

# WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT AND ASEAN INTEGRATION



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# WTO TFA: Is ASEAN ready?

## Different levels of readiness

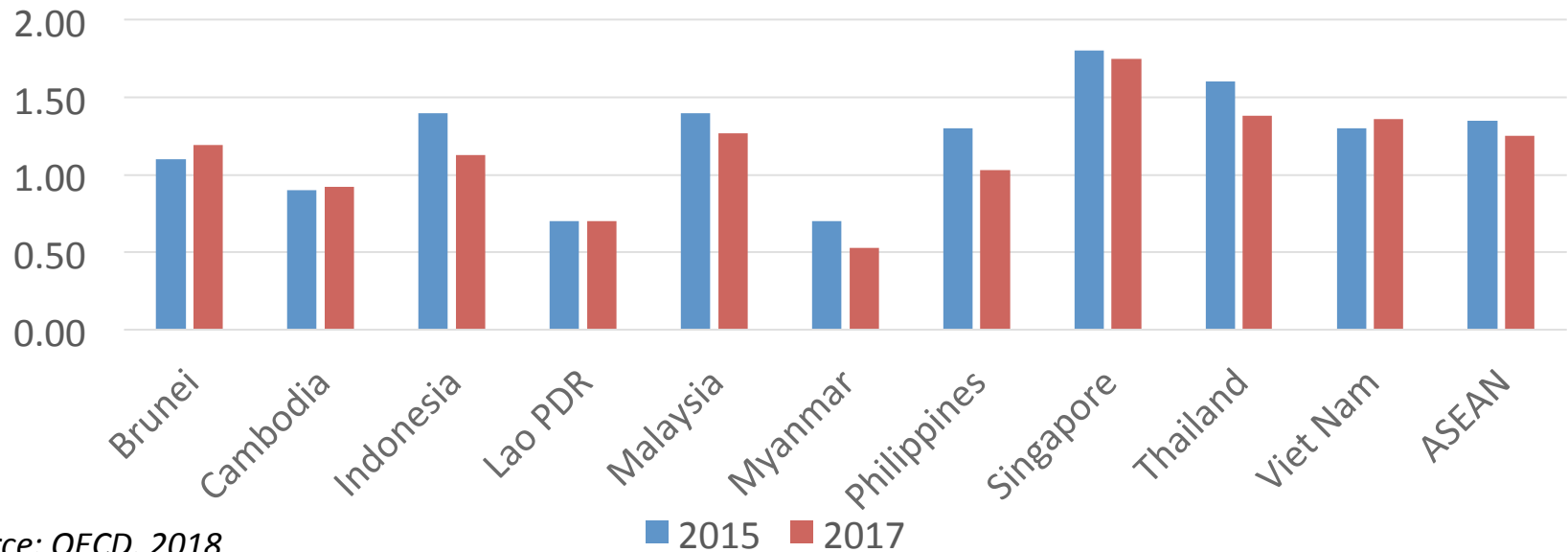
- All ASEAN Members have ratified the WTO TFA
- Many measures are being implemented in ASEAN without binding commitments

Table: Number of Category A commitments of AMS

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
SGP (47/47)	KHM (32*/47)	MMR (3/47)
MYS (46*/47)	VNM (15*/47)	
BRN (45/47)	LAO (13/47)	
THA (45*/47)		
IDN (44/47)		
PHL (43/47)		

*\* Denotes partial notifications in A, B, or C for some measures*

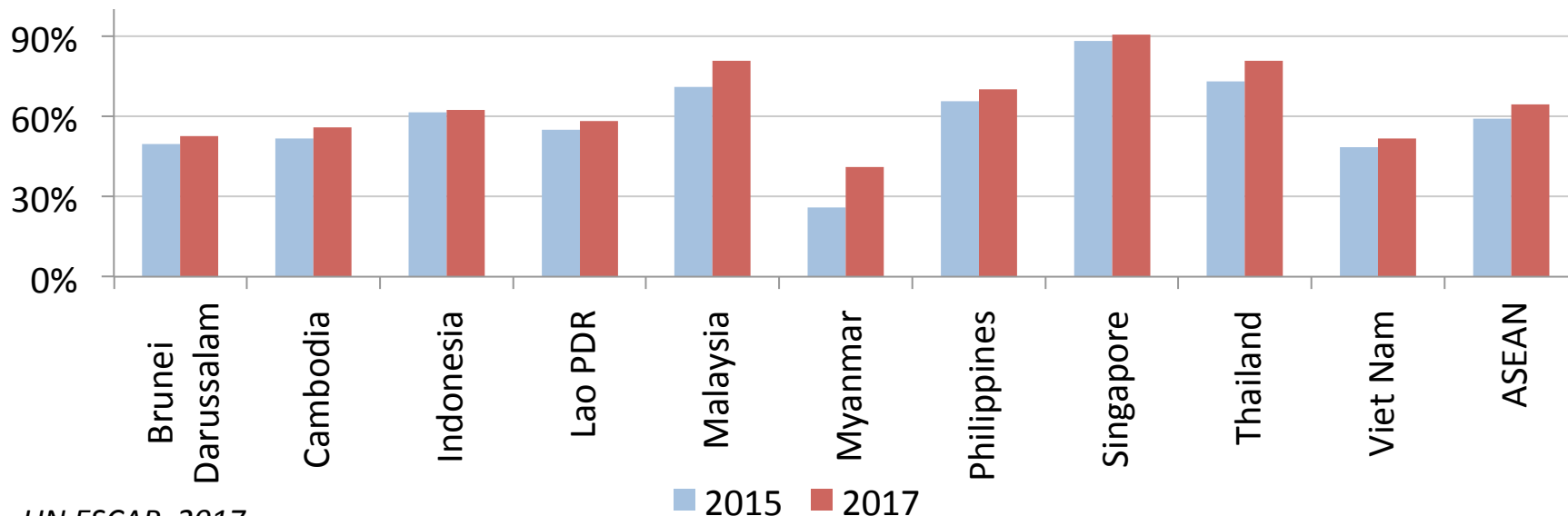
# OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators



