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Comparing Business Regulation  
for Domestic Firms in **190** Economies

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- *Doing Business 2018* is the 15th in a series of annual reports investigating the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it. *Doing Business* presents quantitative indicators on business regulation and the protection of property rights that can be compared across 190 economies—from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe—and over time.
- *Doing Business* measures aspects of regulation affecting 11 areas of the life of a business. Ten of these areas are included in this year's ranking on the ease of doing business: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. *Doing Business* also measures features of labor market regulation, which is not included in this year's ranking.
- Data in *Doing Business 2018* are current as of June 1, 2017. The indicators are used to analyze economic outcomes and identify what reforms of business regulation have worked, where and why.
- This publication is the printed version of *Doing Business 2018*. The full report (which includes the Data Notes, Distance to Frontier and Ease of Doing Business chapter and the Reform Summaries) can be downloaded from the *Doing Business* website at <http://www.doingbusiness.org>.



# Foreword

In its 14 years of publication, *Doing Business* has come a long way. At a recent international forum, I heard the leaders of India and the Russian Federation talking about how important it is for their countries to improve their *Doing Business* rankings and create more jobs for young workers.

When the first edition was published in September 2003, little data was available on regulation affecting business activity. *Doing Business* created a new approach to policy reform—one informed by hard data and focused on domestic companies. The objectives of *Doing Business* are as clear as they are ambitious: to inform the design of reforms and motivate these reforms through country benchmarking. Behind each set of indicators lies rigorous academic analysis, done in cooperation with leading scholars. For example, the indicators on efficient insolvency systems were created with the help of Professor Oliver Hart from Harvard University, the 2016 Nobel Prize winner in economics.<sup>1</sup> In the years since the start of the project, over 3,000 peer-reviewed academic papers and another 7,000 working papers have been written using the *Doing Business* data. Their findings improve our knowledge of how economic policy works.

Since its inception—when *Doing Business* covered 145 economies—the scope of the report has expanded to 190 economies worldwide. The regulatory areas measured by the report have also been expanded to include more aspects that are relevant to the daily operations of domestic small and medium-size firms. For eight of the 11 *Doing Business* indicator sets, the report's traditional focus on efficiency—defined as the time, cost and number of interactions necessary to incorporate a new business or connect a warehouse to the electrical grid—has been complemented with a new focus on regulatory quality. *Doing Business* data shows that efficiency and quality go hand in hand, reinforcing each other.

Despite these additions and improvements, one aspect of *Doing Business* has remained unchanged: its focus on promoting regulatory reform that strengthens the ability of the private sector to create jobs, lift people out of poverty and create more opportunities for the economy to prosper. The notion that the private sector has substantial economic, social and development impact is now universally recognized. Responsible for an estimated 90% of employment in developing economies, the private sector

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1. Djankov and others 2008.

is ideally placed to alleviate poverty by providing the opportunities to secure a good and sustainable standard of living.

Policy reforms catalyze private investment. Promoting a well-functioning private sector is a major undertaking for any government. It requires long-term policies of removing administrative barriers and strengthening laws that promote entrepreneurship.

Hard data helps do that. It gives a voice to the people to demand improved public services. It also increases government accountability. Over the past decade, more than 60 economies have established regulatory reform committees that use the *Doing Business* indicators. As a result, governments have reported more than 3,180 regulatory reforms, including about 920 reforms that have been inspired by *Doing Business*. This is true impact.



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# Overview

This year marks the 15th *Doing Business* report. Since the inception of the project in 2003, the global business regulatory environment has changed dramatically. Governments around the world have embraced and nurtured advances in information technology to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and increase transparency. Today, in 65 of the 190 economies covered by *Doing Business*, entrepreneurs can complete at least one business incorporation procedure online, compared with only nine of the 145 economies measured in *Doing Business 2004*. Furthermore, in 31 economies it is now possible to initiate a commercial dispute online. This kind of progress can also be observed in the other areas measured by *Doing Business*.

*Doing Business* measures aspects of business regulation and their implications for firm establishment and operations. It does not include all the issues that are relevant for businesses' decisions, but it does cover important areas that are under the control of policy makers. Governments worldwide recognize the economic and political benefits of improved business regulation. In fact, 119 of the 190 economies measured by *Doing Business 2018* enacted at least one business regulation reform in 2016/17. Of these, 79.8% implemented at least one reform for a second consecutive year and 64.7% for a third.

Business regulation can enable new ideas to come to life. When a software engineer realizes that she can develop a better and less-expensive product than is currently available, she may choose to start her own company to develop the idea. She will be more likely to become an entrepreneur in an economy where the rules governing start-ups are accessible, transparent

and predictable. Conversely, in an economy where business regulation is cumbersome or ambiguous, she may be less willing to start her own company. In this case, the economy forfeits a new entrepreneur—as well as the associated capital investment and job creation. In turn, consumers have fewer, lower quality and more expensive product choices. Such a scenario highlights the way in which cumbersome regulation can distort resource allocation by stifling entrepreneurial endeavors in favor of maintaining a less optimal status quo.

Consider the case of the potential software entrepreneur. If she were a national of Canada, it would take just two procedures, one and a half days and less than 1% of income per capita to start her business in Toronto. First, she would need to file for federal incorporation and provincial registration online via Industry Canada's Electronic Filing Centre; this costs 200 Canadian dollars (\$159) and is completed within a day. Second, she would need to

- *Doing Business* uses 11 indicator sets to measure aspects of business regulation that matter for entrepreneurship.
- Although good regulatory practices can be found around the world, they are most common in OECD high-income economies and the economies of Europe and Central Asia.
- Sub-Saharan Africa has the widest variation in performance among the areas measured by *Doing Business*, with Mauritius standing at 25 in the ranking and Somalia at 190.
- South Asia is the only region not represented in the top 50 ranking for ease of doing business. However, India stands out this year as one of the 10 economies that improved the most in the areas measured by *Doing Business*.
- The regions with the highest share of reforming economies in *Doing Business 2018* are Europe and Central Asia, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Crises are opportunities for reform; economies are more likely to implement regulatory reforms in the areas measured by *Doing Business* when there is fiscal distress. Evidence shows that an economic crisis creates a stronger motivation for reform than a change of government.
- Better performance in *Doing Business* is associated with lower levels of unemployment and poverty.

register online for value added tax; this costs nothing and is completed within half a day. She can perform these steps online from the comfort of her home. As her business expands and becomes profitable, she would be expected to pay 20.9% of her commercial profits in taxes and contributions annually. However, if the same entrepreneur were a national of the Philippines, living in Quezon City, the business incorporation process would require 16 procedures, take 28 days and cost around 16% of income per capita. She would need to make 20 different tax and contribution payments and visit multiple agencies in person. Furthermore, her business would be expected to pay 42.9% of its commercial profits in taxes and contributions annually. Cumbersome business regulatory structures such as these constrain the ability of entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into viable businesses.

*Doing Business* measures the processes for starting a business, obtaining a building permit, getting an electricity connection, transferring property, paying taxes, taking a commercial dispute to court, and resolving an insolvency

case, as well as credit and equity market regulations and logistics of importing and exporting goods (figure 1.1). There are many other factors that influence firm decisions—such as the availability of skilled labor or market size—that are not captured in *Doing Business*. But *Doing Business* focuses on key areas of interaction between the government and entrepreneurs, where policy makers and regulators can directly influence procedures to facilitate these interactions. For more information on what is measured and what is not, see the chapter *About Doing Business*.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF IMPROVED BUSINESS REGULATION?

The 11 *Doing Business* indicator sets capture the effectiveness and quality of business regulation. Research findings substantiate the economic relevance of the aspects of business regulation measured by *Doing Business*. Recent research, for example, examines the impact of improving business regulation. One study finds that high start-up costs can result in lower overall productivity.

Specifically, incumbent firms are more likely to continue operating despite poor productivity because there is little competition from new, more productive firms. In the absence of effective regulation, firms are also less inclined to leave the informal sector.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, *Doing Business* measures the coverage, scope and quality of credit information available from credit registries and bureaus. When functioning well, these institutions form an essential element of an economy's financial infrastructure by strengthening access to financial services, particularly credit. By collecting and sharing credit information, such agencies reduce information asymmetries, increase access to credit for small firms, lower interest rates, improve borrower discipline and strengthen bank supervision and credit risk monitoring. Indeed, a study of a credit bureau serving the equipment finance industry in the United States found that better exchange of information between lenders results in improved repayment behavior by firms, including lower incidences of delinquencies and defaults. This impact was stronger for firms that typically lack

FIGURE 1.1 What is measured in *Doing Business*?



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: Labor market regulation is not included in the ease of doing business ranking.

informational transparency, such as small and young firms.<sup>2</sup>

*Doing Business* places emphasis on the quality of legal infrastructure and the strength of legal institutions. The protecting minority investors indicator set, for example, measures the protection of minority shareholders. For businesses to secure equity finance, legal mechanisms are needed to prevent the use of corporate assets by company insiders for personal gain—especially during financial crises or times of market distress. Research has shown that during the 2008 global financial crisis, for example, companies in economies with better investor protections and stronger corporate governance experienced a smaller decrease in their market value. Conversely, firms in economies with weak legal structures saw a more significant decline in value.<sup>3</sup>

The *Doing Business* indicators on resolving insolvency provide evidence of a strong relationship between regulatory quality and efficient outcomes. The indicator set measures the quality of regulation as the recovery rate for secured creditors and the extent to which domestic law has incorporated certain internationally-accepted principles on liquidation and reorganization proceedings. Efficient outcomes occur when viable businesses are given a chance to survive, while loss-prone, inefficient firms exit the market, putting resources to better use elsewhere in the economy. In the absence of strong legal bankruptcy legislation, however, the balance between firm survival and efficient exit is distorted. This distortion was highlighted by research using data from Hungary, where the majority of firms in bankruptcy were preserved and allowed to continue operating as going concerns—despite generating substantial operating losses and resulting in low recovery rates for creditors. The main cause of this distortion was the inadequate allocation of control rights between secured and unsecured creditors, which decreased the recovery value

by not allowing creditors to take important decisions related to the company assets during insolvency procedures. Another cause was the establishment of a compensation scheme for agents managing bankruptcy proceedings based on assets sold and operating revenues of a firm, which created a significant increase in the cost of bankruptcy procedures and reduced creditors' recovery rate.<sup>4</sup>

In the area of cross-border trade, *Doing Business* measures the effectiveness of trade logistics. Several studies have underscored the importance of port automation and efficiency for both trade facilitation and regional economic development. These studies have found that ports that are more automated require less maintenance, are more cost-effective and ensure better worker safety. Furthermore, a study of the determinants of shipping costs from Latin America to the United States found that—for most exporting economies—high transportation costs pose even greater barriers to trade than import tariffs, and that port inefficiencies significantly add to these costs. One of the most striking findings is that by improving port efficiency from the 25th to the 75th percentile, shipping costs are lowered by 12%, substantially increasing the volume of bilateral trade.<sup>5</sup> One of the principal causes of port inefficiency is excessive regulation—precisely what *Doing Business* advocates to curb.

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## WHERE IS BUSINESS REGULATION BETTER?

The overall measure of the ease of doing business gives an indication of where it is easier for domestic small and medium-size firms to do business. Although the economies with the most business-friendly regulation in this year's ease of doing business ranking are relatively diverse, the economies within the top 20 share some common features. Fourteen of the top 20 are OECD high-income economies; three are from Europe and

Central Asia and three from East Asia and the Pacific. Eighteen of the top 20 are classified as high-income economies. The top 5 performers are New Zealand, Singapore, Denmark, the Republic of Korea and Hong Kong SAR, China. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is the only upper-middle-income economy on the list, while Georgia is the only lower-middle-income one (table 1.1). To date, no low-income economy has reached the top 20 group. However, being wealthy does not guarantee a front-runner position in the ease of doing business ranking; many high-income economies still have room for progress. Having few bureaucratic hurdles, robust legal institutions and laws and regulations that are based on international good practices is what matters most for a good performance in the ease of doing business ranking.

Among the top 20 economies, Georgia, with a ranking of 9, has implemented the highest number of business regulation reforms since the launch of *Doing Business* in 2003—a total of 47. With 41, FYR Macedonia has carried out the second highest number of reforms among the top 20. During the same period, Latvia and Lithuania have also actively reformed their business regulatory environments, with 28 and 31 reforms respectively. Among other reforms, Lithuania has made six reforms to its business incorporation processes, five reforms to bankruptcy proceedings and four reforms to its taxation system. Many other top-ranked economies have followed this pattern of continuous reform, demonstrating that comprehensive reform efforts can lead to considerable improvements in an economy's regulatory and business environment. Another feature that the top 20 economies have in common—albeit not measured by *Doing Business*—is that on average they have higher labor force participation rates and lower levels of income inequality. Indeed, the average Gini coefficient<sup>6</sup> of the top 20 economies is 0.3 (with 0 representing perfect equality and 1 representing perfect inequality), compared to 0.4 for the lowest 20.<sup>7</sup>

TABLE 1.1 Ease of doing business ranking

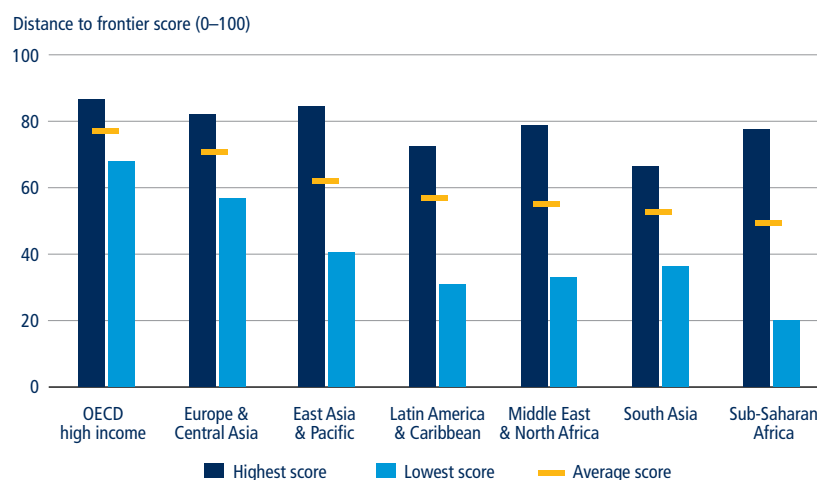
DB 2018 Rank	Economy	DTF score	DTF change	DB 2018 Rank	Economy	DTF score	DTF change	DB 2018 Rank	Economy	DTF score	DTF change
1	New Zealand	86.55	-0.18	65	Albania	68.70	+ 0.96	129	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	55.72	+0.01
2	Singapore	84.57	+0.04	66	Bahrain	68.13	+0.01	130	Palau	55.58	+0.46
3	Denmark	84.06	-0.01	67	Greece	68.02	+0.01	131	Nicaragua	55.39	+0.09
4	Korea, Rep.	83.92	0.00	68	Vietnam	67.93	+2.85	132	Barbados	55.20	-0.09
5	Hong Kong SAR, China	83.44	+0.29	69	Morocco	67.91	-0.03	133	Lebanon	54.67	-0.10
6	United States	82.54	-0.01	70	Jamaica	67.27	+0.57	134	St. Kitts and Nevis	54.52	+0.18
7	United Kingdom	82.22	-0.12	71	Oman	67.20	+0.08	135	Cambodia	54.47	+0.23
8	Norway	82.16	-0.25	72	Indonesia	66.47	+2.25	136	Maldives	54.42	+0.64
9	Georgia	82.04	+2.12	73	El Salvador	66.42	+3.54	137	Tanzania	54.04	+0.11
10	Sweden	81.27	+0.03	74	Uzbekistan	66.33	+4.46	138	Mozambique	54.00	+0.97
11	Macedonia, FYR	81.18	-0.21	75	Bhutan	66.27	+1.06	139	Côte d'Ivoire	53.71	+2.04
12	Estonia	80.80	+0.05	76	Ukraine	65.75	+1.90	140	Senegal	53.06	+3.75
13	Finland	80.37	-0.11	77	Kyrgyz Republic	65.70	+0.54	141	Lao PDR	53.01	+0.43
14	Australia	80.14	0.00	78	China	65.29	+0.40	142	Grenada	52.94	-0.11
15	Taiwan, China	80.07	+0.41	79	Panama	65.27	+1.25	143	Mali	52.92	+0.30
16	Lithuania	79.87	+1.05	80	Kenya	65.15	+2.59	144	Niger	52.34	+2.26
17	Ireland	79.51	-0.19	81	Botswana	64.94	+0.07	145	Nigeria	52.03	+3.85
18	Canada	79.29	-0.09	82	South Africa	64.89	-0.08	146	Gambia, The	51.92	-0.01
19	Latvia	79.26	-0.79	83	Qatar	64.86	+0.61	147	Pakistan	51.65	+0.71
20	Germany	79.00	-0.19	84	Malta	64.72	+0.43	148	Burkina Faso	51.54	+0.20
21	United Arab Emirates	78.73	+1.87	85	Zambia	64.50	+3.92	149	Marshall Islands	51.45	+0.03
22	Austria	78.54	-0.15	86	Bosnia and Herzegovina	64.20	+0.42	150	Mauritania	50.88	+1.56
23	Iceland	78.50	+0.01	87	Samoa	63.89	+2.06	151	Benin	50.47	+1.85
24	Malaysia	78.43	+0.96	88	Tunisia	63.58	-0.20	152	Bolivia	50.18	+0.32
25	Mauritius	77.54	+2.09	89	Tonga	63.43	+0.50	153	Guinea	49.80	+0.32
26	Thailand	77.44	+5.68	90	Vanuatu	63.08	+0.02	154	Djibouti	49.58	+3.99
27	Poland	77.30	+0.18	91	St. Lucia	62.88	+0.01	155	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	48.99	+0.01
28	Spain	77.02	0.00	92	Saudi Arabia	62.50	+2.92	156	Togo	48.88	+0.64
29	Portugal	76.84	-0.14	93	San Marino	62.47	-0.03	157	Kiribati	48.74	-0.31
30	Czech Republic	76.27	+0.03	94	Uruguay	61.99	+0.35	158	Comoros	48.52	+0.47
31	France	76.13	-0.06	95	Seychelles	61.41	+1.01	159	Zimbabwe	48.47	+0.80
32	Netherlands	76.03	+0.51	96	Kuwait	61.23	+1.52	160	Sierra Leone	48.18	-0.06
33	Switzerland	75.92	+0.19	97	Guatemala	61.18	-0.43	161	Ethiopia	47.77	+2.08
34	Japan	75.68	+0.07	98	Dominica	60.96	+0.34	162	Madagascar	47.67	+3.05
35	Russian Federation	75.50	+0.81	99	Dominican Republic	60.93	+2.52	163	Cameroon	47.23	+2.18
36	Kazakhstan	75.44	+1.06	100	India	60.76	+4.71	164	Burundi	46.92	+0.06
37	Slovenia	75.42	+0.99	101	Fiji	60.74	+0.04	165	Suriname	46.87	+0.11
38	Belarus	75.06	+0.55	102	Trinidad and Tobago	60.68	-0.19	166	Algeria	46.71	-0.01
39	Slovak Republic	74.90	-0.25	103	Jordan	60.58	+2.38	167	Gabon	46.19	+1.33
40	Kosovo	73.49	+4.98	104	Lesotho	60.42	+0.54	168	Iraq	44.87	+0.48
41	Rwanda	73.40	+3.21	105	Nepal	59.95	+2.35	169	São Tomé and Príncipe	44.84	+0.39
42	Montenegro	73.18	+1.64	106	Namibia	59.94	+0.54	170	Sudan	44.46	+0.17
43	Serbia	73.13	+0.26	107	Antigua and Barbuda	59.63	+0.98	171	Myanmar	44.21	+0.30
44	Moldova	73.00	+0.20	108	Paraguay	59.18	+0.06	172	Liberia	43.55	+3.10
45	Romania	72.87	+0.17	109	Papua New Guinea	59.04	+0.17	173	Equatorial Guinea	41.66	+1.77
46	Italy	72.70	+1.15	110	Malawi	58.94	+6.33	174	Syrian Arab Republic	41.55	+0.08
47	Armenia	72.51	+0.59	111	Sri Lanka	58.86	+0.13	175	Angola	41.49	+1.38
48	Hungary	72.39	+0.26	112	Swaziland	58.82	+0.25	176	Guinea-Bissau	41.45	+0.23
49	Mexico	72.27	+0.18	113	Philippines	58.74	+0.42	177	Bangladesh	40.99	+0.15
50	Bulgaria	71.91	+0.10	114	West Bank and Gaza	58.68	+3.80	178	Timor-Leste	40.62	-0.07
51	Croatia	71.70	+0.05	115	Honduras	58.46	-0.07	179	Congo, Rep.	39.57	-0.52
52	Belgium	71.69	-0.23	116	Solomon Islands	58.13	-0.01	180	Chad	38.30	-0.28
53	Cyprus	71.63	-0.49	117	Argentina	58.11	+0.07	181	Haiti	38.24	+0.01
54	Israel	71.42	+0.05	118	Ecuador	57.83	-0.01	182	Congo, Dem. Rep.	37.65	+0.22
55	Chile	71.22	+0.37	119	Bahamas, The	57.47	+0.82	183	Afghanistan	36.19	-1.80
56	Brunei Darussalam	70.60	+5.83	120	Ghana	57.24	+0.34	184	Central African Republic	34.86	+0.78
57	Azerbaijan	70.19	+3.12	121	Belize	57.11	+0.03	185	Libya	33.21	+0.03
58	Peru	69.45	+0.01	122	Uganda	56.94	+0.42	186	Yemen, Rep.	33.00	+0.06
59	Colombia	69.41	-0.11	123	Tajikistan	56.86	+0.93	187	South Sudan	32.86	-0.33
60	Turkey	69.14	+1.16	124	Iran, Islamic Rep.	56.48	+0.26	188	Venezuela, RB	30.87	-0.79
61	Costa Rica	69.13	+1.23	125	Brazil	56.45	+0.38	189	Eritrea	22.87	+0.42
62	Mongolia	69.03	+1.27	126	Guyana	56.28	+0.39	190	Somalia	19.98	-0.31
63	Luxembourg	69.01	+0.35	127	Cabo Verde	56.24	+0.42				
64	Puerto Rico (U.S.)	68.85	+0.05	128	Egypt, Arab Rep.	56.22	+0.10				

Source: Doing Business database.

