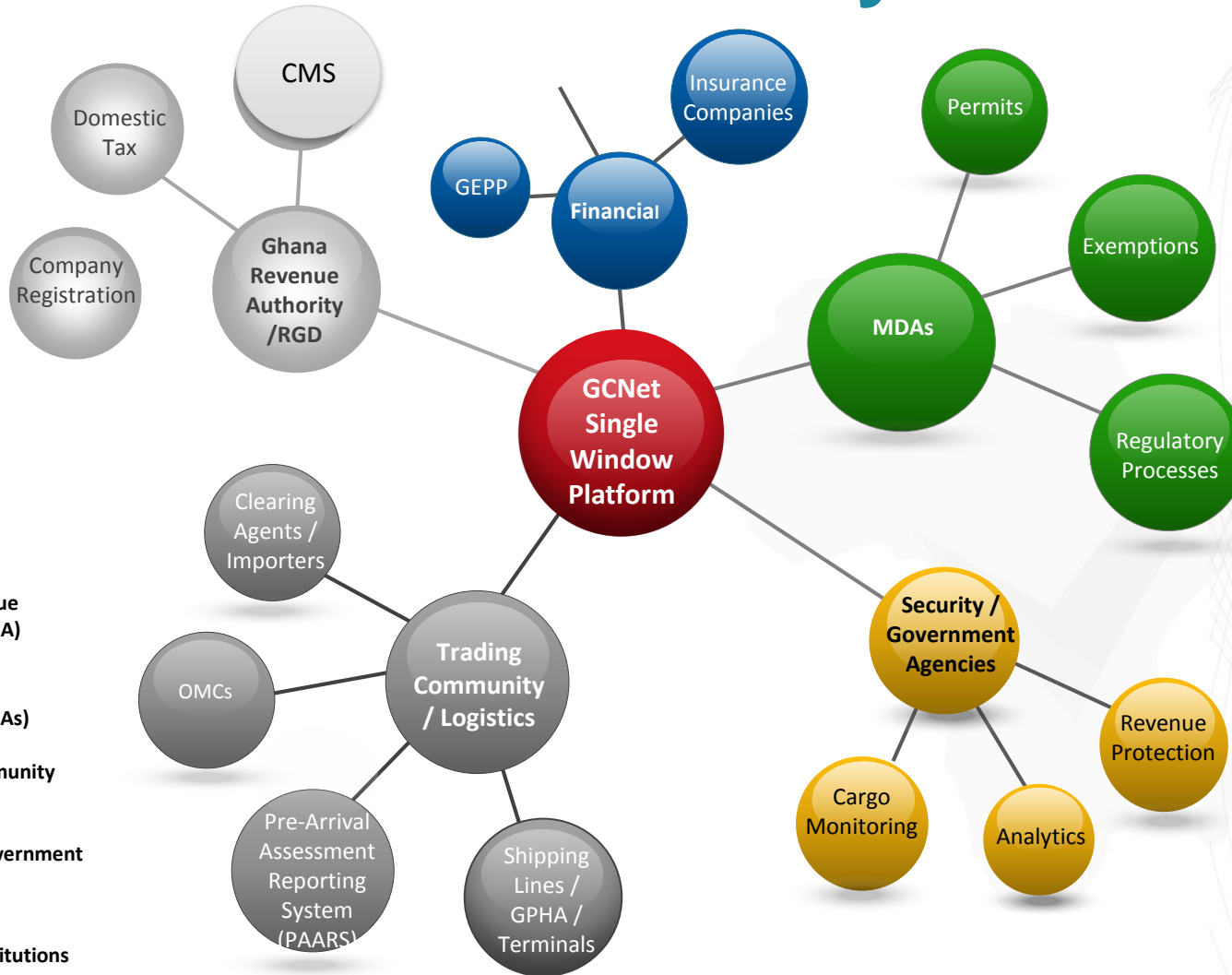


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## About GCNet

- Ghana Community Network Services Ltd. Incorporated in year 2000
- Public Private Partnership company between the private sector and public sector
- All Institutional shareholders – 38% public / 62% private
- Started operations in 2003 – Mandate to implement TradeNet and Ghana Customs Management System and operate the platform
- Mandate extended by Government in 2013 with new and enhanced scope

# Ghana Single Window Ecosystem



- Trade Facilitation
- Revenue Mobilization
- Business Registration
- Tax Administration

-  Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA)
-  Government Agencies (MDAs)
-  Trading Community / Logistics
-  Security / Government Agencies
-  Financial Institutions

# Forms and other useful information

## Required forms and documents for importation

- [Company fast track TIN registration](#)
- [Taxpayer registration form - individual](#)
- [Taxpayer registration form - organisation](#)
- [Application for TradeNet Registration to Commissioner of CEPS - CUS B](#)
- [Application for TradeNet Registration to Commissioner of CEPS - CUS C](#)

## Schedule of other government agency fees

- [List of Ghana Shippers' Authority negotiated charges for Clearing Agents and Freight Forwarders](#)
- [List of fees for ePermits and eExemptions issued through Ghana Single Window](#)

## Regulations

- [Rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purpose](#)
- [Laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin purpose](#) [↗](#)
- [Import restrictions or prohibitions](#)
- [Penalty provisions for breaches of formalities](#)
- [Procedures for appeal or review](#)
- [Agreements with any country or countries relating to importation](#)
- [Procedures relating to the administration of tariff quotas](#) [↗](#)

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# WTO TFA – Implementation status by Ghana Single Window (GCNet)

# ARTICLE 1: PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

## 1.1: Publication

- GCNet publishes an import export guide by type of goods on its Ghana Single Window Portal.

