

Chapter 6.

Measures to promote integrity in global trade

Reinforcing integrity in international trade may require significant efforts to design and implement a whole-of-government approach in collaboration with businesses and citizens, but such efforts will likely be outweighed by even higher returns on the investment. Promoting integrity in global supply chains produces increased benefits for the global community as a whole. While there is no ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to best achieve this objective, the OECD recommends prioritising the following measures in line with international good practices:

- designing and implementing comprehensive risk management strategies for global supply chains for both public and private sectors
- continuing to commit to transparency and anti-corruption requirements through trade agreements
- preventing corruption in customs and border control by, among others:
 - harmonising international standards
 - implementing effective internal management tools
 - ensuring transparency and accountability in internal procedures
 - providing clear reporting channels for handling complaints and effectively protecting whistleblowers
- providing assistance and incentives for the private sector to implement the following measures:
 - adopting anti-corruption policies to expose clearly what is meant by corruption and what is considered acceptable behaviour
 - implementing robust governance measures and anti-corruption controls
 - accessing information about prevailing rules and regulations in markets where they operate
 - committing collectively to abide by existing regulations, policies and best practices, and to collaborate with public sector actors to identify integrity

vulnerabilities and appropriate mitigation measures and to build a culture of integrity in collective action

- implementing reliable audit capacity, reporting channels for wrongdoing in customs administrations, and reach out to other jurisdictions to effectively detect and prosecute corrupt transactions and to build a culture of integrity
- effectively enforcing the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions to dissuade businesses and individuals from engaging in corrupt cross-border transactions, and encourage all the world's major exporters and investors to ratify the Convention.

The fight against corruption falls under the responsibility of all governments, businesses, and citizens. The OECD will continue to support governments and stakeholders in improving their anti-corruption policies, and act as a forum where the global community can share and exchange on best integrity, anti-corruption and international trade practices.



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