Note: The DB 2018 rankings are benchmarked to June 2017 and based on the average of each economy's distance to frontier (DTF) scores for the 10 topics included in the aggregate ranking. For the economies for which the data cover two cities, scores are a population-weighted average for the two cities. A positive change indicates an improvement in the score between 2016 and 2017 (and therefore an improvement in the overall business environment as measured by Doing Business), while a negative change indicates a deterioration and 0.00 indicates no change in the score.

What can the *Doing Business 2018* data tell us about global patterns? Good regulatory practices are present in almost all of the world's regions. Aside from 28 OECD high-income economies, the 50 highest-ranked economies include 13 from Europe and Central Asia, five from East Asia and the Pacific, two from Sub-Saharan Africa and one each from the regions of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East and North Africa. Each region also has a relatively wide spectrum of strong and weak performers. Economies are ranked based on the distance to frontier score. This measure shows the distance of each economy to the "frontier," which represents the best performance observed on each of the indicators across all economies in the *Doing Business* sample (box 1.1). In OECD high-income economies, for example, New Zealand, Denmark and Korea have the highest overall distance to frontier scores at 86.55, 84.06 and 83.92, respectively. Conversely, Greece, Luxembourg and Chile have the lowest scores in this group, at 68.02, 69.01 and 71.22. However, the OECD high-income group has the smallest gap between the highest and the lowest scores, of only 18.53 percentage points (figure 1.2). Sub-Saharan Africa has the widest gap (57.56 percentage points), with a regional average score of only 50.43—the lowest

**FIGURE 1.2** Where it is easier to do business and where it is more difficult



Source: *Doing Business* database.

across all regions. Among the economies of Sub-Saharan Africa, Mauritius has the highest distance to frontier score (77.54), while Somalia the lowest (19.98).

Regional rankings across different *Doing Business* indicator sets also show large variations. South Asia, for example—the only region not represented in the top 50 list—scores comparatively well for starting a business, with an average distance to frontier score of 83.27. In contrast, South Asia's regional average score for resolving

insolvency is only 33.04. Indeed, *Doing Business* data show considerable variation in performance between economies within the same region and within the same regulatory area. Within South Asia, India has the highest score (80) for protecting minority investors compared to Afghanistan's score of 10. Similarly, there is a substantial difference in scores between economies in the Middle East and North Africa region. Malta, for example, has a distance to frontier score for trading across borders of 91.01, while Algeria only scores 24.15. Interestingly, all regions have at least one economy in the top 20 ranking on the protecting minority investors indicators and all regions—except the OECD high-income group—have at least one economy in the bottom 20 ranking on the protecting minority investors indicators. These patterns indicate that there is further room for improvement across all regions and at all income levels.

### BOX 1.1 What is the distance to frontier score?

*Doing Business* measures many different dimensions of business regulation. To combine measures with different units such as the number of days to obtain a construction permit and the number of procedures to start a business into a single score, *Doing Business* computes the distance to frontier score. The distance to frontier score captures the gap between an economy's current performance and the best practice across the entire sample of 41 indicators across 10 *Doing Business* indicator sets. For example, according to the *Doing Business* database across all economies and over time, the least time to start a business is 0.5 days while in the worst 5% of cases it takes more than 100 days to incorporate a company. Half a day is, therefore, considered the frontier of best performance, while 100 days is the worst. Higher distance to frontier scores show absolute better ease of doing business (as the frontier is set at 100 percentage points), while lower scores show absolute poorer ease of doing business (the worst performance is set at 0 percentage points). The percentage point distance to frontier scores of an economy on different indicators are averaged to obtain an overall distance to frontier score. For more details, see the chapter on the distance to frontier and ease of doing business ranking available at [www.doingbusiness.org](http://www.doingbusiness.org).

### WHICH ECONOMIES IMPROVED THE MOST IN *DOING BUSINESS 2018*?

*Doing Business 2018* captures 264 business regulation reforms across the 10 measured indicator sets. As in previous years, Sub-Saharan Africa is the region

with the highest number of reforms (83 in total), followed by East Asia and the Pacific (45) and Europe and Central Asia (44). The regions with the highest share of reforming economies are Europe and Central Asia (79%), South Asia (75%) and Sub-Saharan Africa (75%), while the OECD high-income group has the lowest share (46%). The indicator sets for starting a business and getting credit record the highest number of reforms (38 each) in 2016/17. They are closely followed by the trading across borders indicator set with 33 reforms. The least-reformed areas as captured by *Doing Business* continue to be the indicators with a legal focus—for example, resolving insolvency (13 reforms) and enforcing contracts (20). Legal reforms are typically slow to advance, mainly because they require long-term political commitments, substantial resources and close collaboration between multiple regulatory agencies and rulemaking institutions.

It is important to look at both the number of reforms and their impact on the distance to frontier score because they provide different information. The number of reforms indicates *how many* areas an

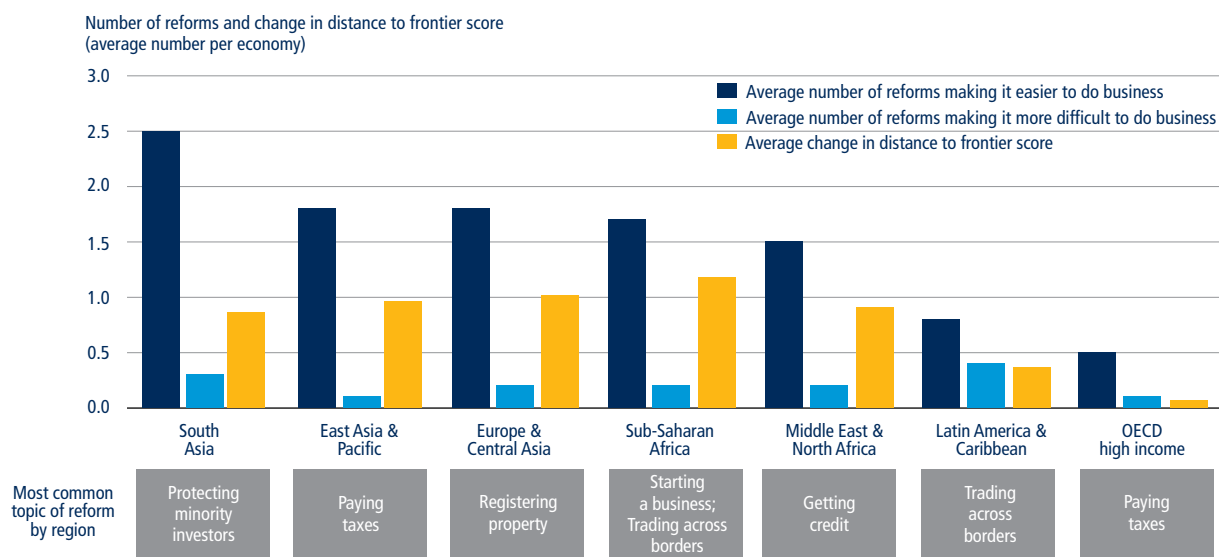
economy chose to target for improvement, while the change in the distance to frontier score indicates *the size* of the impact those changes had on the *Doing Business* data. Across all economies, the average distance to frontier score increase is 0.76 percentage points, with the highest regional increase in Sub-Saharan Africa (1.18), although this region does not have the highest percentage of economies implementing at least one business regulatory reform. Nevertheless, there is a strong correlation between the number of reforms and the actual improvement in the distance to frontier score.<sup>8</sup> *Doing Business* data show that it has become easier for small and medium-size enterprises to do business in 62.6% of economies worldwide (or 119 of the 190 economies measured by *Doing Business*).

While economies in the Sub-Saharan Africa region show the highest average increase in the distance to frontier score, economies in the OECD high-income group have the lowest average increase (0.11 percentage points). This is not surprising as most OECD high-income economies are already near to global good practices. The *Doing Business*

indicator sets capturing the most business regulation reforms across regions in 2016/17 are paying taxes and trading across borders. Indeed, the reform agendas of OECD high-income and East Asia and the Pacific economies appear to be dominated by regulatory changes captured by the paying taxes indicator set (figure 1.3). Lower-middle-income economies have the highest average reform count at 1.9 reforms each; low-income economies are second highest at 1.3 reforms. Unsurprisingly, high-income economies recorded the lowest average reform count (1).

Of the 10 economies showing the most improvement in performance on the *Doing Business* indicators, three are from Sub-Saharan Africa, two from East Asia and the Pacific, two from Europe and Central Asia, one from Latin America and the Caribbean, one from the Middle East and North Africa and one from South Asia. Brunei Darussalam, the only high-income economy on the list of top 10 improvers, showed the largest advance toward the global good practice frontier after implementing eight reforms in 2016/17; it joins this list for the second year in a

**FIGURE 1.3** The average number of reforms per economy is highest in South Asia but the average impact is biggest in Sub-Saharan Africa



Source: *Doing Business* database.

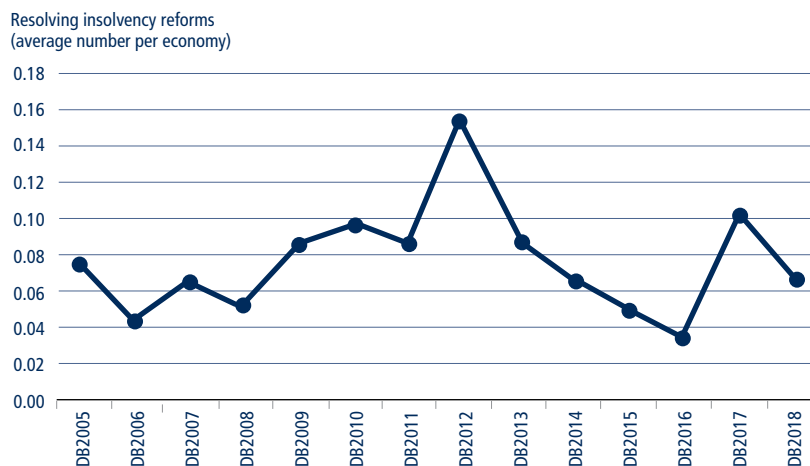
Note: The average change in the distance to frontier score shows the change between *Doing Business* 2018 and *Doing Business* 2017.

row. El Salvador, India, Malawi, Nigeria and Thailand also made impressive strides and joined the 10 top improvers for the first time. Among top improvers, Brunei Darussalam, India and Thailand implemented the highest number of business regulation reforms in 2016/17, with eight reforms each. The remaining four economies in the list of top improvers are: Kosovo, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Djibouti. For details on the reforms these countries undertook, see the chapter on reforming the business environment in 2016/17.

The database of *Doing Business* reforms indicates differences in reform momentum, both within topics and across regions. Why are reforms more common in some years than others? When do economies tend to reform in the areas covered in *Doing Business*? Two main theories explain the timing of regulatory reform. The first suggests that economies reform when they must—that is, when there is no choice but to implement a regulatory change. In this case, an increase in reforms would be more likely during crises.<sup>9</sup> A second theory argues that economies reform when they can—that is, when governments are recently elected and are in the “honeymoon period.”<sup>10</sup>

*Doing Business* data can be used to explore which theory is more likely to hold true in practice. Recent research shows that governments are more likely to reform business regulation when their economy is experiencing a fiscal crisis.<sup>11</sup> This is particularly true for regulation concerning resolving insolvency, which showed a spike in reform activity in 2010/11,<sup>12</sup> a couple of years after the 2008/09 financial crisis. The reason is that these kinds of reforms take time to be implemented and captured by *Doing Business* (figure 1.4). However, the effect of fiscal crises on reform intensity is less robust when public debt is lower. When a fiscal crisis can be solved—albeit temporarily—by increasing borrowing, the need for reform becomes less urgent. In contrast, the “honeymoon” theory of reforms has less evidence to support

**FIGURE 1.4** Reform intensity tends to rise in response to crises



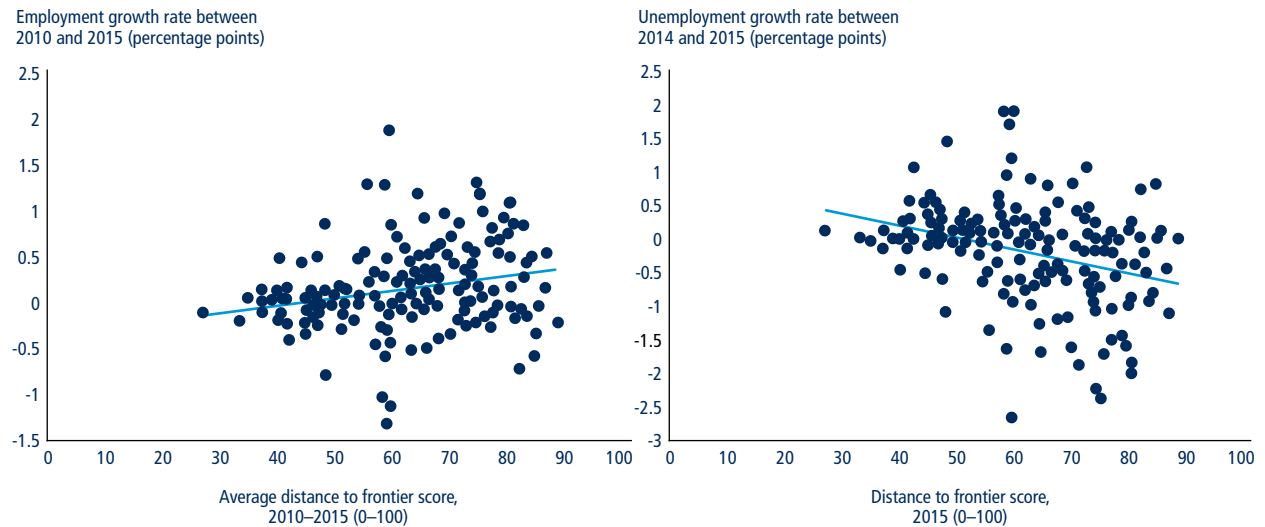
Source: Djankov, Georgieva and Ramalho 2017a.

it. In general, political change is not associated with more reform unless the political change takes place after the fiscal crisis. Indeed, economies tend to reform when they must, rather than when they can.

## WHAT IMPACT DOES BUSINESS REGULATION HAVE ON EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY?

Many factors explain poverty. These can include vulnerability to natural disasters, remoteness, quality of governance, property rights, availability of infrastructure and services, proximity to markets, social relationships, the gender of the head of household, employment status, hours worked, property owned and educational attainment.<sup>13</sup> Several of these factors have a direct link to the areas measured in *Doing Business* since the *Doing Business* indicators measure factors such as the quality of governance and property rights. Furthermore, *Doing Business* can have an indirect link to these factors as improvements to business regulation can drive additional job creation. And ultimately, as a reliable source of income, employment can lift people out of poverty.

Reforming in the areas measured by *Doing Business* can be particularly beneficial to employment creation when those reforms take place in the areas of starting a business and labor market regulation.<sup>14</sup> Such an assertion, however, is made with some caveats from other research exploring causal relationships between business entry regulation and job creation.<sup>15</sup> Nonetheless, one of the mechanisms through which business regulation can impact employment directly is the simplification of business start-up regulations. Across economies there is a significant positive association between employment growth and the distance to frontier score (figure 1.5). While this result shows an association, and cannot be interpreted in a causal fashion, it is reassuring to see that economies with better business regulation, as measured by *Doing Business*, also tend to be the economies that are creating more job opportunities.<sup>16</sup> When it comes to unemployment, the expected opposite result is evident. Economies with less streamlined business regulation are those with higher levels of unemployment on average. In fact, a one-point improvement in the distance to frontier score is associated with a 0.02 percentage point decline in unemployment growth rate.<sup>17</sup>

**FIGURE 1.5** Better business regulation is associated with employment growth and poorer regulation with higher unemployment

Sources: *Doing Business* database; International Labor Organization data (<http://www.ilo.org/ilostat>).

Note: The relationships are significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita. The left-hand side relationship also holds when using employment growth rate and distance to frontier average score between 2010 and 2015.

*Doing Business 2017* reported that there is a negative association between the Gini index, which measures income inequality within an economy, and the distance to frontier score. Economies with poor quality business regulation have higher levels of income inequality on average. This relationship can be partially explained by the strong association between measures of poverty and the distance to frontier score. When business regulation is overly cumbersome, entrepreneurs and workers are pushed out of the formal sector and must resort to operating in the informal sector.<sup>18, 19</sup> The informal sector is characterized by a lack of regulation, minimal social protection and increased levels of poverty.<sup>20</sup> Individuals living in poverty are likely to gain the most from smarter and more streamlined business regulation. When bureaucratic hurdles are high, only the most privileged members of society can get things done, either through hiring third parties or paying bribes. In economies with complex company incorporation processes, for example, entrepreneurs tend to hire lawyers to

assist with the process of registering their businesses.

The data support this interpretation as there is a strong association between inequality, poverty and business regulation. In fact, economies with better business regulation have lower levels of poverty on average. Indeed, a 10 percentage point improvement in the distance to frontier is associated with a 2 percentage point reduction in the poverty rate, measured as the percentage of people earning less than \$1.90 a day.<sup>21</sup> Fragility is also a factor linked to poverty. However, even fragile economies can improve in areas that ultimately reduce poverty levels. Despite their fragile status, several economies implemented reforms as captured by *Doing Business 2018* (box 1.2).

## WHAT IS NEW IN THIS YEAR'S REPORT?

This year's report presents four case studies, two of which focus on transparency. The case study on starting a

business analyzes new data about the information available at business registries. It finds that economies with more transparent and accessible information have lower levels of corruption on average. The case study on registering property analyzes the transparency of information as captured by the quality of land administration index and shows that transparent land administration systems are associated with a lower incidence of bribery.

The case study on dealing with construction permits analyzes private sector participation in construction regulation. It demonstrates that economies which employ some form of private sector involvement in construction regulation tend to have more efficient processes and better quality controls. However, they also exhibit higher costs and a propensity for conflicts of interest. Finally, the case study on resolving insolvency discusses three successful insolvency reforms—in France, Slovenia and Thailand—and the lessons learned that are transferable to other economies.

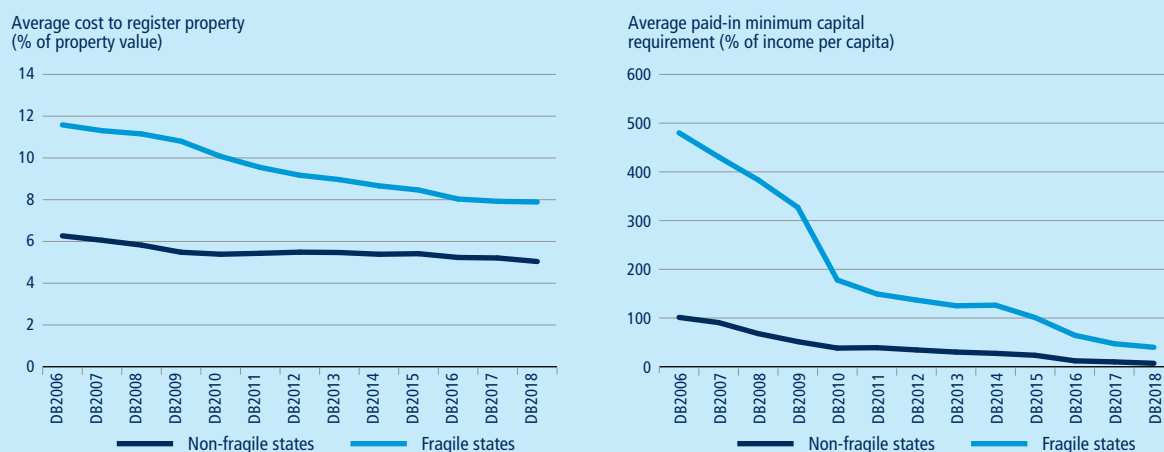


## BOX 1.2 Crises as opportunities?

Fragile states, often characterized by weak governance, residual violence, concentrated poverty and inequality, face myriad development and humanitarian challenges. Depleted human capital, minimal rule of law and violence all contribute to significant—and often extreme—rates of poverty in fragile states.<sup>a</sup> While fragile states are not home to the majority of the world's poor, the poor are disproportionately located in fragile states,<sup>b</sup> underscoring the need to address poverty in these economies. In poor and fragile states, the private sector is often constrained by a lack of infrastructure, political instability, high rates of informality and poor business skills. Private sector job creation is one of the factors that can diminish the incentives to engage in violence, thereby reducing both fragility and poverty.<sup>c</sup>

*Doing Business* data show that fragile economies are reforming and approaching crises as opportunities for better business regulations. As a result, the gap with non-fragile economies in some areas of business regulation has been narrowing over time (see figure). In 2016/17, of the 34 economies classified as most vulnerable by the World Bank Group's 2017 Harmonized List of Fragile Situations,<sup>d</sup> 14 implemented at least one business regulation reform and six economies implemented two reforms or more. Getting credit was the most reformed area of business regulation, accounting for eight of the 24 reforms implemented by this group. Djibouti recorded five reforms, the highest number among all fragile states. Djibouti reduced the fees associated with starting a business and construction inspections, implemented decennial liability for all professionals involved in construction projects, increased the transparency of its land administration system and established a new credit information system. As a result of these reforms, Djibouti's distance to frontier score improved by 3.79 percentage points.