Source: OECD, 2018

- Average implementation score **decreased** from 1.35 in 2015 to 1.25 in 2017
- Improvements seen in the implementation of advance rulings, fees and charges, and documentary formalities
- Large decreases in scores in information availability, internal cooperation, and appeal procedures

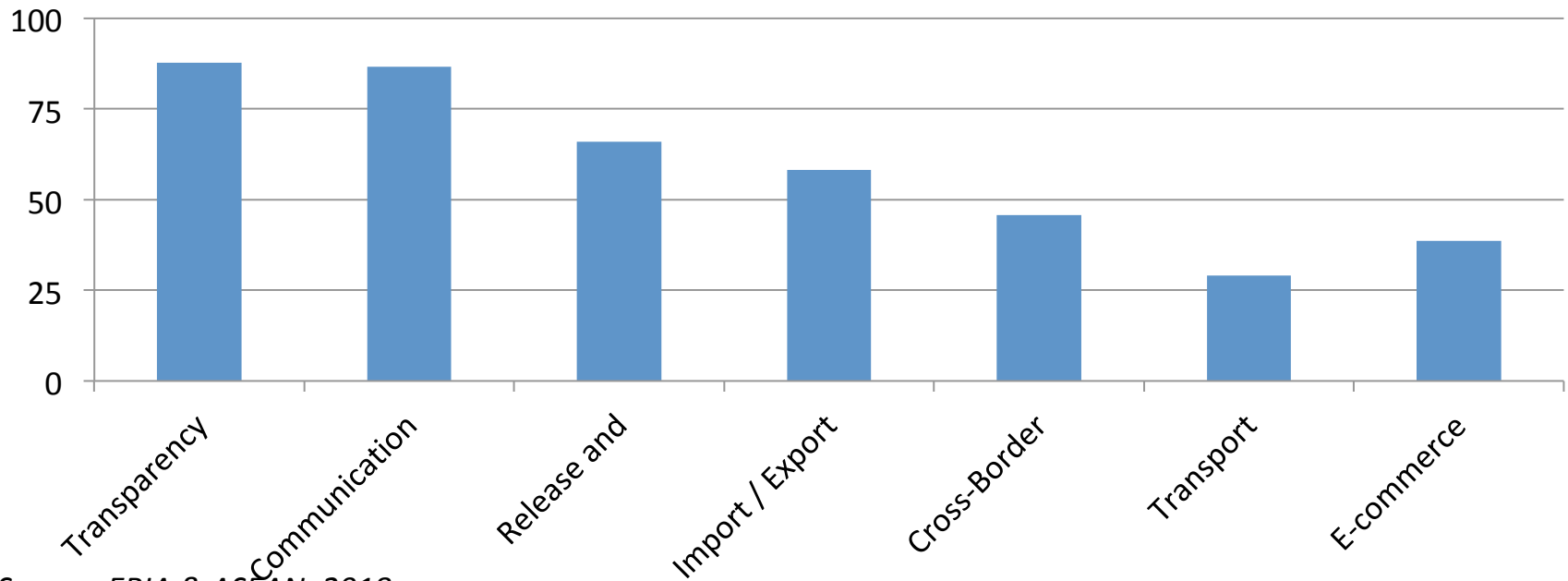
# UN Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade



UN ESCAP, 2017

- Average implementation **increased** by approximately 5% from 59% in 2015 to 64% in 2017
- Most implemented measure in ASEAN countries is Independent appeal mechanism
- Other measures with high implementation rates include: publication of regulations, acceptance of copies, advance rulings, consultations, risk management, and post-clearance audit
- Least implemented measure is Trade facilitation measures for authorized operators – however, the implementation of this measure is still very high (70%)

# ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators



Source: ERIA & ASEAN, 2018

- High scores on transparency, information and communication and engagement with private sector
- Low scores on release and clearance formalities, cross border coordination and transit facilitation, transport facilitation, and e-commerce

# ASEAN trade transaction costs



Source: ERIA, 2018

- Trade transaction costs data will be approximated by release times, dwell times, and time-to-permit-approval data
- Time release studies to be conducted by ASEAN customs
- Will track both movement of goods and documentary compliance
- Baseline survey: 2018; Monitoring survey: 2020