

Abbreviations and acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADD	anti-dumping duty
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Agreement
AIA	ASEAN Investment Area
AICO	ASEAN Industrial Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASYCUDA	Automated System for Customs Data
CD	customs duty
CEPA	Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
CIF	cost, insurance and freight
CoE	committee of experts
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CTH	change in tariff heading
EAC	East African Community
EDI	electronic data interchange
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	foreign direct investment
FTA	free trade agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GMS	Greater Mekong Subregion
GTAP	Global Trade Analysis Project
HS	Harmonized System
ICP	Integrated Check Post
ICT	information and communication technology
LCS	land customs station
LDC	least developed country
LPI	Logistics Performance Index
MFN	most favoured nation
MRA	mutual recognition agreement
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement

NER	North Eastern Region
NTB	non-tariff barrier
NTM	non-tariff measure
PTA	preferential trade agreement
PTM	para-tariff measure
RCA	revealed comparative advantage
REC	regional economic community
RMG	ready-made garments
RoO	rules of origin
RoW	rest of the world
RSA	rest of South Asia
RTA	regional trade agreement
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAFAS	SAARC Framework Agreement on Trade in Services
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Area
SAPTA	SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement
SASEC	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation
SATIS	SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SL	sensitive list
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary measures
SME	small or medium-sized enterprise
T&C	textiles and clothing
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TLP	Trade Liberalization Programme
TRQ	tariff rate quota
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
VECM	vector error correction model
WTO	World Trade Organization