### Fragile states are converging with non-fragile states on the cost to register property and start a business



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: Fragile states are classified based on the World Bank Group's Harmonized List of Fragile Situations for fiscal year 2017. The sample includes 174 economies where data is available back to *Doing Business 2006*.

Kosovo, the second most-reformed country in the fragile states group, implemented three business regulation reforms. Iraq, Madagascar, Myanmar, and Sierra Leone made two reforms each in 2016/17. Iraq simplified the process of starting a business by combining multiple registration procedures and reducing the time to register a company. It also launched a new credit registry, improving access to credit information. Similarly, Myanmar adopted a regulation that allows the creation of credit bureaus, while Madagascar increased the coverage of its credit registry. Kosovo and Liberia undertook reforms in the area of resolving insolvency in 2016/17. Both of these economies introduced a legal framework for corporate insolvency, making liquidation and reorganization procedures available to debtors and creditors.

a. World Bank 2011.

b. Burt, Hughes and Milante 2014.

c. Collier and Hoeffler 2004.

d. The harmonized list also includes Tuvalu, the only economy from the list that is not measured by *Doing Business*.

## NOTES

1. Moscoso Boedo and Mukoyama 2012.
2. Doblaz-Madrid and Minetti 2013.
3. Enikolopov, Petrova and Stepanov 2014.
4. Franks and Loranth 2014.
5. Clark, Dollar and Micco 2004.
6. The Gini coefficient, the most commonly-used measure of inequality, is a measure of statistical dispersion intended to represent the income or wealth distribution of an economy's residents.
7. The relationship is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita.
8. The correlation between the number of reforms and the actual improvement in the distance to frontier score is 0.57.
9. Drazen and Grilli 1993; Ranciere and Tornell 2015.
10. Haggard and Williamson 1994.
11. Djankov, Georgieva and Ramalho 2017a.
12. The second peak is explained by substantial business regulation reforms undertaken by the 17 member states of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa, known by its French acronym OHADA. The organization adopted a revised Uniform Act Organizing Collective Proceedings for Wiping Off Debts in 2015, which introduced a simplified preventive settlement procedure for small companies and a new reconciliation procedure for companies facing financial difficulties, encouraging an agreement between a debtor and its main creditors. The OHADA Uniform Act also introduced provisions on cross-border insolvency that were implemented in all 17 OHADA member states.
13. Kraay and McKenzie 2014; Banerjee and Duflo 2011; Rodrick, Subramanian and Trebbi 2004; Buvinic and Gupta 1997.
14. Bruhn 2011; Bruhn 2013; Branstetter and others 2014.
15. Bruhn 2013; Fajnzylber, Maloney and Montes-Rojas 2011; Kaplan, Piedra and Seira 2011.
16. The relationship is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita.
17. The relationship is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita and population size; it is shown in figure 1.5.
18. De Soto 1989.
19. Dabla-Norris, Gradstein, and Inchauste 2008.
20. Loayza and Serven 2010.
21. Djankov, Georgieva and Ramalho 2017b. This association is significant when using the following indicator sets individually: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting credit and enforcing contracts. The relationship holds after controlling for income per capita and government expenditure.



# About Doing Business

The foundation of *Doing Business* is the notion that economic activity benefits from clear and coherent rules: rules that set out and clarify property rights and facilitate the resolution of disputes. And rules that enhance the predictability of economic interactions and provide contractual partners with essential protections against arbitrariness and abuse. Such rules are much more effective in shaping the incentives of economic agents in ways that promote growth and development where they are reasonably efficient in design, are transparent and accessible to those for whom they are intended and can be implemented at a reasonable cost. The quality of the rules also has a crucial bearing on how societies distribute the benefits and finance the costs of development strategies and policies.

Good rules create an environment where new entrants with drive and good ideas can get started in business and where good firms can invest, expand and create new jobs. The role of government policy in the daily operations of domestic small and medium-size firms is a central focus of the *Doing Business* data. The objective is to encourage regulation that is designed to be efficient, accessible to all and simple to implement. Onerous regulation diverts the energies of entrepreneurs away from developing their businesses. But regulation that is efficient, transparent and implemented in a simple way facilitates business expansion and innovation, and makes it easier for aspiring entrepreneurs to compete on an equal footing.

*Doing Business* measures aspects of business regulation for domestic firms through an objective lens. The focus of the project is on small and medium-size companies in the largest business city of an economy. Based on standardized case studies, *Doing Business* presents quantitative indicators on the regulations that

apply to firms at different stages of their life cycle. The results for each economy can be compared with those for 189 other economies and over time.

## FACTORS DOING BUSINESS MEASURES

*Doing Business* captures several important dimensions of the regulatory environment as it applies to local firms. It provides quantitative indicators on regulation for starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency (table 2.1). *Doing Business* also measures features of labor market regulation. Although *Doing Business* does not present rankings of economies on the labor market regulation indicators or include the topic in the aggregate distance to frontier score or ranking on the ease of doing business, it does present the data for these indicators.

- *Doing Business* measures aspects of business regulation affecting domestic small and medium-size firms defined based on standardized case scenarios and located in the largest business city of each economy. In addition, for 11 economies a second city is covered.
- *Doing Business* covers 11 areas of business regulation across 190 economies. Ten of these areas—starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency—are included in the distance to frontier score and ease of doing business ranking. *Doing Business* also measures features of labor market regulation, which is not included in these two measures.
- *Doing Business* relies on four main sources of information: the relevant laws and regulations, *Doing Business* respondents, the governments of the economies covered and the World Bank Group regional staff.
- More than 43,000 professionals in 190 economies have assisted in providing the data that inform the *Doing Business* indicators over the past 15 years.
- *Doing Business* data are widely used by governments, researchers, international organizations and think tanks to guide policies, conduct research and develop new indexes.

TABLE 2.1 What *Doing Business* measures—11 areas of business regulation

Indicator set	What is measured
Starting a business	Procedures, time, cost and paid-in minimum capital to start a limited liability company
Dealing with construction permits	Procedures, time and cost to complete all formalities to build a warehouse and the quality control and safety mechanisms in the construction permitting system
Getting electricity	Procedures, time and cost to get connected to the electrical grid, the reliability of the electricity supply and the transparency of tariffs
Registering property	Procedures, time and cost to transfer a property and the quality of the land administration system
Getting credit	Movable collateral laws and credit information systems
Protecting minority investors	Minority shareholders' rights in related-party transactions and in corporate governance
Paying taxes	Payments, time and total tax and contribution rate for a firm to comply with all tax regulations as well as post-filing processes
Trading across borders	Time and cost to export the product of comparative advantage and import auto parts
Enforcing contracts	Time and cost to resolve a commercial dispute and the quality of judicial processes
Resolving insolvency	Time, cost, outcome and recovery rate for a commercial insolvency and the strength of the legal framework for insolvency
Labor market regulation	Flexibility in employment regulation and aspects of job quality

### How the indicators are selected

The design of the *Doing Business* indicators has been informed by theoretical insights gleaned from extensive research and the literature on the role of institutions in enabling economic development.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the background papers developing the methodology for each of the *Doing Business* indicator sets have established the importance of the rules and regulations that *Doing Business* focuses on for such economic outcomes as trade volumes, foreign direct investment, market capitalization in stock exchanges and private credit as a percentage of GDP.<sup>2</sup>

The choice of the 11 sets of *Doing Business* indicators has also been guided by economic research and firm-level data, specifically data from the World Bank Enterprise Surveys.<sup>3</sup> These surveys provide data highlighting the main obstacles to business activity as reported by entrepreneurs in more than 131,000 companies in 139 economies. Access to finance and access to electricity, for example, are among the factors identified by the surveys as important to businesses—inspiring the design of the *Doing*

*Business* indicators on getting credit and getting electricity.

Some *Doing Business* indicators give a higher score for more regulation and better-functioning institutions (such as courts or credit bureaus). Higher scores are given for stricter disclosure requirements for related-party transactions, for example, in the area of protecting minority investors. Higher scores are also given for a simplified way of applying regulation that keeps compliance costs for firms low—such as by easing the burden of business start-up formalities with a one-stop shop or through a single online portal. Finally, *Doing Business* scores reward economies that apply a risk-based approach to regulation as a way to address social and environmental concerns—such as by imposing a greater regulatory burden on activities that pose a high risk to the population and a lesser one on lower-risk activities. Thus, the economies that rank highest on the ease of doing business are not those where there is no regulation—but those where governments have managed to create rules that facilitate interactions in the

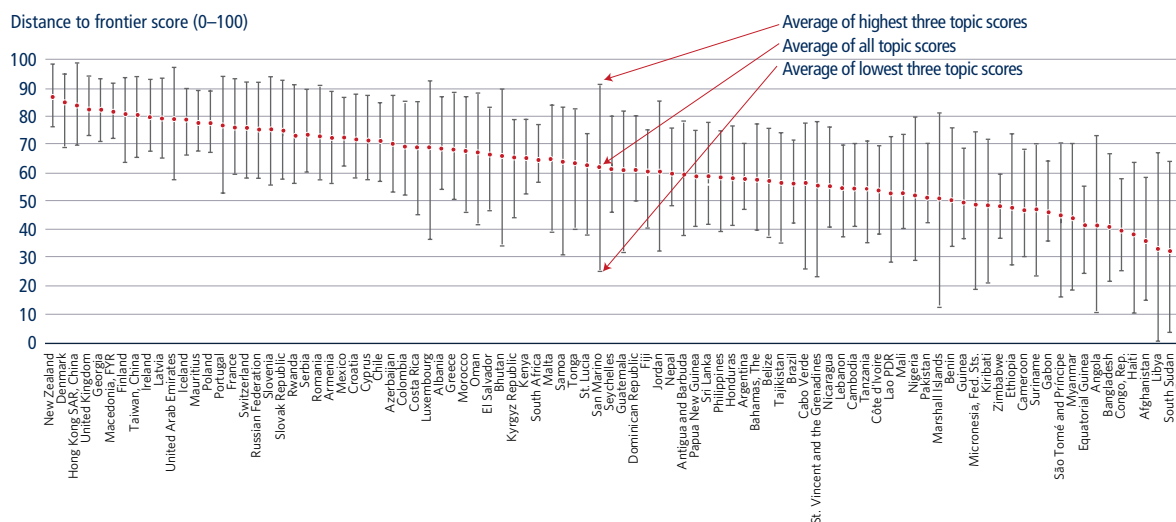
marketplace without needlessly hindering the development of the private sector.

### The distance to frontier and ease of doing business ranking

To provide different perspectives on the data, *Doing Business* presents data both for individual indicators and for two aggregate measures: the distance to frontier score and the ease of doing business ranking. The distance to frontier score aids in assessing the absolute level of regulatory performance and how it improves over time. This measure shows the distance of each economy to the “frontier,” which represents the best performance observed on each of the indicators across all economies in the *Doing Business* sample since 2005 or the third year in which data were collected for the indicator. The frontier is set at the highest possible value for indicators calculated as scores, such as the strength of legal rights index or the quality of land administration index. This underscores the gap between a particular economy's performance and the best performance at any point in time and is used to assess the absolute change in the economy's regulatory environment over time as measured by *Doing Business*. The distance to frontier is first computed for each topic and then averaged across all topics to compute the aggregate distance to frontier score. The ranking on the ease of doing business complements the distance to frontier score by providing information about an economy's performance in business regulation relative to the performance of other economies as measured by *Doing Business*.

*Doing Business* uses a simple averaging approach for weighting component indicators, calculating rankings and determining the distance to frontier score.<sup>4</sup> Each topic covered by *Doing Business* relates to a different aspect of the business regulatory environment. The distance to frontier scores and rankings of each economy vary, often considerably, across topics, indicating that a strong performance by an economy in one area of regulation can coexist with weak performance in another (figure 2.1). One way to assess the variability of

**FIGURE 2.1** An economy’s regulatory environment may be more business-friendly in some areas than in others



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The distance to frontier scores reflected are those for the 10 *Doing Business* topics included in this year’s aggregate distance to frontier score. The figure is illustrative only; it does not include all 190 economies covered by this year’s report. See the country tables for the distance to frontier scores for each *Doing Business* topic for all economies.

an economy’s regulatory performance is to look at its distance to frontier scores across topics (see the country tables). Morocco, for example, has an overall distance to frontier score of 67.91, meaning that it is about two-thirds of the way from the worst to the best performance. Its distance to frontier score is 92.46 for starting a business, 85.72 for paying taxes and 81.12 for trading across borders. At the same time, it has a distance to frontier score of 34.03 for resolving insolvency, 45 for getting credit and 58.33 for protecting minority investors.

## FACTORS DOING BUSINESS DOES NOT MEASURE

Many important policy areas are not covered by *Doing Business*; even within the areas it covers its scope is narrow (table 2.2). *Doing Business* does not measure the full range of factors, policies and institutions that affect the quality of an economy’s business environment or its national competitiveness. It does not, for example, capture aspects of macroeconomic stability, development of the financial system,

market size, the incidence of bribery and corruption or the quality of the labor force.

The focus is deliberately narrow even within the relatively small set of indicators included in *Doing Business*. The time and cost required for the logistical process of exporting and importing goods is captured in the trading across borders indicators, for example, but they do not measure the cost of tariffs or of international transport. *Doing Business* provides a narrow perspective on the infrastructure challenges that firms face, particularly in the developing world, through these indicators. It does not address the extent to which inadequate roads, rail, ports and communications may add to firms’ costs and undermine competitiveness (except to the extent that the trading across borders indicators indirectly measure the quality of ports and border connections). Similar to the indicators on trading across borders, all aspects of commercial legislation are not covered by those on starting a business or protecting minority investors. And while *Doing Business* measures only a few aspects within each area that it covers, business regulation

reforms should not focus only on these aspects, because those that it does not measure are also important.

*Doing Business* does not attempt to quantify all costs and benefits of a particular law or regulation to society as a whole. The paying taxes indicators measure the tax and contribution rate, which, in isolation, is a cost to businesses. However, the indicators do not measure—nor are they intended to measure—the benefits of the social and economic programs funded with tax revenues. Measuring the quality and efficiency of business regulation provides only one input into the debate on the regulatory burden associated with achieving regulatory objectives, which can differ across economies. *Doing Business* provides

**TABLE 2.2** Examples of areas not covered by *Doing Business*

Macroeconomic stability
Development of the financial system
Quality of the labor force
Incidence of bribery and corruption
Market size
Lack of security

a starting point for this discussion and should be used in conjunction with other data sources.

## ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS OF THE METHODOLOGY

The *Doing Business* methodology is designed to be an easily replicable way to benchmark specific aspects of business regulation. Its advantages and limitations should be understood when using the data (table 2.3).

Ensuring comparability of the data across a global set of economies is a central consideration for the *Doing Business* indicators, which are developed using standardized case scenarios with specific assumptions. One such assumption is the location of a standardized business—the subject of the *Doing Business* case study—in the largest business city of the economy. The reality is that business regulations and their enforcement may differ within a country, particularly in federal states and large economies. But gathering data for every relevant jurisdiction in each of the 190 economies covered by *Doing Business* is infeasible. Nevertheless, where policy makers are interested in generating data at the local level, beyond

the largest business city, and learning from local good practices, *Doing Business* has complemented its global indicators with subnational studies (box 2.1). Also, coverage was extended to the second largest business city in economies with a population of more than 100 million (as of 2013) in *Doing Business 2015*.

*Doing Business* recognizes the limitations of the standardized case scenarios and assumptions. But while such assumptions come at the expense of generality, they also help to ensure the comparability of data. Some *Doing Business* topics are complex, and so it is important that the standardized cases are defined carefully. For example, the standardized case scenario usually involves a limited liability company or its legal equivalent. There are two reasons for this assumption. First, private limited liability companies are the most prevalent business form (for firms with more than one owner) in many economies around the world. Second, this choice reflects the focus of *Doing Business* on expanding opportunities for entrepreneurship: investors are encouraged to venture into business when potential losses are limited to their capital participation.

Another assumption underlying the *Doing Business* indicators is that entrepreneurs have knowledge of and comply

with applicable regulations. In practice, entrepreneurs may not be aware of what needs to be done or how to comply with regulations and may lose considerable time trying to find out. Alternatively, they may intentionally avoid compliance—by not registering for social security, for example. Firms may opt for bribery and other informal arrangements intended to bypass the rules where regulation is particularly onerous—an aspect that helps explain differences between the de jure data provided by *Doing Business* and the de facto insights offered by the World Bank Enterprise Surveys.<sup>5</sup> Levels of informality tend to be higher in economies with particularly burdensome regulation. Compared with their formal sector counterparts, firms in the informal sector typically grow more slowly, have poorer access to credit and employ fewer workers—and these workers remain outside the protections of labor law and, more generally, other legal protections embedded in the law.<sup>6</sup> Firms in the informal sector are also less likely to pay taxes. *Doing Business* measures one set of factors that help explain the occurrence of informality and provides policy makers with insights into potential areas of regulatory reform.

## DATA COLLECTION IN PRACTICE

The *Doing Business* data are based on a detailed reading of domestic laws and regulations as well as administrative requirements. The report covers 190 economies—including some of the smallest and poorest economies, for which little or no data are available from other sources. The data are collected through several rounds of communication with expert respondents (both private sector practitioners and government officials), through responses to questionnaires, conference calls, written correspondence and visits by the team. *Doing Business* relies on four main sources of information: the relevant laws and regulations, *Doing Business* respondents, the governments of the economies covered and the World Bank Group regional staff (figure 2.2).

TABLE 2.3 Advantages and limitations of the *Doing Business* methodology

Feature	Advantages	Limitations
Use of standardized case scenarios	Makes data comparable across economies and methodology transparent	Reduces scope of data; only regulatory reforms in areas measured can be systematically tracked
Focus on largest business city <sup>a</sup>	Makes data collection manageable (cost-effective) and data comparable	Reduces representativeness of data for an economy if there are significant differences across locations
Focus on domestic and formal sector	Keeps attention on formal sector—where regulations are relevant and firms are most productive	Unable to reflect reality for informal sector—important where that is large—or for foreign firms facing a different set of constraints
Reliance on expert respondents	Ensures that data reflect knowledge of those with most experience in conducting types of transactions measured	Indicators less able to capture variation in experiences among entrepreneurs
Focus on the law	Makes indicators “actionable”—because the law is what policy makers can change	Where systematic compliance with the law is lacking, regulatory changes will not achieve full results desired

a. In economies with a population of more than 100 million as of 2013, *Doing Business* covers business regulation in both the largest and second largest business city.

**BOX 2.1 Subnational *Doing Business* indicators: regional-level benchmarking in the European Union**

Subnational *Doing Business* studies point to differences in business regulation and its implementation—as well as in the pace of regulatory reform—across locations in a single economy or region. For several economies, subnational studies are now periodically updated to measure change over time or to expand geographic coverage to additional cities. Six economies completed subnational studies this year: Afghanistan, Colombia, three EU member states (Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania) and Kazakhstan. In addition, an ongoing study updated data for Nigeria.

With funding from the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), the first of a series of new subnational reports was launched focusing on the European Union member states. *Doing Business in the European Union 2017: Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania* builds on subnational studies completed in Italy, Spain and Poland. The next study in the subnational series will cover Croatia, the Czech Republic, Portugal and the Slovak Republic.

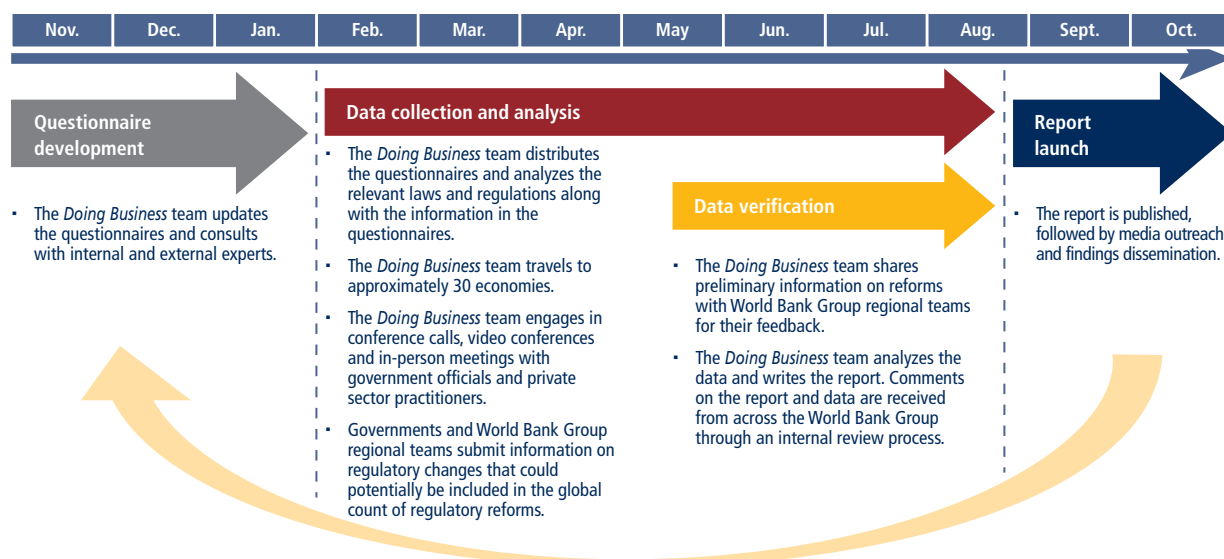
These studies will provide valuable input to individual country reports produced for the European Semester, the European Union’s economic and fiscal policy coordination framework, and will be closely linked with the Lagging Regions initiative launched by the European Commission in June 2015, which studies constraints to growth and investment in the European Union’s low-income and low-growth regions.

