

APPENDIX 5

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ANNEX A: APEC TRADE FACILITATION ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Faster customs clearances**

Faster customs clearances through direct electronic communication with Customs authorities without paperwork.

- **More consistent customs valuations**

Standard procedures for more consistent and transparent customs valuations of traded goods.

- **Expanded E-commerce and paperless trading**

Improved electronic access to markets for business and commitment to a goal of paperless trading by 2005 for developed and 2010 for developing economies, or as soon as possible thereafter.

- **Simplified business travel**

Simpler business travel with multiple entry visas, internet visa information and visa-free short-term entry via APEC Business Travel Card.

- **Alignment of standards for food, electrical, machinery and rubber products**

Alignment of domestic standards with international standards for goods such as radios, televisions, videos, refrigerators, air-conditioners, rubber gloves and food labelling, by 2005.

- **Lower cost of trade in electrical equipment**

Lower cost of trade in electrical goods such as computers, toasters, televisions, radios and power-tools through a single test for conformity assessments.

- **Lower cost of trade in telecommunications equipment**

Lower cost of trade in telecommunications goods such as phones, faxes, modems, PABXs and radio transmitters worth an estimated \$US 50 billion per year, through a single test for conformity assessments.

- **Simplified sales of telecommunications services**

Simplified negotiation of telecommunications contracts and easier commercial access to telecommunications networks.

- **Less risk for investment in energy infrastructure**

Better informed investment decisions in energy infrastructure through the Manual of Best Practice Principles for Independent Power Producers and the Natural Gas Initiative.

- **Market access information for architects, engineers and accountants**

Instant market access information for architects, engineers and accountants.

- **Less waste in fresh seafood trade**

Less wastage and shorter transport times for fresh seafood.

- **Better Y2K preparedness**

Transparent Y2K preparedness, risk assessment and contingency planning.

- **Market access information**

Internet access to information on tariffs, investment, e-commerce, intellectual property, business travel, government procurement, business opportunities, marine ports and labour markets.