

Joint News Statement

Unveiling Tradian: The Future of Maldivian Trade

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Today marks a significant milestone as we officially unveil the first phase of the Maldives National Single Window (MNSW) platform, branded as Tradian. This initiative is designed to streamline and simplify the cross-border trade in the Maldives, embodying the globally recognized National Single Window (NSW) concept, which has been successfully adopted by numerous developed and developing countries.

Tradian serves a unified and integrated system that consolidates all trade-related information, processes and permits. This platform allows traders and logistics providers to submit trade and transport regulatory documents electronically, from a single entry point to all connected trade and transport entities.

The project is funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and is implemented by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) in close partnership with Maldives Customs Service (MCS) and other Cross Border Regulatory Agencies (CBRA's). Tradenet Maldives Corporation Limited is the designated operator of Tradian and CrimsonLogic, Singapore is the technology provider.

Tradian significantly reduces the complexity, time and effort involved in the trade process by consolidating trade-related information in one place. Today's unveiling marks the commencement of Phase 1, with 10 Cross-Border Regulatory Agencies (CBRAs) integrating 8 separate systems. Full operational use of Tradian is set to begin on 1st November 2024. This date will serve as the official cut-off date for transitioning from existing systems, making Tradian the exclusive platform for submission of applications for the following trade-related services:

Phase 1 - Trade Services

#	AGENCIES / STAKEHOLDERS	SERVICES
1	Tradenet Maldives Corporation Ltd	Operator of MNSW
2	Maldives Customs Service	Vessel Registration Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) Sea Manifest Vessel Declaration
3	Ministry of Defence	Chemical Import Permit Flare Import Permit Fireworks Import Permit
4	Ministry of Economic Development & Trade	Pork & Liquor Import Permit
5	Ministry of Construction and Infrastructure	Construction Material Import Permit
6	Maldives Ports Limited	Vessel Registration Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) Sea Manifest Vessel Declaration Cargo Discrepancy Gate Exit
7	Ministry of Tourism	Duty Exemption
8	Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation	Vessel Registration ETA Vessel Declaration
9	Maldives Immigration	Vessel Declaration
10	Port Health	Vessel Declaration
11	Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF)	Vessel Declaration
12	Private Sector	Electronic Delivery Order (eDO)

Training and Support

To ensure a smooth transition, comprehensive training sessions will be held at Tradenet for private and government stakeholders. These sessions will focus on services transitioning to Tradian, ensuring all users are well-prepared and confident in navigating the new platform by the time it goes live and fully operational.

Phase 02

The implementation of Phase 02 commenced in late August 2024, with the full scope of work for Tradian expected to be completed by the end of Q1 2025. Upon completion of Phase 2, 19 different government agencies and 17 separate ICT Systems will be fully integrated into the platform, creating a fully interconnected and interoperable digital trade environment, in full compliance with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Article 10.4.

A New Era of Trade Facilitation:

With Tradian, we are ushering in a new era of trade facilitation, one that is more efficient, transparent, and globally competitive. By consolidating all trade-related information and services into a single platform, regulatory processes will be streamlined, allowing traders to operate with greater ease and speed. We are confident that with the training and support available, the transition to Tradian will be smooth, and the benefits for the Maldivian trade sector will be profound.

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