*Doing Business in the European Union 2017: Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania* goes beyond the largest business cities of Sofia, Budapest and Bucharest to benchmark an additional 19 locations. In total, the study measures business regulation in 22 locations—six in Bulgaria, seven in Hungary and nine in Romania. The study benchmarks the locations using five *Doing Business* indicator sets: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property and enforcing contracts.

The study finds that there are locations in each economy that outperform the EU average in at least one area. In Bulgaria, for example, Varna and Pleven outperform the EU average on the starting a business indicators. This is also the case in Pecs and Szeged (Hungary), which outperform the EU average on the dealing with construction permits indicators. All Hungarian cities and Oradea (Romania) perform above the EU average for registering property; most locations also do so for enforcing contracts. However, none of the subnational locations surveyed came close to the EU average on the indicators for getting electricity.

While no single location excels in all five areas covered by the study, most demonstrate a noteworthy performance in at least one area, providing reform-minded officials with examples of existing good practices that can be replicated. For example, Bulgarian cities could make starting a business easier by adopting the good practices observed in Varna. Cities in Hungary could make it easier to get electricity by emulating the good practices of Szeged and Szekesfehervar. And Romanian cities could strengthen their own contract enforcement regimes by studying the example of Timisoara. The study, which also includes comparisons with 187 other economies worldwide, provides practical recommendations and showcases good practices for improving the business environment.

**FIGURE 2.2** How *Doing Business* collects and verifies the data



For a detailed explanation of the *Doing Business* methodology, see the data notes at [www.doingbusiness.org](http://www.doingbusiness.org).

### Relevant laws and regulations

The *Doing Business* indicators are based mostly on laws and regulations: approximately two-thirds of the data embedded in the *Doing Business* indicators are based on a reading of the law. In addition to filling out questionnaires, *Doing Business* respondents submit references to the relevant laws, regulations and fee schedules. The *Doing Business* team collects the texts of the relevant laws and regulations and checks the questionnaire responses for accuracy. The team will examine the civil procedure code, for example, to check the

maximum number of adjournments in a commercial court dispute, and read the insolvency code to identify if the debtor can initiate liquidation or reorganization proceedings. These and other types of laws are available on the *Doing Business* law library website.<sup>7</sup> Since the data collection process involves an annual update of an established database, having a very large sample of respondents is not strictly necessary. In principle, the role of the contributors is largely advisory—helping the *Doing Business* team to locate and understand the laws and regulations. There are quickly diminishing returns to an expanded pool of contributors. This notwithstanding, the number of contributors rose by 60% between 2010 and 2017.

Extensive consultations with multiple contributors are conducted by the team to minimize measurement error for the rest of the data. For some indicators—for example, those on dealing with construction permits, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency—the time component and part of the cost component (where fee schedules are lacking) are based on actual practice rather than the law on the books. This introduces a degree of judgment by respondents on what actual practice looks like. When respondents disagree, the time indicators reported by *Doing Business* represent the median values of several responses given under the assumptions of the standardized case (box 2.2).

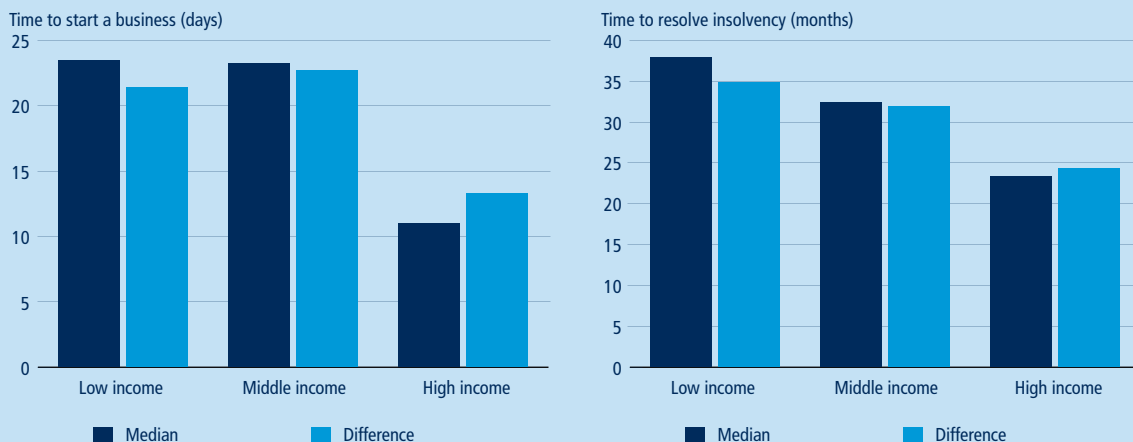
#### BOX 2.2 Where is the implementation of regulation more predictable and does it matter?

*Doing Business* measures the median duration of each procedure or process individually across the different indicator sets with time components. However, in practice, the time it takes to complete the same transaction can differ significantly from one entrepreneur to another. Because entrepreneurs place a premium on reliability and low risk, this variability in time can have important implications.

This year, *Doing Business* sets out to better understand these differences for the eight indicators with a time component, namely starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. To do so, *Doing Business* collected data estimating the time to complete a procedure in both the best and worst case scenarios in an economy. The data show that in Spain, for example, a commercial dispute trial takes 280 days on average in a normal case, but can range from 180 days to 550 days depending on the individual circumstances.

The data show that—across the eight *Doing Business* indicators mentioned above—high-income economies have lower time variability and, therefore, more predictable regulatory environments than low- or middle-income economies (see figure below for an example). In addition, the data confirm that the median is very much at the center of the time distribution. In the United Kingdom, for example, the median time for dealing with construction permits is 90 days. The worst case scenario is 120 days and the best case scenario is 60 days, meaning that the distribution is centered around the median plus or minus 30 days.

#### High-income economies have the smallest difference between the best and worst case scenario time estimates



Source: *Doing Business* database.

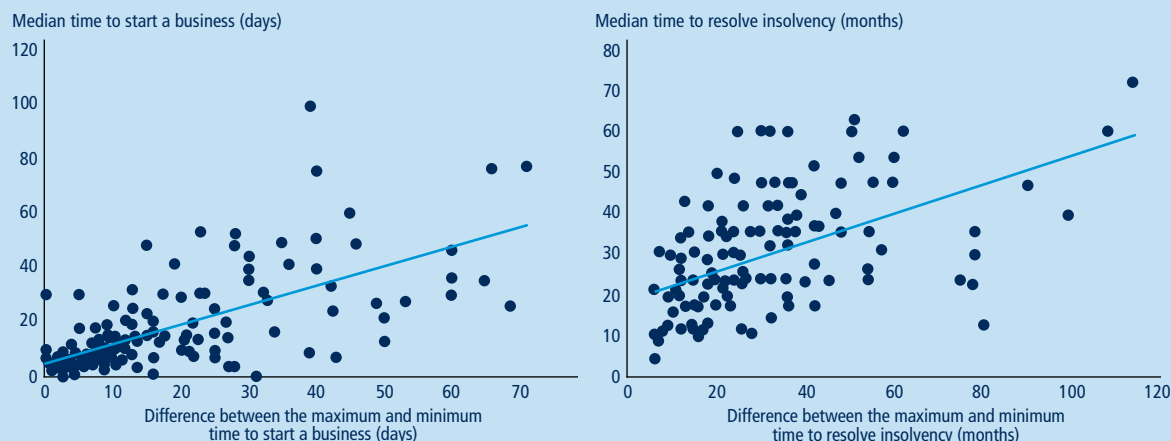
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### BOX 2.2 Where is the implementation of regulation more predictable and does it matter? (continued)

*Doing Business* data also show that the median is positively correlated with the difference between the best and worst case scenarios (see figure below). The longer the median time to comply with a regulation, the more difficult it becomes to predict the time needed to do so—the median becomes a measure for the unpredictability in time. In fact, economies with more variability in time do not experience higher levels of corruption on average other than what is already predicted by the median.

#### In economies where it takes longer to start or close a business, the time to do so is less predictable



Source: *Doing Business* database.

### Doing Business respondents

More than 43,000 professionals in 190 economies have assisted in providing the data that inform the *Doing Business* indicators over the past 15 years.<sup>8</sup> This year's report draws on the inputs of more than 13,000 professionals.<sup>9</sup> The *Doing Business* website shows the number of respondents for each economy and each indicator set.

Selected on the basis of their expertise in these areas, respondents are professionals who routinely administer or advise on the legal and regulatory requirements in the specific areas covered by *Doing Business*. Because of the focus on legal and regulatory arrangements, most of the respondents are legal professionals such as lawyers, judges or notaries. In addition, officials of the credit bureau or registry complete the credit information questionnaire. Accountants, architects, engineers, freight forwarders and other professionals answer the questionnaires related to paying taxes, dealing with construction permits, trading across borders

and getting electricity. Information that is incorporated into the indicators is also provided by certain public officials (such as registrars from the company or property registry).

The *Doing Business* approach is to work with legal practitioners or other professionals who regularly undertake the transactions involved. Following the standard methodological approach for time-and-motion studies, *Doing Business* breaks down each process or transaction, such as starting a business or registering a building, into separate steps to ensure a better estimate of time. The time estimate for each step is given by practitioners with significant and routine experience in the transaction.

There are two main reasons that *Doing Business* does not survey firms. The first relates to the frequency with which firms engage in the transactions captured by the indicators, which is generally low. For example, a firm goes through the start-up process once in its existence, while

an incorporation lawyer may carry out 10 such transactions each month. The incorporation lawyers and other experts providing information to *Doing Business* are therefore better able to assess the process of starting a business than are individual firms. They also have access to current regulations and practices, while a firm may have faced a different set of rules when incorporating years before. The second reason is that the *Doing Business* questionnaires mostly gather legal information, which firms are unlikely to be fully familiar with. For example, few firms will know about all the main legal procedures involved in resolving a commercial dispute through the courts, even if they have gone through the process themselves. But a litigation lawyer should have little difficulty in providing the requested information on all the procedures.

### Governments and World Bank Group regional staff

After receiving the completed questionnaires from the *Doing Business*

respondents, verifying the information against the law and conducting follow-up inquiries to ensure that all relevant information is captured, the *Doing Business* team shares the preliminary descriptions of regulatory reforms with governments (through the World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors) and regional staff of the World Bank Group. Through this process, government authorities and World Bank Group staff working on the economies covered by *Doing Business* can alert the team about, for example, regulatory reforms not reported by the respondents or additional achievements of regulatory reforms. The *Doing Business* team can then turn to the local private sector experts for further consultation and, as needed, corroboration. In addition, the team responds formally to the comments of governments or regional staff and provides explanations of the scoring decisions.

### Data adjustments

Information on data corrections is provided in the data notes available at the *Doing Business* website. A transparent complaint procedure allows anyone to challenge the data. From November 2016 to October 2017 the team received and responded to over 180 queries on the data.

## USES OF THE DOING BUSINESS DATA

*Doing Business* was designed with two main types of users in mind: policy makers and researchers. It is a tool that governments can use to design sound business regulatory policies. Nevertheless, the *Doing Business* data are limited in scope and should be complemented with other sources of information. *Doing Business* focuses on a few specific rules relevant to the specific case studies analyzed. These rules and case studies are chosen to be illustrative of the business regulatory environment, but they are not a comprehensive description of that environment. By providing a unique data set that enables analysis aimed at better

understanding the role of business regulation in economic development, *Doing Business* is also an important source of information for researchers.

### Governments and policy makers

*Doing Business* offers policy makers a benchmarking tool useful in stimulating policy debate, both by exposing potential challenges and by identifying good practices and lessons learned. Despite the narrow focus of the indicators, the initial debate in an economy on the results they highlight typically turns into a deeper discussion on areas where business regulatory reform is needed, including areas well beyond those measured by *Doing Business*. In economies where subnational studies are conducted, the *Doing Business* indicators go one step further in offering policy makers a tool to identify good practices that can be adopted within their economies (box 2.1).

Many *Doing Business* indicators can be considered "actionable." For example, governments can set the minimum capital requirement for new firms, invest in company and property registries to increase their efficiency, or improve the efficiency of tax administration by adopting the latest technology to facilitate the preparation, filing and payment of taxes by the business community. And they can undertake court reforms to shorten delays in the enforcement of contracts. But some *Doing Business* indicators capture procedures, time and costs that involve private sector participants, such as lawyers, notaries, architects, electricians or freight forwarders. Governments may have little influence in the short run over the fees these professions charge, though much can be achieved by strengthening professional licensing regimes and preventing anticompetitive behavior. And governments have no control over the geographic location of their economy, a factor that can adversely affect businesses.

While many *Doing Business* indicators are actionable, this does not necessarily

mean that they are all "action-worthy" in a particular context. Business regulatory reforms are only one element of a strategy aimed at improving competitiveness and establishing a solid foundation for sustainable economic growth. There are many other important goals to pursue—such as effective management of public finances, adequate attention to education and training, adoption of the latest technologies to boost economic productivity and the quality of public services, and appropriate regard for air and water quality to safeguard public health. Governments must decide what set of priorities best suits their needs. To say that governments should work toward a sensible set of rules for private sector activity (as embodied, for example, in the *Doing Business* indicators) does not suggest that doing so should come at the expense of other worthy policy goals.

Over the past decade governments have increasingly turned to *Doing Business* as a repository of actionable, objective data providing unique insights into good practices worldwide as they have come to understand the importance of business regulation as a driving force of competitiveness. To ensure the coordination of efforts across agencies, economies such as Colombia, Malaysia and the Russian Federation have formed regulatory reform committees. These committees use the *Doing Business* indicators as one input to inform their programs for improving the business environment. More than 60 other economies have also formed such committees. In East Asia and the Pacific, they include Brunei Darussalam; Indonesia; the Republic of Korea; the Philippines; Taiwan, China; and Thailand. In the Middle East and North Africa: the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. In South Asia: Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. In Europe and Central Asia: Albania, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, the Kyrgyz Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. In Sub-Saharan Africa: Benin,

Burundi, the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe. And in Latin America and the Caribbean: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and St. Lucia. Since 2003, governments have reported more than 3,180 regulatory reforms, about 920 of which have been informed by *Doing Business*.<sup>10</sup>

Many economies share knowledge on the regulatory reform process related to the areas measured by *Doing Business*. Among the most common venues for this knowledge sharing are peer-to-peer learning events—workshops where officials from different governments across a region or even across the globe meet to discuss the challenges of regulatory reform and to share their experiences.

### Think tanks and other research organizations

*Doing Business* data are widely used by think tanks and other research organizations, both for the development of new indexes and to produce research papers.

Many research papers have shown the importance of business regulation and how it relates to different economic outcomes.<sup>11</sup> One of the most cited theoretical mechanisms on how excessive business regulation affects economic performance and development is that it makes it too costly for firms to engage in the formal economy, causing them not to invest or to move to the informal sector. Recent studies have conducted extensive empirical testing of this proposition using *Doing Business* and other related indicators. According to one study, for example, a reform that simplified business registration in Mexican municipalities increased registration by 5% and wage employment by 2.2%—and, as a result of increased competition, reduced the income of incumbent businesses by 3%.<sup>12</sup> Business

registration reforms in Mexico also resulted in 14.9% of informal business owners shifting to the formal economy.<sup>13</sup>

Efficient and non-distortionary business regulations are important drivers of productivity. A study on India, for example, shows that inefficient licensing and size restrictions cause a misallocation of resources, reducing total factor productivity by preventing efficient firms from achieving their optimal scale and allowing inefficient firms to remain in the market.<sup>14</sup> The study shows that removing these restrictions would boost total factor productivity by an estimated 40-60%. In the European Union and Japan, implicit taxes on capital use were shown to reduce the average size of firms by 20%, output by 8.1% and output per firm by 25.6%.<sup>15</sup> A recent study on Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana and Kenya demonstrates large productivity gains following the removal of firm-level distortions caused by uneven regulations and a poor business environment.<sup>16</sup> Research also shows that raising the efficiency level of bankruptcy laws in select OECD high-income economies to that of the United States would increase the total factor productivity of the former by about 30% through a rise in bank loans to large firms.<sup>17</sup>

Considerable effort has been devoted to studying the link between government regulation of firm entry and employment growth. In Portugal, business reforms resulted in a reduction of the time and cost needed for company formalization, increasing the number of business start-ups by 17% and creating 7 new jobs per 100,000 inhabitants per month. New start-ups were more likely to be female-owned, were smaller and headed by less experienced, less-educated entrepreneurs than before the reform, suggesting that the reform created a more inclusive environment for aspiring entrepreneurs.<sup>18</sup>

In many economies, companies engaged in international trade struggle with high trade costs arising from transport, logistics and regulations that impede their

competitiveness and prevent them from taking full advantage of their productive capacity. With the availability of *Doing Business* indicators on trading across borders—which measure the time, procedural and monetary costs of exporting and importing—several empirical studies have assessed how trade costs affect the export and import performance of economies. A rich body of empirical research shows that efficient infrastructure and a healthy business environment are positively linked to export performance.<sup>19</sup>

Improving infrastructure efficiency and trade logistics bring documented benefits to an economy's balance of trade and individual traders. However, delays in transit time can reduce exports: a study analyzing the importance of trade logistics found that a 1-day increase in transit time reduces exports by an average of 7% in Sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>20</sup> Another study found that a 1-day delay in transport time for landlocked economies and for time-sensitive agricultural and manufacturing products has a particularly large negative impact, reducing trade by more than 1% for each day of delay.<sup>21</sup> Delays while clearing customs procedures also negatively impact a firm's ability to export, particularly when goods are destined for new clients.<sup>22</sup> And in economies with flexible entry regulations, a 1% increase in trade is associated with an increase of more than 0.5% in income per capita, but has no positive income effects in economies with more rigid regulation.<sup>23</sup> Research has also found that—although domestic buyers benefit from having goods of varying quality and price to choose from—import competition only results in minimal quality upgrading in OECD high-income economies with cumbersome regulation while it has no effect on quality upgrading in non-OECD economies with cumbersome regulation.<sup>24</sup> Therefore, the potential gains for consumers from import competition are reduced where regulation is cumbersome.

*Doing Business* measures aspects of business regulation affecting domestic firms.

However, research shows that better business regulation—as measured by *Doing Business*—is associated with higher levels of foreign direct investment.<sup>25</sup> Furthermore, foreign direct investment can either impede or promote domestic investment depending on how business friendly entry regulations are in the host economy. In fact, foreign direct investment has been shown to crowd out domestic investment in economies with costly processes for starting a business.<sup>26</sup> Another study showed that economies with higher international market integration have, on average, easier and simpler processes for starting a business.<sup>27</sup>

Recent empirical work shows the importance of well-designed credit market regulations and well-functioning court systems for debt recovery. For example, a reform making bankruptcy laws more efficient significantly improved the recovery rate of viable firms in Colombia.<sup>28</sup> In a multi-economy study, the introduction of collateral registries for movable assets was shown to increase firms' access to finance by approximately 8%.<sup>29</sup> In India the establishment of debt recovery tribunals reduced non-performing loans by 28% and lowered interest rates on larger

loans, suggesting that faster processing of debt recovery cases cut the cost of credit.<sup>30</sup> An in-depth review of global bank flows revealed that firms in economies with better credit information sharing systems and higher branch penetration evade taxes to a lesser degree.<sup>31</sup> Strong shareholder rights have been found to lower financial frictions, especially for firms with large external finance relative to their capital stock (such as small firms or firms in distress).<sup>32</sup>

There is also a large body of theoretical and empirical work investigating the distortionary effects of high tax rates and cumbersome tax codes and procedures. According to one study, business licensing among retail firms rose 13% after a tax reform in Brazil.<sup>33</sup> Another showed that a 10% reduction in tax complexity is comparable to a 1% reduction in effective corporate tax rates.<sup>34</sup>

Labor market regulation—as measured by *Doing Business*—has been shown to have important implications for the labor market. According to one study, graduating from school during a time of adverse economic conditions has a persistent, harmful effect on workers' subsequent employment opportunities. The persistence of

this negative effect is stronger in economies with stricter employment protection legislation.<sup>35</sup> Rigid employment protection legislation can also have negative distributional consequences. A study on Chile, for example, found that the tightening of job security rules was associated with lower employment rates for youth, unskilled workers and women.<sup>36</sup>

By expanding the time series dimension and the scope of the data, *Doing Business* hopes to continue being a key reference for the debate on the importance of business regulation for economic development both within and outside the World Bank Group (box 2.3).

