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- AND HOW STANDARDS HELP REFOCUS

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Why the confusion?



e.g.

- IT system vs. environment
- Public vs. Private Sector
- Language

IT System and Environment

Challenges:

- Inefficient processes
- Sustainability issues

How standards help:

- Technology agnostic
- Support construction of the SW environment
e.g.
 - Legislative
 - Processes
 - Administration and governance

Private and Public Sector

Challenges:

- Multiple/overlapping “single windows”
- Competing interests

How standards help:

- Public-Private Partnerships, e.g. SW Operation
- Expansion of private-sector led systems (e.g. PCS) into regulatory SW systems via interconnectivity and interoperability.

Language




How standards help:

- Create a common vocabulary and definitions

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UN/CEFACT's series of Single Window Recommendations

Est.	No.	Recommendation
2004	33	Single Window Recommendation
2011	34	Data Simplification and Standardization for International Trade
2011	35	Establishing a legal framework for international trade Single Window
2016	36	 <i>Interoperability of Single Window Systems</i>

Other UN/CEFACT Tools

Simplification and Harmonisation of Trade Procedures

- Rec.4 – National Trade Facilitation Bodies
- Rec.18 – Facilitation Measures related to International Trade Procedures

Trade Documents

- Rec.1 – UN Layout Key for Trade Documents
- Rec.6 – Aligned Invoice Layout Key
- Rec.22 Layout Key for Standard Consignment Instructions

Codes for International Trade:

- Rec.16 – UN/LOCODE (Code for Ports and other Locations)
- Rec.19 Codes for Modes of Transport
- Rec.20 – Codes for Units of Measurement in International Trade

Information Communication Technology

- Rec.14 – Authentication of Trade Documents by means other than signature
- Rec.25 – Use of UN/EDIFACT Standard
- Rec.31 – Electronic Commerce Agreement
- Rec.32 – E-Commerce Self-Regulatory Instruments

Others:

- Trade Data Element Directory (TDED, ISO 7372), UN/CEFACT Modelling Methodology (UMM)

THANK YOU

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