

Deeper dive -  
*Digital Economy Agreements*

# Rules" affecting E-commerce: an example



# Digital Agreements are an increasing feature in trade agreements...

DEPA

## Digital Economic Partnership Agreement

Concluded: Jan 2020  
Signed: Jun 2020

In the pipeline...

- European FTA-Singapore (ESFTA)
- EU-Singapore Digital Partnership (EUSDP)

SADEA

## Singapore-Australia Digital Economy Agreement

Concluded: Mar 2020  
Signed: Aug 2020

UKSDEA

## UK-Singapore Digital Economy Agreement

Concluded: Dec 2021  
Signed: Feb 2022

ASEAN-related FTA...

- ASEAN-Canada FTA
- Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)
- ASEAN-China FTA review

KSDPA

## Korea-Singapore Digital Partnership Agreement

Concluded: Dec 2021  
Signed: 21 Nov 2022

Accessions...

- DEPA - Canada, China, ROK
- CPTPP - UK

WTO JSI

## WTO JSI on e-Commerce

Multilateral forum  
Aim to conclude by 2023

# Why DEAs?

- Deepen and strengthen the rules for digital trade by implementing provisions in our FTAs; going beyond e.g., paperless trade, electronic invoicing and electronic transferable records.
- Address and foster cooperation in emerging issues that impact the digital economy, which have not been sufficiently developed such as digital IDs, e-payments, data protection and AI governance.
- The DEAs create a framework for digital trade and investment with our partners by creating a trusted, seamless and certain environment in the global digital economy.

# Three broad pillars of DEAs

## FACILITATE

SEAMLESS END-TO-END  
DIGITAL TRADE

Domestic  
electronic  
transactions  
framework



Custom  
duties



Paperless  
trading



Non-  
Discriminatory  
Treatment of  
Digital  
Products



## BUILD

TRUST IN  
DIGITAL SYSTEMS

Source code



Principles on  
Access & Use of  
the Internet for E-  
Commerce



Cybersecurity  
Cooperation



Spam



Trusted  
Authentication



Online consumer  
protection



## ENABLE

OPEN & SECURE DATA  
FLOWS

Cross-border  
data flows



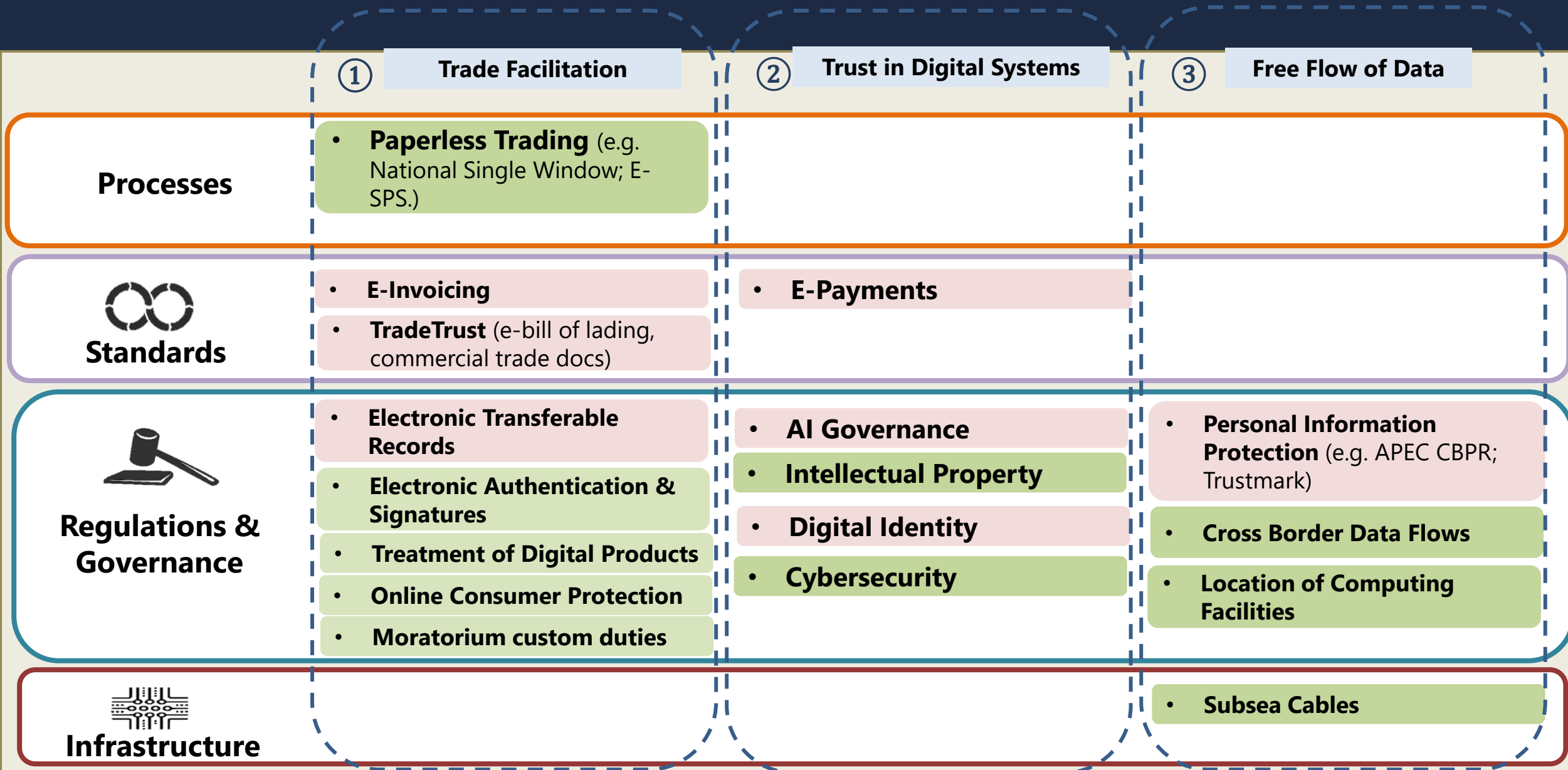
Personal data  
protection



Location of  
computing facilities



# DEAs build on existing E-commerce chapters





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