## Indexes

*Doing Business* identified 17 different data projects or indexes that use *Doing Business* as one of its sources of data.<sup>37</sup> Most of these projects or institutions use indicator level data and not the aggregate ease of doing business ranking. The indicator set most widely used is starting a business, followed by labor market regulation and paying taxes. These indexes typically combine *Doing Business* data with data from other sources to assess an economy along a particular aggregate dimension such as competitiveness or innovation.

### BOX 2.3 Recent *Doing Business* research drawing on new data from *Doing Business* and World Bank Enterprise Surveys

The *Doing Business* team conducted several studies in 2016/17 analyzing how the current data on business regulations from *Doing Business* and the World Bank Enterprise Surveys are associated with various economic and institutional outcomes. These studies found that:

- Small and medium-size firms are more likely to be credit constrained. In addition, a more advanced credit information system is associated with lower levels of credit constraints, particularly for smaller firms, firms that are not externally audited or firms that lack a quality certification.<sup>a</sup>
- Fiscal pressures encourage regulatory reform. However, the effect of fiscal imbalances on reform weakens when governments can rely on low borrowing costs.<sup>b</sup>
- Service unreliability is a significant factor in low-income economies, where power outages fluctuate significantly from year to year. Furthermore, burdensome electricity connections are associated with utility corruption and higher electricity sector constraints reduce firm demand for energy inputs.<sup>c</sup>
- There is a significant negative relationship between corruption and firm productivity when business regulation is high, but there is no significant relationship when business regulation is low.<sup>d</sup>

a. Chávez 2017.

b. Djankov, Georgieva and Ramalho 2017a.

c. Arlet 2017.

d. Amin and Ulku 2017.

The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom, for example, has used 22 *Doing Business* indicators to measure the degree of economic freedom in the world in four areas, including rule of law, government size, regulatory efficiency and market openness.<sup>38</sup> Economies that score better in these four areas also tend to have a high degree of economic freedom.

Similarly, the World Economic Forum uses *Doing Business* data in its Global Competitiveness Index to demonstrate how competitiveness is a global driver of economic growth. The organization also uses 13 *Doing Business* indicators in five indexes that measure institutions, product market efficiency, labor market efficiency, financial market development and business dynamism. These publicly accessible sources expand the general business environment data generated by *Doing Business* by incorporating it into the study of other important social and economic issues across economies and regions. They prove that, taken individually, *Doing Business* indicators remain a useful starting point for a rich body of analysis across different areas and dimensions in the research world.

## NOTES

1. Djankov 2016.
2. These papers are available on the *Doing Business* website at <http://www.doingbusiness.org/methodology>.
3. For more on the World Bank Enterprise Surveys, see the website at <http://www.enterprisesurveys.org>.
4. For getting credit, indicators are weighted proportionally, according to their contribution to the total score, with a weight of 60% assigned to the strength of legal rights index and 40% to the depth of credit information index. In this way, each point included in these indexes has the same value independent of the component it belongs to. Indicators for all other topics are assigned equal weights. For more details, see the chapter on the distance to frontier and ease of doing business ranking available at [www.doingbusiness.org](http://www.doingbusiness.org).
5. Hallward-Driemeier and Pritchett 2015.
6. Schneider 2005; La Porta and Shleifer 2008.
7. For the law library, see the website at <http://www.doingbusiness.org/law-library>.
8. The annual data collection exercise is an update of the database. The *Doing Business* team and the contributors examine the extent to which the regulatory framework has changed in ways relevant for the features captured by the indicators. The data collection process should therefore be seen as adding each year to an existing stock of knowledge reflected in the previous year's report, not as creating an entirely new data set.
9. While about 13,000 contributors provided data for this year's report, many of them completed a questionnaire for more than one *Doing Business* indicator set. Indeed, the total number of contributions received for this year's report is more than 16,000, which represents a true measure of the inputs received. The average number of contributions per indicator set and economy is more than seven. For more details, see <http://www.doingbusiness.org/contributors/doing-business>.
10. These are reforms for which *Doing Business* is aware that information provided by *Doing Business* was used in shaping the reform agenda.
11. The papers cited here are just a few examples of research done in the areas measured by *Doing Business*. Since 2003, when the *Doing Business* report was first published, more than 10,000 working papers and research articles published in peer-reviewed academic journals have discussed how regulation in the areas measured by *Doing Business* influences economic outcomes.
12. Bruhn 2011.
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14. Hsieh and Klenow 2009.
15. Guner, Ventura and Xu 2008.
16. Cirera, Fattal Jaef and Maemir 2017.
17. Neira 2017.
18. Branstetter and others 2014.
19. Portugal-Perez and Wilson 2011.
20. Freund and Rocha 2011.
21. Djankov, Freund and Pham 2010.
22. Martincus, Carballo and Graziano 2015.
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24. Amiti and Khandelwal 2011.
25. Corcoran and Gillanders 2015.
26. Munemo 2014.
27. Norbäck, Persson and Douhan 2014.
28. Giné and Love 2006.
29. Love, Martinez-Peria and Singh 2013.
30. Visaria 2009.
31. Beck, Lin and Ma 2014.
32. Claessens, Ueda and Yafeh 2014.
33. Monteiro and Assunção 2012.
34. Lawless 2013.
35. Kawaguchi and Murao 2014.
36. Montenegro and Pagés 2003.
37. The projects or indexes using *Doing Business* as a source of data are the following: Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom of the World (EFW); The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom (IEF); The World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index (GCI); Networked Readiness Index (NRI, jointly with INSEAD); Human Capital Index (HCI); Enabling Trade Index (ETI); Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI); INSEAD's Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI); Global Innovation Index (GII, jointly with Cornell University and the World Intellectual Property Organization); KPMG's Change Readiness Index (CRI); Citi and

Imperial College London's Digital Money Index; International Institute for Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook; DHL's Global Connectedness Index (GCI); PricewaterhouseCoopers' Paying Taxes 2016: The Global Picture; Legatum Institute's Legatum Prosperity Index; The Millennium Challenge Corporation's Open Data Catalog; International Civil Service Effectiveness (InCiSE) Index of Oxford University, Blavatnik School of Government and The Institute for Government.

38. For more on the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom, see the website at <http://heritage.org/index>.



# Reforming the Business Environment in 2016/17

- From June 2, 2016, to June 1, 2017, *Doing Business* recorded 264 regulatory reforms making it easier to do business—with 119 economies implementing at least one reform across the different areas measured by *Doing Business*.
- The economies that showed the most notable improvement in *Doing Business* 2018 are Brunei Darussalam, Thailand, Malawi, Kosovo, India, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Nigeria, Djibouti and El Salvador.
- Starting a business and getting credit were the areas with the highest incidence of reforms in 2016/17, with 38 reforms recorded in each area. Simplifying registration formalities was the most common feature of reforms making it easier to start a business. The most common feature of reforms making it easier to get credit was the introduction of new credit bureaus and registries.
- Europe and Central Asia continued to be the region with the highest share of economies (79%) implementing at least one business regulation reform, a trend that began over a decade ago. Sub-Saharan Africa, however, was the region with the highest total number of reforms in 2016/17, with 83 reforms recorded across all areas measured by *Doing Business*.
- East Asia and the Pacific had the highest number of economies recording the greatest overall number of reforms making it easier to do business in 2016/17. Brunei Darussalam and Thailand each implemented eight reforms while Indonesia implemented seven reforms.

Starting a business in Thailand used to take 27.5 days. Today, thanks to a series of business regulation reforms, the process takes only 4.5 days. First, Thailand eliminated the requirement that companies obtain a company seal. Previously, every certificate of shares had to be signed by at least one director and bear the company seal. And second, Thailand repealed the requirement to obtain approval of the company's work regulations from the Labor Department. Before the reform, companies with more than 10 employees were required to submit their work regulations to the Labor Department for approval. The company's work regulations are now checked during regular labor inspections. Thailand's case is not unique. In all, 38 economies reduced the complexity and cost of business incorporation processes in 2016/17, making it easier and faster for entrepreneurs to start a business.

Reform pays off. Reducing administrative burdens, simplifying regulation, strengthening competition and cutting red tape are reforms that are positively associated with higher manufacturing productivity growth in low-income economies and aggregate productivity growth in middle-income economies.<sup>1</sup> There is ample evidence of the positive impact of reforming in the *Doing Business* areas with a historically higher number of reforms—namely starting a business, paying taxes and trading across borders. Regulatory reforms that make it easier to start a formal business, for example, are associated with an increase in the number of registered firms and with a higher level of employment and productivity.<sup>2</sup> The composition and quality of taxation can have a significant impact on productivity and economic growth.<sup>3</sup> Tax policies can negatively impact productivity by creating disincentives for firms to engage in innovative activities or distorting the capital-labor allocation when considering labor taxes, including mandatory social contributions. Research shows that eliminating such fiscal barriers would lift

real GDP growth rates by about 1 percentage point per year on average over the next two decades.<sup>4</sup> Improving infrastructure efficiency and trade logistics bring documented benefits to an economy's external trade balance and individual traders but transit delays can reduce exports. A study analyzing the importance of trade logistics found that a 1-day increase in transit time reduces exports by an average of 7% in Sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>5</sup>

## WHO REFORMED THE MOST IN 2016/17?

From June 2, 2016, to June 1, 2017, *Doing Business* recorded 264 regulatory reforms making it easier to do business—with 119 economies implementing at least one reform across the different areas measured by *Doing Business* (see table 3A.1 at the end of this chapter). However, starting a business, getting credit and trading across borders are the topics with the highest incidence of reforms in 2016/17 (table 3.1).

**TABLE 3.1 Economies in Europe and Central Asia recorded the highest share of reforms making it easier to do business in 2016/17**

Area of reform	Number of reforms in 2016/17	Region with the highest share of reformers in 2016/17
Starting a business	38	South Asia
Dealing with construction permits	22	Sub-Saharan Africa
Getting electricity	20	Europe & Central Asia
Registering property	29	Europe & Central Asia
Getting credit	38	South Asia
Protecting minority investors	21	South Asia
Paying taxes	30	East Asia & Pacific
Trading across borders	33	South Asia
Enforcing contracts	20	South Asia
Resolving insolvency	13	South Asia

Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The labor market regulation indicators also recorded 17 regulatory changes in the *Doing Business 2018* report. These changes are not included in the total reform count.

The region with the highest share of economies reforming across all topics is Europe and Central Asia, continuing a trend that began over a decade ago. Indeed, 79% of economies in the region implemented at least one business regulation reform recorded by *Doing Business 2018*. With five reforms, Uzbekistan is the regional leader on the total count of reforms, followed by Lithuania and Azerbaijan with four reforms each. However, Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest total

number of reforms in 2016/17 with 83 reforms recorded across all areas measured by *Doing Business*. Three-quarters of economies in the region implemented at least one business regulation reform in 2016/17. Similarly, 75% of economies in South Asia have implemented at least one business regulation reform captured in *Doing Business 2018*.

East Asia and the Pacific has the greatest number of economies recording the

greatest overall number of reforms making it easier to do business in 2016/17; Brunei Darussalam and Thailand each implemented eight reforms while Indonesia implemented seven reforms. Latin America and the Caribbean and the OECD high-income group had the smallest shares of economies implementing business regulation reforms. The Middle East and North Africa was also among the regions with a relatively small share of economies reforming (65%). Nonetheless, Saudi Arabia implemented six reforms.

The 10 economies showing the most notable improvement in performance on the *Doing Business* indicators in 2016/17 were Brunei Darussalam, Thailand, Malawi, Kosovo, India, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Nigeria, Djibouti and El Salvador (table 3.2). These economies together implemented 53 business regulation reforms across 10 of the areas measured by *Doing Business*. Overall, the 10 top improvers implemented the most regulatory reforms in the area of getting credit (eight reforms), starting a business, dealing with construction permits and paying taxes (seven reforms in each area).

**TABLE 3.2 The 10 economies improving the most across three or more areas measured by *Doing Business* in 2016/17**

Economy	Ease of doing business rank	Change in DTF score	Reforms making it easier to do business									
			Starting a business	Dealing with construction permits	Getting electricity	Registering property	Getting credit	Protecting minority investors	Paying taxes	Trading across borders	Enforcing contracts	Resolving insolvency
Brunei Darussalam	56	5.77	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Thailand	26	5.65	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Malawi	110	5.42		✓			✓			✓		✓
Kosovo	40	4.94	✓				✓					✓
India	100	4.66	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uzbekistan	74	4.50	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Zambia	85	3.94					✓		✓	✓		
Nigeria	145	3.82	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
Djibouti	154	3.79	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
El Salvador	73	3.56		✓	✓				✓	✓		

Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: Economies are selected on the basis of the number of reforms and ranked on how much their distance to frontier (DTF) score improved. First, *Doing Business* selects the economies that implemented reforms making it easier to do business in three or more of the 10 areas included in this year's aggregate distance to frontier score. Regulatory changes making it more difficult to do business are subtracted from the number of those making it easier. Second, *Doing Business* ranks these economies on the increase in their distance to frontier score due to reforms from the previous year (the impact due to changes in income per capita and the lending rate is excluded). The improvement in their score is calculated not by using the data published in 2016 but by using comparable data that capture data revisions and methodology changes. The choice of the most improved economies is determined by the largest improvements in the distance to frontier score among those with at least three reforms.

Among the 10 top improvers, Brunei Darussalam made the biggest advance toward the regulatory frontier for the second consecutive year by implementing eight reforms making it easier to do business. Brunei Darussalam removed post-incorporation procedures and implemented new building guidelines for construction, eliminating the requirement to obtain a hoarding permit and to submit both the commencement and completion notice to the one-stop shop. Additionally, Brunei Darussalam adopted a new secured transactions law that strengthened the rights of borrowers and creditors and strengthened minority investor protections by increasing shareholders' rights and role in major corporate decisions, clarifying ownership and control structures and requiring greater corporate transparency. The economy also introduced an electronic case management system for use by judges and lawyers and introduced an online system for filing and payment of the contributions to the employee provident fund. Finally, in 2016/17 Brunei Darussalam enhanced its National Single Window for goods clearance.

Thailand, the other economy in East Asia and the Pacific that made it to the list of the 10 top improvers, implemented changes in eight areas measured by *Doing Business*. Thailand streamlined the post-registration process to start a new business. Thailand also adopted a new secured transactions law that strengthened the rights of borrowers and creditors, introduced an automated risk-based system for selecting companies for tax audit and increased the automation and efficiency of enforcement processes in Bangkok. In addition, Thailand strengthened its land administration system by implementing a geographic information system and scanning the majority of maps in Bangkok.

Three Sub-Saharan African economies—Nigeria, Malawi and Zambia—made it to the list of 10 top improvers in 2016/17. Nigeria made starting a business faster by introducing the electronic approval of registration documents. Nigeria also

increased the transparency of dealing with construction permits by publishing all relevant regulations, fee schedules and pre-application requirements online. In addition, Nigeria improved access to credit information by legally guaranteeing borrowers the right to inspect their own data and by starting to provide credit scores to banks, financial institutions and borrowers. Nigeria also introduced new centralized electronic payment channels for the payment of all federal taxes. Malawi halved the fees charged by the city council and reduced the time to process building plan approvals. It also improved access to credit information by establishing a new credit bureau. Zambia made exporting and importing easier by implementing the ASYCUDA World data management system and made tax compliance easier by introducing an online platform for filing and paying taxes. All three economies introduced or made amendments to their secured transactions laws.

Kosovo and Uzbekistan are the two economies in Europe and Central Asia that made the biggest advances toward the frontier in 2016/17. Kosovo recorded three reforms making it easier to do business, including adopting a new law that establishes clear priority rules inside bankruptcy for secured creditors and clear grounds for relief from a stay for secured creditors during reorganization procedures. Uzbekistan, which recorded five reforms, streamlined the process of obtaining an electricity connection by introducing a “turnkey” service at the utility that fulfills all connection-related services, including the design and construction completion of the external connection.

With eight reforms making it easier to do business in 2016/17, India was the only economy in South Asia to join the list of the 10 top improvers. India made obtaining a building permit faster by implementing an online Single Window System for the approval of building plans; the new system allows for the submission and approval of building plans prior to requesting the building permit. India also streamlined

the business incorporation process by introducing the SPICe form (INC-32), which combined the application for the Permanent Account Number (PAN) and the Tax Account Number (TAN) into a single submission. Furthermore, following improvements to the online system in 2016, the time needed to complete the applications for Employee's Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and the Employee's State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) decreased. The joint application for the Mumbai Value Added Tax (VAT) and the Profession Tax (PT) also was fully implemented in January 2017. India also strengthened access to credit by amending the rules on priority of secured creditors outside reorganization proceedings and adopting a new insolvency and bankruptcy code that introduced a reorganization procedure for corporate debtors. In trading across borders, India reduced border compliance time by improving infrastructure at the Nhava Sheva Port in Mumbai. Export and import border compliance costs were also reduced in both Delhi and Mumbai after merchant overtime fees were abolished. Thanks to the increased use of electronic and mobile platforms, since July 2016 importers under the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program have been able to clear cargo faster through simplified customs procedures.

With four reforms—captured in the indicators for dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, paying taxes and trading across borders—El Salvador is the only economy in Latin America and the Caribbean on this year's list of 10 top improvers. Similarly, Djibouti (with five reforms) is the only economy in the Middle East and North Africa region on the list.

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## REMOVING OBSTACLES TO STARTING A BUSINESS

Entrepreneurs in many economies continue to face significant barriers to entry when starting a business. Burdensome



and costly regulation can prevent entrepreneurs from entering the formal economy, negatively impacting both the public and private sectors. Formalization allows entrepreneurs and employees to access the legal and financial services available to registered companies (such as obtaining loans and social security benefits). There is clear evidence that streamlining regulatory procedures can encourage business entry, business growth, job creation and rising national incomes.

Thirty-eight economies made starting a business easier in 2016/17 by reducing the procedures, time or cost associated with the process. Two-thirds of these economies simplified registration formalities by, for example, abolishing requirements to obtain various approvals or consolidating several registration processes into one. Others streamlined postregistration procedures by eliminating the need to obtain a general business license or company seal. And still others set up or improved one-stop shops, reduced or eliminated minimum capital requirements and set up online platforms for entrepreneurs. Of the 38 economies that reformed in this area, 12 implemented complex improvements associated with two or more types of reforms.

Equatorial Guinea advanced the most toward the frontier in starting a business in 2016/17. It did this by abolishing the requirement to obtain an authorization of establishment from the Office of the Prime Minister to start a business. Previously, it took four months on average for each new business to obtain this authorization.

Niger, another economy that notably improved the ease of starting a business, reduced its minimum capital requirement, allocated more personnel to its one-stop shop—resulting in a reduction in the time required to register a company—and allowed for the publication of the notice of company incorporation online free of charge.

Since its inception, *Doing Business* has captured at least one reform making it easier to start a business in almost 95% of economies. These reforms have made it faster and easier for firms to launch and formally operate. Fifteen years ago, it took entrepreneurs worldwide 52 days on average to start and formally operate a firm. Today, it takes 20 days.

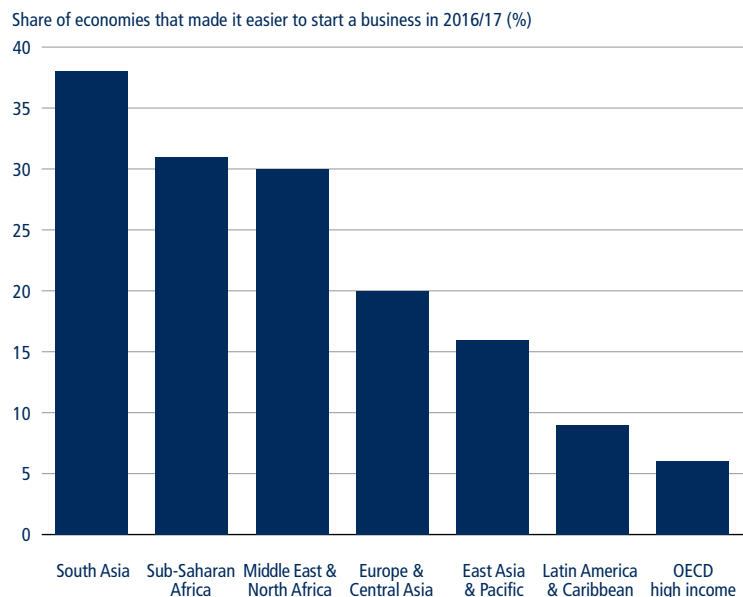
Simplifying registration requirements can range from merging registration procedures to eliminating redundant processes. Several economies in Sub-Saharan Africa took steps to streamline these formalities in 2016/17 (figure 3.1). By eliminating the requirement that a woman must obtain her husband's permission to operate a business, the Democratic Republic of Congo made it easier for women to register firms. And by combining multiple business registration procedures, the Democratic Republic of Congo also reduced the time required to start a business by nearly a business week.

## STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

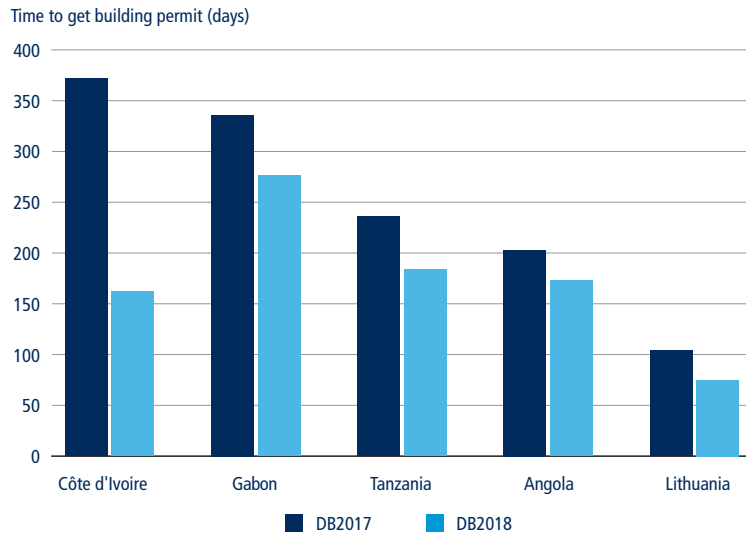
The construction sector is a critical indicator of the health of an economy. An abundance of stalled construction projects is a visible sign of economic hardship, while a booming construction industry is indicative of economic growth. Although various obstacles remain—including the fragmented nature of the construction industry and its hesitancy to adapt to technological change—governments around the world are focused on implementing reforms that reduce the time and cost to obtain permission to build.<sup>6</sup> In 2016/17, five of the 22 economies that reformed their construction permitting processes focused their reforms on reducing the time to obtain the building permit itself (figure 3.2).

Côte d'Ivoire, which showed the most significant improvement in this area in

**FIGURE 3.1** Economies in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa have the highest share of reforms making it easier to start a business in 2016/17



Source: *Doing Business* database.

**FIGURE 3.2** Many economies made getting construction permits faster in 2016/17

Source: Doing Business database.

2016/17, established a one-stop shop for building permits and published deadlines, costs and procedures related to obtaining the urban planning certificate. As a result, Côte d'Ivoire reduced the number of required procedures by four and the time to process applications by 210 days.

Notable progress was also made elsewhere in Sub-Saharan Africa, where 15 economies reformed multiple aspects of their construction permitting processes. Gabon streamlined procedures and reduced the time to obtain a building permit by setting up an internal pre-approval meeting of relevant technical experts who examine the application prior to a formal committee meeting. Gabon also made its building regulations, fee schedules and requirements to obtain a building permit available online. Similarly, Benin and Ghana improved transparency by making regulations concerning construction openly accessible online while Rwanda increased quality control during construction by introducing risk-based inspections. Kenya reduced construction fees by eliminating clearance fees from the National Environment Management Authority and the National Construction Authority. Malawi halved building permit fees. Tanzania streamlined

its permitting process by improving the efficiency of its one-stop shop and increasing the frequency of building permit council meetings to once a month.

In Europe and Central Asia, Ukraine reduced the cost of construction by significantly lowering mandatory investor contributions to Kyiv's social and engineering-transport infrastructure. Lithuania reduced the time needed to obtain technical conditions and the building permit. Uzbekistan streamlined the process for obtaining approvals of land plot allocations from various agencies.

### MAKING ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY MORE EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE

World Bank Enterprise Surveys data show that business owners in developing economies identify access to reliable electrical services as the fourth largest obstacle to doing business.<sup>7</sup> However, electricity sector constraints vary. A difficult connection process is associated with utility corruption and may hamper firms,<sup>8</sup> while an unreliable electricity supply is linked to low firm productivity.<sup>9</sup>

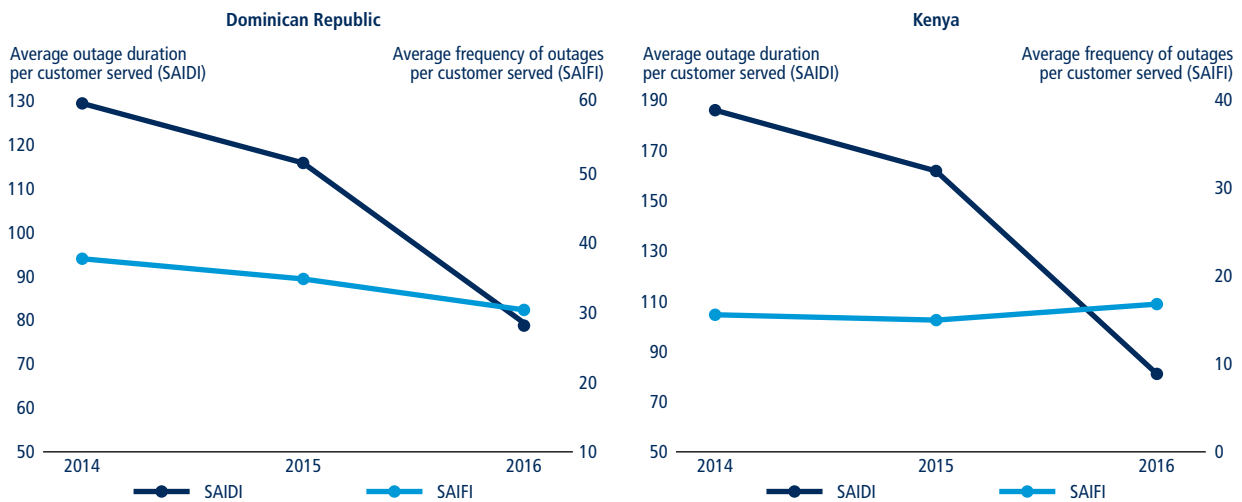
Both an efficient connection process and safeguards to mitigate outage risks are crucial to business owners. Effective customer protections and regulations also provide predictability for firms, enabling them to better forecast risks.

Given the importance of the electricity sector, many economies aim to improve access to electricity and the quality of supply to strengthen the operating environment for small and medium-size enterprises. *Doing Business* recorded reforms in 20 economies making it easier to get electricity in 2016/17. Of these, 12 economies focused on improving the connection process and eight on the reliability of electricity supply.

The most common feature of electricity reforms in the past year was improvement to the connection process. Regulatory changes that reduce the number of interactions required between the utility or other third parties and customers when they apply for an electricity connection are an effective way to improve the connection process. Armenia successfully reduced the number of interactions required in 2016/17 by installing a geographic information system, eliminating the need for a site inspection to issue the technical conditions. As a result, the total time to obtain a connection was reduced from 138 days in 2016 to 127 days in 2017.

In the Dominican Republic and Kenya changes were made to improve the reliability of power supply. Major upgrades were made to the network infrastructure in Santo Domingo and Nairobi, resulting in a notable reduction in the duration of outages (figure 3.3). In Kenya, the utility in Nairobi invested in its distribution lines and transformers and set up a squad specializing in restoring power when outages occur. In the Dominican Republic, the utility in Santo Domingo built new substations, redesigned the network zoning plan and established a response squad to quickly restore service after an outage. The initiatives implemented by

**FIGURE 3.3** The duration of power outages has decreased in the Dominican Republic and Kenya



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The figures show the average number of hours without electricity supply (as measured by SAIDI) and the average number of power outages (as measured by SAIFI) per customer served over the course of a year in the largest business city in each economy.

the utilities in both economies resulted in significant improvements in the reliability of electric supply. As a result, Kenya and the Dominican Republic became eligible to score on *Doing Business*' reliability of supply and transparency of tariff index as their System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) scores are now below 100.

improving the quality of land administration in 2016/17. The most common improvements included increasing transparency of information and increasing administrative efficiency by reducing the time to transfer property.

Mauritius made the biggest improvement in the ease of registering property in 2016/17. It did this by eliminating the

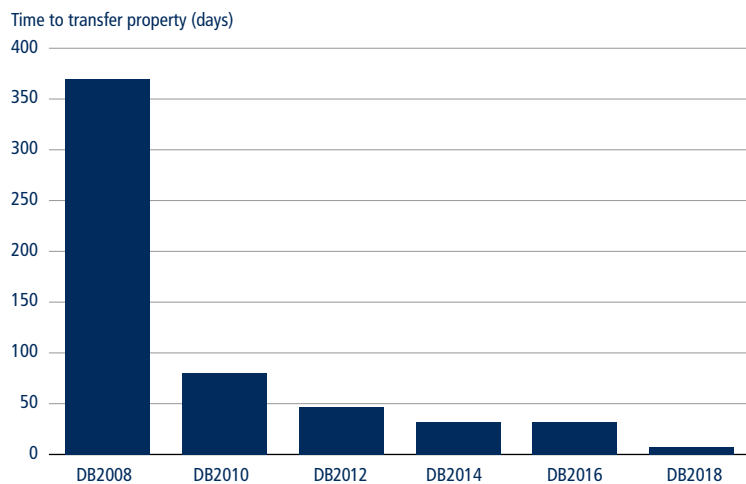
10% transfer tax and registration duty, implementing a complaint mechanism and publishing service standards. Rwanda also made improvements to its property registration process in 2016/17. Rwanda reduced the time for a property transfer by introducing new online services such as user searches of property information and online property transfer filing and registration (figure 3.4). It is

### IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LAND ADMINISTRATION

Valid property rights are necessary to support investment, productivity and economic growth. Evidence from economies around the world suggests that property owners with registered titles are more likely to invest. They also have a better chance of getting credit when using their property as collateral. Likewise, having reliable, up-to-date information in cadasters and land registries is essential for governments to correctly assess and collect property taxes.

Twenty-nine economies made registering a property easier by increasing the efficiency of property transfers and

**FIGURE 3.4** Rwanda has consistently reduced the time it takes to transfer property



Source: *Doing Business* database.

now possible to search online for owners of specific properties, locations and the encumbrances affecting the property. In addition, the parties, or their notary, can file the property transfer deed for registration online. Niger significantly reduced registration costs by reducing notary fees from 4% of the property value to a regressive fee scheme based on the property value. The government also made changes to the General Tax Code to lower property transfer registration fees.

Among regions, Europe and Central Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa tie as the regions with the most reforms relating to the transfer of property in 2016/17. In Europe and Central Asia, Croatia passed the Real Estate Transfer Act, which decreased the real estate transfer tax from 5% to 4%, while Kazakhstan made cadastral plans in Almaty available to the public via the government's website and began publishing statistics on land disputes. The Russian Federation made property registration services available at its one-stop shop and passed legislation requiring that property registrations be completed within nine working days. In Sub-Saharan Africa, the land registry in Mauritania launched a website that provides relevant information to the public on land registry services, including property transfer regulations, procedures and fees. Senegal decreased property registration times by streamlining the interactions between different departments at the property registry, introducing internal mechanisms to identify bottlenecks and enacting internal time limits to speed up the registration process.

## STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO CREDIT

Twenty-four economies implemented reforms improving their credit information systems in 2016/17. The most common feature of reform was the introduction of new credit bureaus and registries to improve the sharing of credit information. Malawi made the most improvement in

credit reporting by operationalizing a new credit bureau, Credit Data CRB, in July 2016. The credit bureau distributes positive and negative credit information on both firms and individuals and borrowers have a legally-guaranteed right to inspect their own data. Cameroon, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan and Slovenia all established a new credit bureau or registry in 2016/17. Azerbaijan, Djibouti and Myanmar improved their regulatory framework for credit reporting, enabling the creation of new credit bureaus in the near future.

Economies in West Africa also implemented reforms in 2016/17 to improve their credit reporting systems. All West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) member states have now formally adopted the Uniform Law on the Regulation of Credit Information Bureaus. WAEMU's regional credit bureau, Creditinfo VoLo, began operations in Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau and Togo in early 2017. These economies joined Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger and Senegal, where Creditinfo VoLo was launched in 2016 (figure 3.5).

Elsewhere, economies adopted global good practices in credit reporting. The

credit bureaus in Nigeria, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates began offering credit scores to their data users as a value-added service. Improvements were also made in the distribution of data from sources other than financial institutions. In Bhutan, two utility companies began submitting positive and negative information on consumer accounts to the credit bureau. In Kenya, public utility companies and savings and credit cooperative organizations are now required to share credit information. In the Islamic Republic of Iran, a vehicle dealership began sharing information on credit-based transactions with the credit bureau.

In 2016/17, 18 economies made it easier for businesses to obtain credit by modifying legislation to encourage the use of moveable property as collateral. The most common feature of reform included improvements in the legislative framework for secured transactions encompassing functional equivalents to security interests and creating modern, searchable collateral registries which are accessible on-line for the registration, modification and cancellation of security interests. West Bank and Gaza

**FIGURE 3.5** Timeline of West African Economic and Monetary Union regional credit bureau



Source: Doing Business database.

made the most noteworthy improvement in 2016/17 by adopting a secured transactions law in 2016 that establishes a modern collateral registry and allows a general description of present and future assets used as security interests. The new rules also establish priority for secured creditors outside insolvency and permit out-of-court enforcement.

Belarus created the Registry of Encumbrances on Movable Property in 2016 to record, store and provide information on security interests in movable assets. Mongolia's Law on Movable and Intangible Property Pledges, which entered into force in March 2017, regulates the assignment of receivables, financial leases and retention-of-title sales, requiring their registration with the collateral registry. Similarly, Brunei Darussalam, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, Samoa, Turkey and Zambia introduced new laws establishing modern collateral registries.

## PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

Djibouti made the most noteworthy improvements to minority investor protections in 2016/17. A new law, Law No. 191/AN/17/7, which modified the Code of Commerce, takes significant steps to mitigate the risk of prejudicial conflicts of interest in companies. The law requires directors to inform their board in detail of any conflict of interest they may have on a proposed transaction. If they decide to proceed, they must also include the terms of the transaction and the extent of the conflict of interest in the annual report. Even after these precautions, shareholders can file in court to cancel the transaction and recover any profits made by the interested parties if the transaction was prejudicial to the company. Shareholders can also inspect transaction documents before filing a suit and seek reimbursement of their legal expenses. In addition, the law stipulates that transactions representing

51% of a company's assets must be authorized by its shareholders and that the notice of meeting should be sent 21 days in advance. As a result of these and other amendments, Djibouti improved its score on all six indices of the indicator set, resulting in a 21.67-percentage point increase in its distance to frontier score for minority investor protections (figure 3.6).

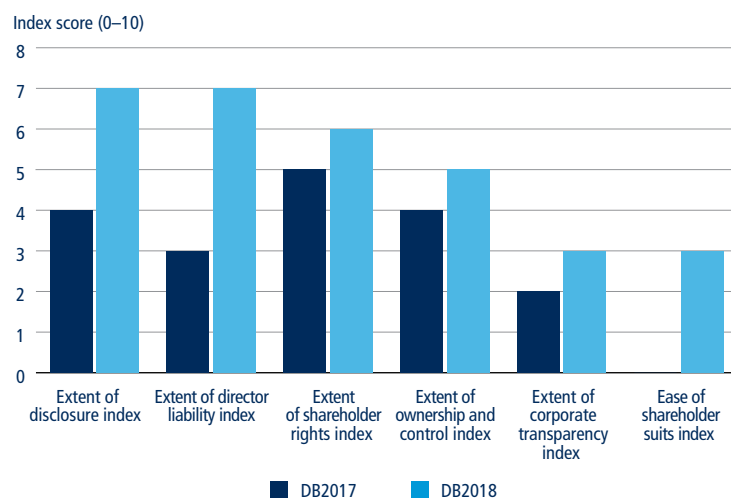
Twenty other economies also strengthened minority shareholder protections in 2016/17.<sup>10</sup> Costa Rica enacted Law No. 9392 in October 2016 which provides specific protections for minority investors and strengthens safeguards against conflicts of interest. The board of directors now must vote on transactions with interested parties and board members who have a personal interest must clearly disclose their interest and abstain from voting in this case. Should shareholders choose to file a claim against the transaction, the law also increases their access to evidence both before and during court proceedings. As a result, Costa Rica's score improved significantly on both the extent of disclosure index and the ease of shareholder suits index, resulting in a 10 percentage point increase in its distance to frontier score for minority investor protections.

Thirteen economies—Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Arab Republic of Egypt, France, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Nepal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan—passed legislation in 2016/17 that increased corporate transparency requirements. These laws give more agenda-setting power to shareholders and disclose board member activities in other companies, executive compensation and audit reports. As a result, all of these economies improved their scores on the extent of corporate transparency index.

Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia and Thailand took steps to clarify corporate governance, ownership and control structures by, for example, enacting legislation that requires companies to nominate independent board members and set up an audit committee. These changes resulted in improvements in the scores of these nine economies on the extent of ownership and control index.

Finally, 11 economies enacted regulation in 2016/17 enhancing approval and disclosure requirements for related-party transactions. Among them, Luxembourg

**FIGURE 3.6** Djibouti strengthened minority investor protections the most in 2016/17



Source: Doing Business database.

made it easier for shareholders representing 10% of the share capital of their company to get access to corporate information and to sue directors in cases of prejudicial third-party transactions. These 11 economies—Costa Rica, Djibouti, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Ukraine—improved on the extent of approval, extent of director liability and ease of shareholder suits indices.

## ENHANCING TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEMS

Properly developed, effective taxation systems are crucial for a well-functioning society. In most economies, taxes are the main source of revenue to fund public spending on education, health care, public transport, infrastructure and social programs, among others. Tax policy is one of the most contentious areas of public policy. A large body of theoretical and empirical work examines the effects of high tax rates and complex fiscal systems. Although determining the optimal tax system can be challenging because context matters when economies want to maximize their welfare, there is less uncertainty—from both theoretical and empirical perspectives—about the distortionary effects of high taxes and cumbersome tax systems. A good tax system should ensure that taxes are proportionate and certain (not arbitrary) and that the method of paying taxes is convenient to taxpayers. Lastly, taxes should be easy to administer and collect.

El Salvador made the greatest advances in tax payment systems in 2016/17. Following regulatory changes, all companies are now required to submit their tax returns electronically. Electronic payments are now used by a majority of companies in El Salvador for profit taxes, value added taxes and labor taxes, including mandatory contributions. The tax administration also moved to a

different assessment criteria for selecting companies for a tax audit, with its focus now primarily on larger companies. Low-risk companies and small businesses would not be selected for a tax audit in the case of an underpayment or self-reporting an error in the corporate income tax return.

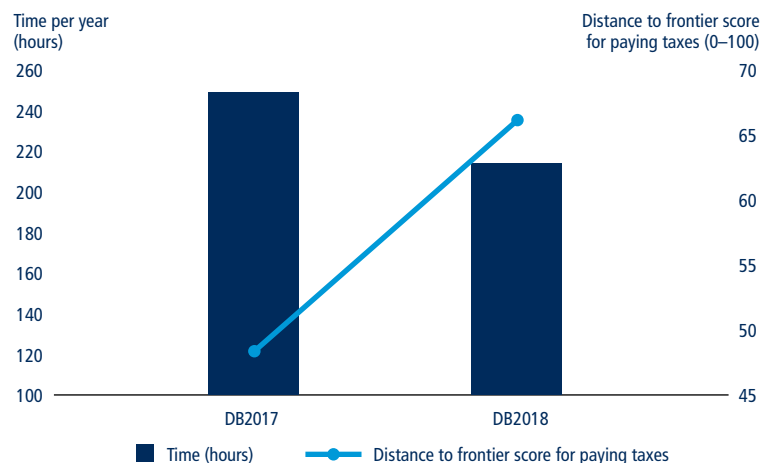
The most common feature of reforms in the area of paying taxes over the past year was the implementation or enhancement of electronic filing and payment systems. Besides El Salvador, 16 other economies—Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lithuania, Maldives, Morocco, New Zealand, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia—introduced or enhanced systems for filing and paying taxes online. India eased tax compliance on businesses by implementing an online platform for the electronic payment of the Employee Provident Fund and introducing administrative measures to ease corporate income tax compliance (figure 3.7).

The use of electronic tax filing and payment systems has increased substantially since 2006, with the most notable

progress in the economies of Europe and Central Asia. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region with the smallest share of economies using electronic filing or payments. However, in 2016 the use of online systems for filing and payment of taxes resulted in efficiency gains in several economies in the region, including Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia. Angola, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo are improving their systems to enable taxpayers to shift from manual to online filing of tax returns in the near future.

Other economies directed efforts at reducing the financial burden of taxes on businesses and keeping tax rates at a reasonable level to encourage private sector development. With the objective of promoting more stable employment conditions, Italy exempted employers from social security contributions for a maximum of 36 months for hires with open-ended contracts from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Japan reduced the corporate income tax rate at the national level from 25.5% to 23.9% for tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2015. The Bahamas reduced the rate of stamp duty on land sales from 10% in 2015 to 2.5% in 2016.

**FIGURE 3.7** India made paying taxes faster by requiring the electronic payment of some taxes



Source: Doing Business database.

## FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

International trade is a cornerstone of economic development, as access to international markets is strongly correlated with economic growth.<sup>11</sup> Although tariffs on exports and imports have fallen on average in recent decades, non-tariff measures have gained increasing prominence.<sup>12</sup> Optimizing time and costs in the trade sector is strongly associated with trade growth, diversification and economic expansion.<sup>13</sup> Accordingly, global trade policies have shifted their focus from tariffs to trade facilitation, including the elimination of trade-related transactions costs. *Doing Business* tracks global trade policies and reforms that facilitate trade by implementing cost-effective, time-efficient and transparent regulatory practices (figure 3.8).