## 1.2: Information available through internet

- Portal is accessible via the internet at [www.ghanasinglewindow.com](http://www.ghanasinglewindow.com)

## 1.3: Enquiry Points

- Access to a customer contact center and sms short code for trade enquiries
- Newsletters for the trading community is circulated as well.



## ARTICLE 2: PRIOR PUBLICATION AND CONSULTATION

2.1: Opportunity to comment on new and amended rules

2.2: Consultations

- As implementer of the SW platform, we execute 2.1 and 2.2 if changes impact on Single window operations through quarterly interaction with stakeholders.

## ARTICLE 5: OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE IMPARTIALITY, NON DISCRIMINATION AND TRANSPARENCY

1. Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

2. Detention

3. Test Procedure

- Handled by Government Agencies but are notified when consignments they handle are being cleared.
- Customs Examination instructions are sent to Declarants and available on Cargo tracking.
- Can be improved to handle detention and test procedures.



## **Article 6: DISCIPLINES ON FEES AND CHARGES IMPOSED ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION**

### **6.3:Penalty disciplines**

- Majority of information made available via the Single Window portal
- Regimes are managed by Port Authorities, Customs and other Government agencies

### 7.1: Pre-arrival processing

- Application for Permits and Exemptions, Cargo manifest submission, Customs Classification and Valuation Reports and Customs procedure for Pre entry all in full use.

### 7.2: Electronic payment

Payments effected at partner banks with additional online payment portal.

## ARTICLE 7: RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS

### 7.3: Separation of release from final determination and payment of customs duties, taxes, fees and charges

-Release of consignment is after Payment of Customs Duties and Taxes managed on SW.

### 7.4: Risk Management

- Managed in Customs systems via the Gold card scheme for compliant importers
- AEO project being undertaken by Customs

### 7.6: Establishment and publication of average release times

- Measures but provides information only to key ministries.
- Efforts underway to publish online on SW portal.

### 8.1. National Cooperation

- SW operator provides infrastructure for Customs only at border posts.

### 8.2. Cross-border Cooperation

- Provides Business intelligence platforms for landlocked countries (Burkina Fasso and Mali) for Transit reporting.

## **ARTICLE 9: MOVEMENT OF GOODS UNDER CUSTOMS CONTROL INTENDED FOR IMPORT**

Single Window platform manages a Container Movement Request used for the transfer of Container from Main Port to Inland container depots for Customs clearance processes.



## ARTICLE 10: FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

### 10.1: Formalities and Documentation Requirements

- Business Process reengineering is a continuous improvement exercise.

### 10.2: Acceptance of copies

- 3 processes are paperless per Electronic transactions law (Request for and issuance of CCVRs, declaration processing at 2 Customs sites and request for Permits and exemptions)

### 10.3: Use of international standards

- Standard are applied as part of internal Quality conformance process. For example the use of the WCO Data model, adoption of the WCO Unique Consignment Reference model

## ARTICLE 10: FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

### 10.4: Single Window

- Implemented since 2002

### 10.5: Pre-shipment Inspection

- Customs has taken over classification & Valuation since September 2015.
- GCNet provides platform for lodgments of Import Declaration Form with its associated trade document and the transmission of Customs Valuation reports through the Customs Pre Arrival Assessment Report Systems.

### 10.6: Use of Customs Brokers

- Regime is managed by Customs but Self Declarants are allowed to submit Customs declarations.
- Registration process available on SW portal

### 10.7: Common Border Procedures and Uniform Document Requirements

- Regime is managed by Customs through its use of standard Procedure codes.

## ARTICLE 10: FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

### 10.9: Temporary admission of goods/ inward and outward processing

- Managed by Customs through its standard Procedure codes for all Customs Regimes in the Customs Management Systems.

### 11.2: Collection of fees

- SW operator charges a standard fee for Transit tracking.

Customs transit procedure (11.5-11.7, 11.9-11.10);  
Guarantees (11.11)

- Transit guarantee and the tracking system are part of the SW operations.

Cross-border Cooperation (11.12 and 11.13)

- Data shared with land locked countries.

Single Window Portal:

✓ [www.ghanasinglewindow.com](http://www.ghanasinglewindow.com)

Corporate Site:

✓ [www.gcnet.com.gh](http://www.gcnet.com.gh)





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