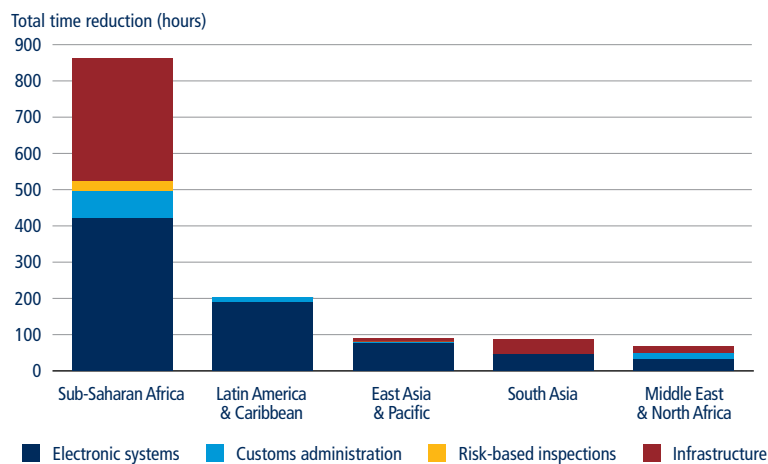
Of the 33 economies that undertook reforms making it easier to trade across borders in 2016/17, 22 improved their existing electronic systems for exports or imports, reducing the time

of documentary and border compliance by more than 760 hours overall. More than half of this time savings is associated with the enhancement of existing electronic systems. Zambia reduced the time to complete documentary and border compliance by about 30%, underscoring the impact of roll out of the ASYCUDA World system, an automated customs data management system, to multiple customs offices nationwide. In 2017 Zambia increased the functionality of the platform, enabling the electronic submission of declarations, supporting documents and the online payment of customs fees. Following its upgrade from ASYCUDA to the *Sistema Único de Modernización Aduanera* (Single Customs Modernization System; SUMA), Bolivia has enabled traders to clear their goods electronically, submitting customs declarations and supporting documents online and eliminating the need for visits to multiple government agencies to obtain clearance. As a result, Bolivia reduced the time required to prepare and submit all required documentation by 72 hours overall.

Eleven economies significantly upgraded their trade logistics infrastructure in 2016/17. Inadequate infrastructure is one of the main burdens in international trade.<sup>14</sup> As part of its National Development Plan 2013-2017, Angola has significantly rehabilitated and upgraded the port of Luanda, expanding the terminals, adding new berths and acquiring equipment. This has resulted in improvements in handling processes and reduced border compliance time for both exports and imports.

The regions implementing the most reforms making it easier to trade across borders in 2016/17 were Sub-Saharan Africa (46% of reforms in this area) and East Asia and the Pacific (18%). Together, the economies in these two regions account for nearly 64% of reforms in this area as captured by *Doing Business 2018*. The remainder of reforms were made by economies in Latin America and the Caribbean (15%), the Middle East and North Africa (9%), South Asia (9%) and Europe and Central Asia (3%).

**FIGURE 3.8** Reforms affecting customs, especially those regarding the implementation of electronic systems, produce the highest time savings across regions



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The time reduction captures reforms that were implemented and had a positive impact on time for the trading across borders indicator set from 2016 to 2017. The reforms recorded during this period are aggregated in four wide-ranging categories: electronic systems, customs administration, risk-based inspections and infrastructure. Regions with no reforms on time are excluded from the figure.

## ENHANCING JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY

A judicial system that provides effective commercial dispute resolution is crucial to a healthy economy.<sup>15</sup> Case management systems supporting manual case flow through forms and files contribute to the overall timeliness and efficiency of the justice system, especially when combined with increased court automation and information communication technology solutions.<sup>16</sup> The introduction of new case management features, or the expansion of existing case management or court automation systems, was the most common reform feature recorded in 2016/17. Some economies—Guyana and Kazakhstan, for example—focused on strengthening regulatory case management principles by introducing tighter time standards for key court events. Others—such as Switzerland and Taiwan, China—focused on the

implementation of a platform for the electronic submission of the initial complaint. Hungary strengthened its existing electronic-filing system by integrating it with a platform that allows litigants to pay court fees electronically.

Namibia, the economy that improved most notably in the area of enforcing contracts in 2016/17, is witnessing the results of a seven-year reform process in case management and information communication technology systems that began with a peer learning exercise with some of the top-performing economies on the enforcing contracts indicators. The reform process led to the approval of new court rules in 2014 that incorporated many case management principles such as time limits for key court events, early case management through pre-trial conferences, earlier intervention by the judge, tools to dispose of cases that have been “abandoned” by the parties and court-connected mediation. The court also upgraded its information communication technology systems and court users are now able to submit their initial complaint online, while judges and lawyers have access to a dedicated

online case management system. Today the Windhoek High Court has a case clearance rate of above 110% (figure 3.9), higher than some of the most sophisticated economies in the world, including Finland and Sweden.<sup>17</sup>

Other economies have strengthened judicial efficiency through the introduction of a specialized commercial court. Bhutan introduced dedicated benches that only hear commercial cases. Guyana, Nicaragua, the Slovak Republic and Vietnam strengthened their regulatory environment by introducing a new Code of Civil Procedure.

### PROMOTING EFFICIENT BANKRUPTCY REGIMES

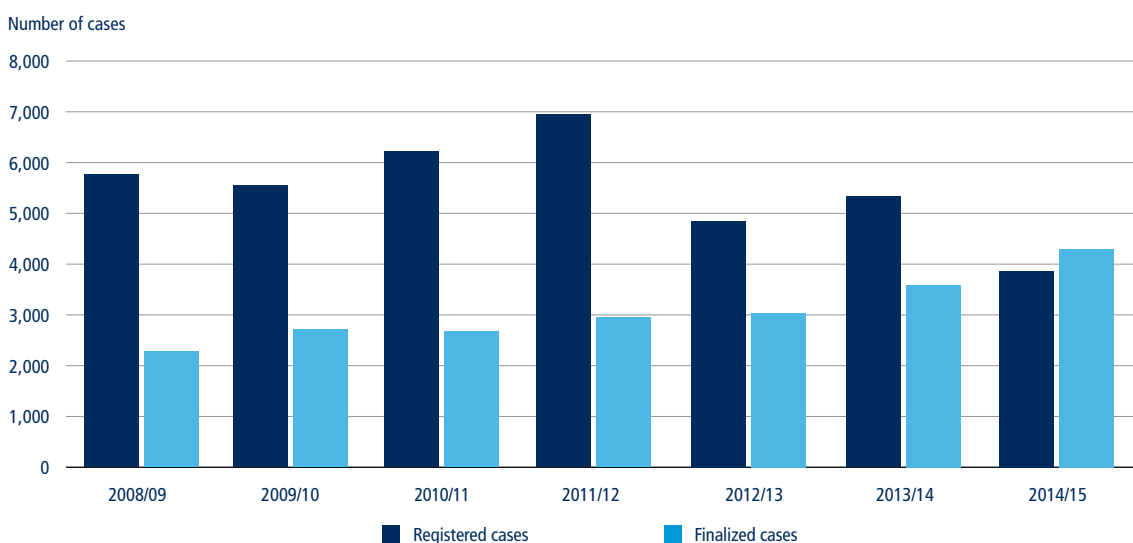
Efficient regulation of corporate insolvency is associated with increased access to credit for firms and on better terms.<sup>18</sup> Creditors are more willing to lend because they are more likely to recover their loans. Additionally, economies that reform their insolvency law to provide a mechanism for business rescue may reduce the failure rate among firms, help maintain

a higher overall level of entrepreneurship in the economy and preserve jobs.<sup>19</sup> By facilitating the efficient business exit and liquidation of nonviable companies, an insolvency framework supports the efficient reallocation of resources across the economy.<sup>20</sup>

In 2016/17 *Doing Business* recorded 13 reforms making it easier to resolve insolvency. The most common feature of reform was the introduction of a reorganization procedure as an alternative to liquidation. Cabo Verde, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, India, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Panama, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates adopted legal regulations enabling parties to make use of reorganization procedures for the purpose of saving viable businesses where there is a prospect of financial recovery.

The reform in Kosovo is particularly noteworthy. A comprehensive insolvency law, which was adopted in July 2016, introduced a number of modern features that are aligned with international good practices. In addition to establishing reorganization and liquidation procedures, the law provided the debtor with

**FIGURE 3.9** Namibia has reduced its case backlog by implementing a case management system



Source: Namibia Superior Courts data (<http://www.ejustice.moj.na>).



the option to submit a pre-packaged rehabilitation plan before the commencement of reorganization proceedings and established expedited insolvency proceedings for small and medium-size enterprises. These new elements not only streamline liquidation and reorganization proceedings in Kosovo in general, but are also likely to shorten the timeframe for resolving insolvency. The law also allows the debtor to obtain new financing after the commencement of insolvency proceedings to facilitate continued operations, regulates the treatment of contracts and establishes a cross-border insolvency regime (table 3.3).

Upper-middle-income and high-income economies mainly focused their efforts on strengthening the rights of creditors in insolvency proceedings in 2016/17. Azerbaijan, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, and Panama made important amendments to their legal frameworks to provide creditors with additional safeguards and enable their participation in important decisions that affect their interests. The Dominican Republic and Grenada granted creditors the right to approve the sale of substantial assets of the debtor. Azerbaijan and Grenada provided creditors with the right to request

information on the financial affairs of the debtor at any time. Additionally, Azerbaijan and Georgia granted creditors the right to object to the decision accepting or rejecting creditors' claims.

### CHANGING LABOR MARKET REGULATION

Regulation of labor markets is essential for the achievement of primary economic goals, such as the efficient allocation of resources—that is, the distribution of resources to their most productive uses.<sup>21</sup> Labor regulation is also indispensable in protecting vulnerable groups from market failures, such as forced labor and discrimination.<sup>22</sup> In addition to these fundamental functions, smart labor regulation can help advance a myriad of economic and social goals, ranging from better responses to economic shocks to the promotion of equal opportunities and social cohesion. The challenge in developing labor policies is to prevent both over- and under-regulation by balancing labor flexibility with worker protection.<sup>23</sup>

In 2016/17, *Doing Business* recorded 17 reforms in the areas covered by the indicators for labor market regulation,

Old framework	Labor reform
<b>Length of the maximum probationary period for permanent employees</b>	
3 months	9 months
<b>Wage premium for daily overtime work and weekly holiday work</b>	
100% premium rate	50% premium rate
<b>Mandatory paid annual leave, workers with 1 year tenure</b>	
15 days	9 days
<b>Mandatory paid annual leave, workers with 5-10 years tenure</b>	
15 days	12 days

Source: *Doing Business* database.

including the hiring of workers, working hours, redundancy rules and job quality. Some economies made their labor regulation more rigid while others made it more flexible; in some economies, the changes were in both directions. Puerto Rico (U.S.), for example, undertook a substantial regulatory reform effort by adopting the Transformation and Labor Flexibility Act (TLFA), which introduced comprehensive changes to regulation in all areas measured by the indicator for labor market regulation (table 3.4). The TLFA increased the length of the maximum probationary period for permanent employees, decreased the premium for daily overtime work and the wage premium for weekly holiday, decreased the mandatory paid annual leave and established severance payments for all employees wrongfully made redundant.

Kiribati also implemented significant changes to labor regulation by approving the Employment and Industrial Relation Code (EIRC) which regulates the number of work hours per day, establishes paid annual leave and paid sick-leave and clarifies rules governing redundancies.

Changes to the regulation of working hours was a common feature of reform in 2016/17. Albania reduced the number of work hours to 48 per week. Similarly, the Democratic Republic of Congo

Previous framework	New framework
<b>Can a debtor initiate liquidation or reorganization procedures?</b>	
No liquidation or reorganization available.	Yes. Debtors can initiate both procedures.
<b>Do creditors vote on the reorganization plan?</b>	
No reorganization available.	Yes. Creditors whose rights are affected by the proposed plan vote on it.
<b>Can a court invalidate preferential and undervalued transactions concluded before insolvency proceedings?</b>	
No provisions.	Yes.
<b>Can a debtor obtain credit after commencement of insolvency proceedings?</b>	
No provisions.	Yes. The debtor or the administrator may obtain new financing after the commencement of insolvency proceedings and the priorities of the new financing are clearly established.
<b>Can creditors participate in important decisions?</b>	
No provisions.	Yes. Every creditor has the right to request information on the debtor's financial situation from the insolvency representative and may object to the decision regarding its own claims as well as claims of other creditors.

Source: *Doing Business* database.

established a standard workday of eight hours per day and designated Sunday as a weekly rest day. Taiwan, China, increased the number of weekly rest days from one to two and also extended the length of mandatory paid annual leave. Bosnia and Herzegovina decreased wage premiums for overtime work, night work and weekly holiday work. Tajikistan abolished restrictions on night work by non-pregnant women and non-nursing mothers.

In addition, some economies made changes to legislation regulating redundancy rules and costs. Tajikistan increased the amount of severance pay that an employer must provide when making an employee redundant. The Bahamas amended its legislation to introduce priority rules that apply to reemployment and Singapore adopted legislation requiring employers to notify the Ministry of Manpower when terminating a group of nine redundant workers.

Economies also implemented legislation in the area of job quality in 2016/17. The United States (Los Angeles) established a maximum of six working days of paid sick leave a year. Colombia, the Dominican Republic, India and Paraguay increased the duration of paid maternity leave.

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TABLE 3A.1 Who reduced regulatory complexity and cost and/or strengthened legal institutions in 2016/17—and what did they do?

Feature	Economies	Some highlights
<b>Making it easier to start a business</b>		
Simplified preregistration and registration formalities (publication, notarization, inspection, and other requirements)	Bhutan; China; Democratic Republic of Congo; Republic of Congo; Czech Republic; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Equatorial Guinea; Ethiopia; Gabon; Indonesia; Iraq; Jamaica; Kenya; Madagascar; Mauritius; Morocco; Nigeria; Pakistan; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Thailand; Uzbekistan	Djibouti made starting a business more affordable by reducing the fees to register and publish the notice of commencement of activity.
Cut or simplified postregistration procedures (tax registration, social security registration, licensing)	The Bahamas; Brunei Darussalam; Greece; India; Iraq; Kenya; Kosovo; Madagascar; Malta; Niger; Tajikistan; Thailand; Zimbabwe	The Bahamas made starting a business easier by merging the process of registering for the business license and value added tax. Greece made starting a business easier by creating a unified social security institution.
Introduced or improved online procedures	India; Kuwait; Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia made starting a business easier through the use of an online system, which merges the name reservation and submission of the articles of association into one procedure. Saudi Arabia also improved the online payment system, removing the need to pay fees in person.
Created or improved one-stop shop	Democratic Republic of Congo; Kuwait; Mauritania; Moldova; Niger; Sierra Leone	Mauritania made starting a business easier by combining multiple registration procedures.
Abolished or reduced minimum capital requirement	Cameroon; Republic of Congo; Ethiopia; Gabon; Niger	Cameroon made starting a business easier by reducing the minimum capital requirement. Gabon made starting a business easier by reducing the minimum capital requirement and by making the notarization of incorporation documents optional.
<b>Making it easier to deal with construction permits</b>		
Reduced time for processing permit applications	Angola; Brunei Darussalam; Côte d'Ivoire; El Salvador; Gabon; India; Kenya; Lithuania; Mauritius; Niger; Nigeria; Tanzania; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan	Lithuania reduced the time it takes to obtain technical conditions and the building permit. Niger introduced new rules to obtain a water connection as well as service delivery objectives, resulting in a reduction in the time to obtain a water connection. The Waste Water Management Authority (WMA) in Mauritius outsourced the design and construction of sewage connection works to five private companies, thereby reducing the time to provide sewage connection.
Improved transparency	Benin; Cabo Verde; Gabon; Ghana; Niger; Nigeria; Seychelles	Gabon improved the transparency of information by publishing legislation related to the construction industry online. Nigeria (Kano and Lagos) increased transparency by publishing all relevant regulations, fee schedules and pre-application requirements online.
Streamlined procedures	Brunei Darussalam; Gabon; Niger; Nigeria; Uzbekistan	Brunei Darussalam eliminated the requirement to obtain a hoarding permit and to submit both the commencement and completion notice to the one-stop shop. Niger streamlined its internal processes and set up a building permit commission which meets every Thursday to rule on permit applications.
Adopted new building regulations	Djibouti; El Salvador; Niger; Rwanda; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan	Djibouti implemented a decree clearly establishing decennial liability for all professionals engaged in construction projects. Uzbekistan introduced a new system of allocating land through a competitive selection process for land plots of up to a hectare.
Reduced fees	Djibouti; Kenya; Malawi; Niger; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates	Kenya eliminated fees to obtain clearance from the National Environment Management Authority and the National Construction Authority. Malawi halved the fees to obtain a building permit. The National Laboratory of Djibouti published new official fees for its services, reducing the cost of concrete inspections.
Improved or introduced electronic platforms or online services	Angola; El Salvador; India	El Salvador introduced a single window system, making preliminary construction fees payable online. The Municipality of Greater Mumbai introduced an online single window system that allows for the submission and approval of building plans prior to requesting the building permit along with various other services.
Introduced or improved one-stop shop	Côte d'Ivoire; Tanzania	Côte d'Ivoire created a one-stop shop for processing building permits. Tanzania increased the efficiency of its one-stop shop by improving coordination among agencies.
<b>Making it easier to get electricity</b>		
Facilitated more reliable power supply and transparency of tariff information	Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Jamaica; Kenya; Mexico; Montenegro; Senegal; Vietnam	Jamaica improved the reliability of supply in Kingston by investing in the distribution network through several initiatives, including the installation of smart meters and distribution automation switches.
Improved process efficiency	Angola; Armenia; Indonesia; Italy; Niger; Philippines	Armenia made getting electricity easier by imposing new deadlines for connection procedures and introducing a new geographic information system at the utility.
Streamlined approval process	Indonesia; Lithuania; Mozambique; Thailand; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan	Mozambique reduced the time to get an electricity connection by streamlining procedures through the utility instead of various agencies. Mozambique also reduced costs by eliminating the security deposit for large commercial clients.
Improved regulation of connection processes and costs	Georgia; Indonesia; Mozambique; United Arab Emirates	Georgia made getting electricity more affordable by reducing connection costs for new customers.

TABLE 3A.1 Who reduced regulatory complexity and cost and/or strengthened legal institutions in 2016/17—and what did they do?

Feature	Economies	Some highlights
<b>Making it easier to register property</b>		
Increased transparency of information	Benin; Brunei Darussalam; Djibouti; Hong Kong SAR, China; Kazakhstan; Kuwait; Mauritania; Mauritius; Nigeria; Pakistan; Seychelles; Suriname	Mauritania created a new section on the government website containing information on the services provided by the land registry. Kazakhstan made cadastral plans in Almaty available to the public and began publishing statistics on the number of land disputes.
Increased administrative efficiency	Antigua and Barbuda; Costa Rica; Guyana; Kuwait; Nigeria; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Tajikistan	Saudi Arabia implemented an online system to check for property ownership and encumbrances. Rwanda reduced the time to complete a property transfer from 12 to seven days, by reducing the time needed to conduct a title search and registration.
Reduced taxes or fees	Benin; Croatia; Indonesia; Mauritius; Myanmar; Niger; Senegal; Turkey	Niger decreased registration fees, effectively lowering the cost to register a property by 15%. Turkey made registering property easier by reducing mortar dues (property transfer registration fees) from 4% to 3%.
Increased reliability of infrastructure	Hong Kong SAR, China; Romania; Serbia; Seychelles; Thailand	Serbia and Thailand improved the reliability of their land administration systems by implementing a geographic information system. Hong Kong SAR, China, linked information recorded by the Lands Department with that of the Land Registry. Romania digitized its land book system in Bucharest.
Improved the accessibility of the land dispute resolution mechanism	Armenia; Brunei Darussalam; Kazakhstan; Saudi Arabia	Armenia, Brunei Darussalam, Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia made their land dispute mechanism more accessible by publishing statistics on land-related cases filed at the court of first instance.
<b>Strengthening legal rights of borrowers and lenders</b>		
Created a unified and/or modern collateral registry for movable property	Belarus; Brunei Darussalam; Kyrgyz Republic; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; Nigeria; Russian Federation; Samoa; Turkey; West Bank and Gaza; Zambia	Zambia strengthened access to credit by adopting a new law on secured transactions that establishes a modern and centralized collateral registry.
Introduced a functional and secured transactions system	Brunei Darussalam; Mongolia; Nepal; Nigeria; Samoa; West Bank and Gaza; Zambia	West Bank and Gaza strengthened access to credit by adopting the Security Interests in Moveable Property Act. The new law on secured transactions implements a functional secured transactions system. The law regulates functional equivalents to loans secured with movable property, such as financial leases and retention-of-title sales.
Allowed for general description of assets that can be used as collateral	Albania; Thailand; West Bank and Gaza	Albania implemented new laws allowing for the general description of assets that can be used as collateral.
Expanded range of movable assets that can be used as collateral	Thailand; Vietnam	Thailand introduced a law that broadens the scope of assets which can be used as collateral to secure a loan.
Granted absolute priority to secured creditors or allowed out-of-court enforcement	Albania; Brunei Darussalam; India; Kosovo; Malawi; Thailand; Turkey; West Bank and Gaza	Turkey introduced a law that allows out-of-court enforcement.
Granted exemptions to secured creditors from automatic stay in insolvency proceedings	India; Kosovo; Thailand	Kosovo adopted a new bankruptcy law that includes protections for secured creditors during an automatic stay in reorganization proceedings.
<b>Improving the sharing of credit information</b>		
Established a new credit bureau or registry	Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Guinea-Bissau; Indonesia; Iraq; Jordan; Malawi; Slovenia; Togo	Indonesia improved access to credit information by launching a new credit bureau.
Improved regulatory framework for credit reporting	Azerbaijan; Benin; Djibouti; Guinea-Bissau; Kyrgyz Republic; Myanmar; Turkey	Djibouti improved access to credit information by adopting a law that creates a new credit information system.
Expanded scope of information collected and reported by credit bureau or registry	Bhutan; Islamic Republic of Iran; Kenya; Netherlands	In Bhutan, two utility companies began submitting positive and negative information on consumer accounts to the credit bureau.
Introduced bureau or registry credit scores as a value-added service	Nigeria; Qatar; United Arab Emirates	In the United Arab Emirates, the credit bureau began offering consumer credit scores to banks and financial institutions as a value-added service to help them assess the creditworthiness of borrowers.
Guaranteed by law borrowers' right to inspect data	Nigeria; Swaziland	Swaziland adopted the Consumer Credit Act 2016 guaranteeing borrowers' right to inspect their own data.
Expanded borrower coverage by credit bureau or registry	Madagascar	In Madagascar, the credit registry for microfinance institutions was consolidated with the registry for banks, expanding the number of borrowers listed in the registry's database with information on their borrowing history from the past five years to more than 5% of the adult population.

TABLE 3A.1 Who reduced regulatory complexity and cost and/or strengthened legal institutions in 2016/17—and what did they do?

Feature	Economies	Some highlights
<b>Strengthening minority investor protections</b>		
Expanded shareholders' role in company management	Azerbaijan; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Djibouti; Arab Republic of Egypt; France; Georgia; Indonesia; Kazakhstan; Lithuania; Malaysia; Nepal; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Thailand; Uzbekistan	Lithuania enacted a law requiring the disclosure of information about board members' other directorships as well as basic information on their primary employment.
Enhanced access to information in shareholder actions	Costa Rica; Djibouti; Georgia; Kazakhstan; Luxembourg; Rwanda; Thailand	Luxembourg adopted legislation allowing shareholders that represent at least 10% of the share capital to inspect transactions documents before filing a suit.
Increased disclosure requirements for related-party transactions	Costa Rica; Djibouti; India; Saudi Arabia; Ukraine	Costa Rica adopted a law requiring board members who have a personal interest in a proposed transaction to clearly disclose it and not participate in the decision.
Increased director liability	Djibouti; India; Luxembourg; Pakistan	Djibouti adopted a law allowing shareholders to hold interested directors (as well as other board members) liable when a transaction with interested parties is unfair or prejudicial to the company and to have them repay profits made from the transaction upon a successful claim.
<b>Making it easier to pay taxes</b>		
Introduced or enhanced electronic systems	Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; El Salvador; India; Indonesia; Kenya; Lithuania; Maldives; Morocco; New Zealand; Philippines; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vietnam; Zambia	El Salvador mandated all business taxpayers to file their annual income tax return through one of the available electronic methods (DET software or online processing). The general online tax processing and payment system was also consolidated.
Reduced profit tax rate	Japan; Norway	Japan adopted the 2016 Tax Reform Bill on February 5, 2016, which reduced the corporate income tax rate at the national level from 25.5% to 23.9% for tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2015.
Reduced labor taxes and mandatory contributions	Belgium; France; Italy; Japan; Ukraine	Ukraine introduced in 2016 a flat rate of 22% for the Unified Social Contribution tax paid by employers, which replaced the previous differentiated rates ranging from 36.76% to 49.7%.
Reduce taxes other than profit and labor	The Bahamas; Indonesia; Thailand; Zambia	Indonesia reduced the statutory rate for capital gains tax from 5% to 2.5% in 2016.
Simplified tax compliance processes or decreased number of tax filings or payments	China; India; Italy; Nigeria; Mauritania; Palau; Ukraine	India introduced the Income Computation and Disclosure Standards (ICDS) in 2016 to standardize the methods of computing taxable income and other tax accounting standards. Data gathering became more automated in India due to the use of modern enterprise resource planning (ERP) software.
Introduced a risk-based tax audit selection system	El Salvador; Thailand	Thailand implemented a new automatic risk-based system for selecting companies for a tax audit in 2016. The system does not flag for a tax audit in cases of self-reporting an error or an underpayment of tax liability due.
Introduced time limits for processing VAT cash refunds	Senegal	Senegal mandated by law that value added tax refunds be paid within 90 days from the moment the tax authority receives the documents from the taxpayer and the request for value added tax credit refund must be taken into account by the administration within 30 days from the time the request has been submitted. These changes were applied in practice.
<b>Making it easier to trade across borders</b>		
Introduced or improved electronic submission and processing of documents for exports	Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Cabo Verde; Comoros; Malawi; Mauritius; Oman; Pakistan; Sierra Leone; Sri Lanka; St. Kitts and Nevis; Swaziland; Taiwan, China; Uganda; Vietnam; Zambia	Bolivia upgraded its automated customs system (SUMA) and reduced documentary compliance time to export. Zambia expanded its customs management system nationwide, allowing electronic payments.
Introduced or improved electronic submission and processing of documents for imports	Bolivia; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Cabo Verde; Comoros; Indonesia; Jamaica; Kenya; Malawi; Mauritius; Oman; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Swaziland; Vietnam; Zambia	Due to improvements made to their respective electronic customs platforms, Cabo Verde and Kenya both reduced import documentary compliance time by 24 hours. Brazil made trading across borders faster by enhancing its electronic system—integrating customs, tax and administrative agencies—reducing import documentary compliance time by 72 hours.
Strengthened transport or port infrastructure for exports	Angola; India; Malaysia; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mozambique; Pakistan; Qatar; Russian Federation; Singapore; Uganda	Angola rehabilitated the Port of Luanda, improving handling processes and reducing border compliance time. The Russian Federation opened a deep water port on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, increasing competition and reducing the cost of border compliance at the Port of St. Petersburg.
Strengthened transport or port infrastructure for imports	Angola; India; Malaysia; Mauritania; Mauritius; Pakistan; Qatar; Russian Federation; Singapore	Qatar made trading across borders easier by inaugurating the Hamad Port. Expansion of existing ports in Singapore and Malaysia improved the terminal handling process.
Facilitated customs administration for exports and imports	Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; El Salvador; Ethiopia; India; Mauritania; Mauritius; São Tomé e Príncipe; Saudi Arabia; Sierra Leone; Vietnam	El Salvador increased the number of customs officers for clearance and inspections, reducing border compliance time. Mauritius decreased the number of intrusive inspections, which reduced border compliance time for both exports and imports by 10 hours.

TABLE 3A.1 Who reduced regulatory complexity and cost and/or strengthened legal institutions in 2016/17—and what did they do?

Feature	Economies	Some highlights
<b>Making it easier to enforce contracts</b>		
Introduced significant changes to the applicable civil procedure or enforcement rules	Guyana; Kazakhstan; Nicaragua; Senegal; Serbia; Slovak Republic; Spain; Vietnam	Nicaragua and the Slovak Republic each introduced a new Code of Civil Procedure. Serbia adopted a new enforcement law that broadens and clarifies the responsibilities of enforcement agents. Spain reduced the fees to file new cases.
Expanded court automation by introducing electronic payment or by publishing judgments	Azerbaijan; Hungary; Mauritania; Rwanda; Thailand	Azerbaijan, Hungary and Thailand implemented platforms to pay fees electronically. Mauritania and Rwanda made decisions rendered at all levels in commercial cases publicly available.
Introduced or expanded the electronic case management system	Brunei Darussalam; India; Namibia; Saudi Arabia	India introduced the possibility of generating performance measurement reports. Brunei Darussalam, Namibia and Saudi Arabia introduced electronic case management systems.
Introduced electronic filing	Namibia; Switzerland; Taiwan, China	Namibia, Switzerland and Taiwan, China, introduced electronic filing systems for commercial cases, allowing attorneys to submit the initial summons online.
Introduced or expanded specialized commercial court	Bhutan	Bhutan introduced a dedicated bench to resolve commercial disputes.
Expanded the alternative dispute resolution framework	Vietnam	Vietnam introduced a new law regulating voluntary mediation.
<b>Making it easier to resolve insolvency</b>		
Improved the likelihood of successful reorganization	Azerbaijan; Cabo Verde; Dominican Republic; Georgia; Grenada; India; Kosovo; Liberia; Malawi; Panama; Thailand; United Arab Emirates	Cabo Verde established the possibility for the debtor to receive new financing after the commencement of insolvency proceedings and introduced corresponding priority rules.
Introduced a new restructuring procedure	Cabo Verde; Dominican Republic; Grenada; India; Kosovo; Liberia; Malawi; Panama; Singapore; United Arab Emirates	The United Arab Emirates introduced the option of reorganization for commercial entities as an alternative to liquidation.
Strengthened creditors' rights	Azerbaijan; Cabo Verde; Dominican Republic; Georgia; Grenada; Kosovo; Liberia; Panama	The Dominican Republic granted creditors the right to object to decisions of special importance made by the insolvency representative, such as the sale of substantial assets of the debtor in the course of insolvency proceedings.
Improved provisions on treatment of contracts during insolvency	Azerbaijan; Cabo Verde; Dominican Republic; Georgia; Kosovo; Liberia; Malawi; Panama; United Arab Emirates	Liberia allowed avoidance of preferential and undervalued transactions concluded prior to commencement of insolvency proceedings.
Regulated the profession of insolvency administrators	India; Liberia; Malawi; Panama	Malawi regulated the profession of insolvency administrator, including its duties, powers and liabilities.
<b>Changing labor legislation</b>		
Altered hiring rules and probationary period	Finland; Mongolia; Puerto Rico (U.S.)	Puerto Rico (U.S.) increased the length of the maximum probationary period for permanent employees, hired after the effective date of the Transformation and Labor Flexibility Act (TLFA).
Amended regulation of working hours	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Democratic Republic of Congo; Kiribati; Taiwan, China; Tajikistan	Kiribati established rules for the number of work hours per day and the maximum number of working days per week.
Changed redundancy rules and cost	The Bahamas; Kiribati; Puerto Rico (U.S.); Singapore; Tajikistan	Singapore adopted legislation requiring employers to notify the Ministry of Manpower when terminating a group of nine redundant workers.
Reformed legislation regulating worker protection and social benefits	Albania; Colombia; Dominican Republic; India; Kiribati; Latvia; Paraguay; Puerto Rico (U.S.); United States	The United States (Los Angeles) adopted the Paid Sick Leave Ordinance, allowing for a maximum of six working days of paid sick leave a year upon the oral or written request of an employee.

Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: Reforms affecting the labor market regulation indicators are included here but do not affect the ranking on the ease of doing business.

# Starting a Business

## *Transparency of information at business registries*

Governments and civil society have come together in recent years to increase the transparency of business information. New regulations have been adopted to improve transparency, particularly regarding the dissemination of company data. These changes have been made in the wake of a series of revelations—such as the Panama papers and the Bahamas leaks—that showed the extent to which individuals take advantage of obscure company ownership structures to illicitly move money around the globe. There is now strong momentum behind expanding access to corporate information, including company ownership.

One way to increase transparency in the business environment is to disclose beneficial ownership information publicly—that is, to reveal the identity of individuals who ultimately enjoy the benefits of property rights in equity, even if they are not legal owners. Disclosure of beneficial ownership is useful in identifying suspected money laundering and potential terrorist financing.

To make ownership more transparent, Singapore amended its Companies Act to require locally-incorporated companies and foreign companies registered in Singapore to maintain beneficial ownership information and to make the data public upon request. Ghana amended its Companies Act in 2016 to regulate disclosure of information on beneficial ownership. In May 2017 Germany's parliament passed a law requiring that the owners of all German enterprises (including offshore entities) be identified in an electronic beneficial ownership registry. Access to corporate information is vital for individuals and institutions looking to make sound investment decisions. It is crucial for investors to know who they are doing business with in the global economy.

Providing public access to company information through business registries strengthens confidence in businesses and institutions, but it also helps to manage financial exposure and increase market stability, thereby reducing the risks associated with doing business. Improving transparency necessitates the drafting of laws that expand public access to additional corporate data, such as the identities of the company directors, shareholders and beneficial owners.

This year, *Doing Business* has collected preliminary data on the information gathered and shared by business registries in 190 economies. *Doing Business* collects data on the public availability of both detailed corporate information (such as company name, directors, shareholders, beneficial owners and so on) and the information needed to start a business (for example, a documents list, fee schedule, services standards and official statistics on firm creation). Each type of information obtained without the need for any personal interaction is assigned points to reflect greater transparency. The features of transparency of information range from 0 (least transparent) to 18



- Transparent information provided to the public by business registries can reduce transactions costs and facilitate investment decisions.
- The most common types of information shared by business registries include the company's name, its legal address and the names of its directors.
- Information on beneficial ownership, corporate structure and annual financial returns is less commonly collected and made available to the public.
- Technological advances have greatly enhanced access to information.
- There is a strong association between a transparent business registry and higher efficiency, as well as a lower incidence of bribery.

(most transparent). The aim is to capture new and actionable aspects related to the business incorporation framework and to understand how transparency of information in business registration varies across regions and how it is associated with other institutional and economic outcomes.

### HOW IMPORTANT IS TRANSPARENCY IN BUSINESS REGISTRIES?

As the principal agency responsible for registering firms, business registries allow companies to acquire a legal identity. This legal status enables a firm to enter into contracts with other firms, access formal financial systems and bid on public-sector contracts.<sup>1</sup> Business registries play a vital role by ensuring that the information they collect from these companies is not only captured within their systems but is also available to the public. Sharing information publicly makes it easier to ensure that the information is accurate.

Business registry transparency can increase the accountability of firms and public officials. By improving the

predictability of transactions, transparency can also benefit financial institutions and company services providers as it becomes easier for them to obtain the information they need to comply effectively with due diligence requirements.<sup>2</sup> Registries with clearly-stipulated requirements facilitate the process of registering and verifying information. There tends to be a culture of greater competition and economic growth in economies where it is easier for companies to enter the market.<sup>3</sup>

Transparency of information can broaden the pool of potential investors by reducing the need for personal connections. It can level the playing field for a budding entrepreneur who may lack the necessary connections to formally launch his or her company. By reducing the risk associated with an investment, transparency can help investors determine the viability of a transaction.<sup>4</sup> Revealing public information to curb information asymmetry can also reduce a firm's cost of capital by attracting increased demand from large investors (due to increased liquidity of its securities).<sup>5</sup> The financial cost of a lack of data transparency can be significant: in

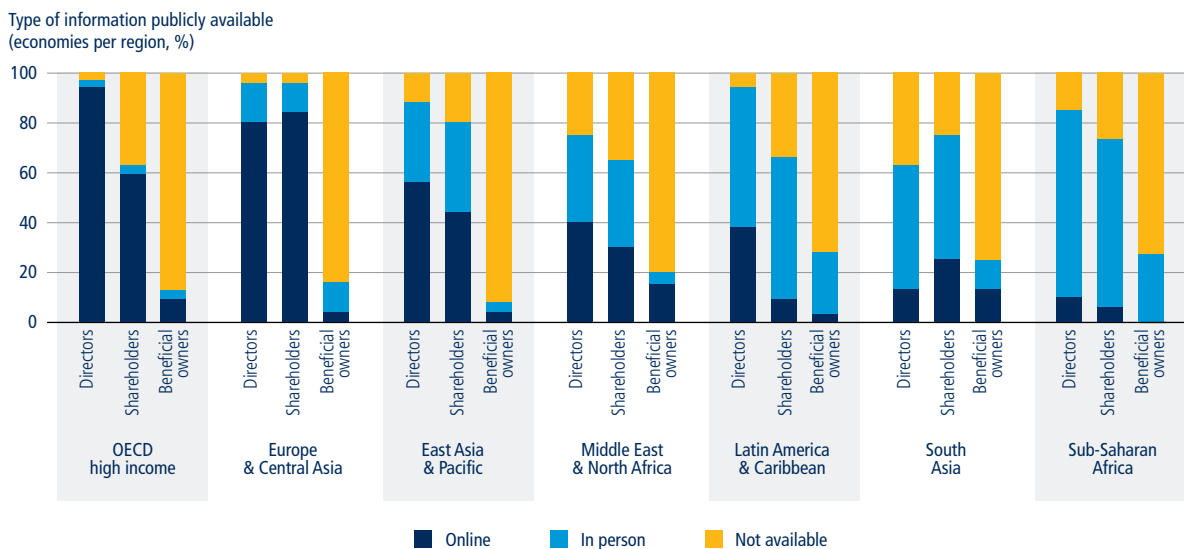
2011 alone it is estimated that developing economies suffered nearly \$1 trillion in illicit financial outflows.<sup>6</sup> Transparent data on company ownership are vital in combating money laundering, tax evasion, corruption and other illegal activities.

### WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

Most business registries share some data with the public about the companies registered with them. The types of information that are most commonly made public by the business registry are the company's name, legal address, year of incorporation, type of business activity and the names of its directors.<sup>7</sup>

Information regarding a firm's corporate structure, annual returns and beneficial ownership is less commonly made available to the public. It is possible to access information on a company's corporate structure—that is, whether it has subsidiaries or belongs to a holding company—and its beneficial ownership in only a few economies (figure 4.1).

**FIGURE 4.1** Data on shareholders and directors are more accessible than data on beneficial owners



Source: Doing Business database.



Data on a firm's corporate structure, for example, is readily available in less than one-third of economies worldwide. Furthermore, the identity of a company's beneficial owners is made public in fewer than one-quarter of economies globally; only 8% of economies in East Asia and the Pacific and 15% of OECD high-income economies collect data on beneficial ownership and make it publicly available.

In general, the types of business registry information made available to the public vary little across economies. The names of a company's directors, for example, are publicly available in 92% of high-income economies covered by *Doing Business*; this figure is only slightly lower in low-income economies (84%). For other categories of information, however, public access is not equally provided across economies. In 75% of high-income economies, for example, one can verify the number and type of company shares. This information can be publicly accessed at business registries in fewer than half of low-income economies. Similarly, while businesses' annual accounts are available for public consultation in most high-income economies, these are available in only 10% of low-income economies. Registries in many developing economies either do not require companies to file annual accounts with the business registry or provide limited access to businesses' annual accounts. As a result, the economy may be negatively impacted as poor quality corporate governance regimes can restrict access to information and reduce investment returns.<sup>8</sup>

Some kinds of business data are more accessible than others. In general, public access is greater when the information available is considered less sensitive. Basic data such as a company's type of activity or year of incorporation can be found easily in most economies, but for business reasons some companies

may prefer not to disclose their annual returns or annual accounts.

## HOW IS INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

During the past decade government agencies around the world have explored ways to increase business registry transparency. The need for access to corporate information in the name of greater transparency pushed many economies to digitize their business registries and publish data online. By allowing around-the-clock, online access to registry information, the need for personal visits has been reduced, significantly enhancing the utility of these registries.

Where company details can be searched remotely, information and transaction costs are reduced. Basic information underlying potential trade or business dealings—for example, whether an entity has the legal authority to commit to an export contract or whether a particular company is in good financial standing—can be obtained quickly. The majority of the business registries in the economies covered by *Doing Business* share some company information online. Business registries in OECD high-income

economies publish most of the information collected on their websites.

The business registry information most widely available online includes the name of the company, its identification number, its legal address and the year the company was incorporated. The most basic information—the company name—is the information most commonly made available online. The names of existing companies are available online in 62% of economies covered by *Doing Business*, primarily because a company name must be verified before it can be registered as a new business. The business registries in all OECD high-income economies offer online company name search. In contrast, business registries in fewer than 10 economies in Sub-Saharan Africa—including Nigeria and Rwanda—offer this service (figure 4.2). More detailed information—such as information on a firm's shareholders, directors or beneficial ownership—is less commonly made available online.

Information on a company's directors, shareholders and beneficial owners is particularly important because it allows both business representatives and private individuals to identify the ownership of companies with which they may choose to do business or invest. In some

**FIGURE 4.2** Company name search is mostly done in person in Sub-Saharan Africa

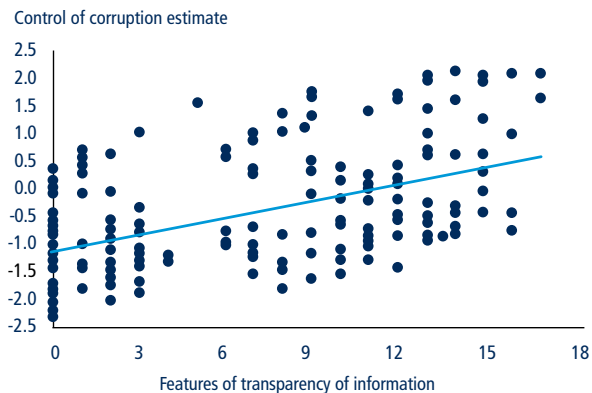


Source: *Doing Business* database.

regions, however, this information is either not available or can only be obtained in person. In South Asia, for example, business registries in 75% of economies only allow information about shareholders to be made available in person. In contrast, less than 20% of economies in Europe and Central Asia require that those seeking this information appear in person at the business registry; in the vast majority of economies in this region, shareholder information can be obtained online. In Sub-Saharan Africa, business registries in 77% of economies do not make the names of registered companies available online. In East Asia and the Pacific, one-third of economies do not publish the legal address or the names of company directors online. This type of information would allow a company, before doing business with an individual, to verify, for example, whether that person is a legitimate company representative.

Even when business registry information is published online, it is not always provided free of charge or made easily searchable. In many economies, online access to company information is only available after preregistration or the payment of a subscription fee, limiting the information to those people who can pay for it. In contrast, Denmark and the

**FIGURE 4.3** Higher levels of transparency at the business registry are associated with higher overall levels of transparency in an economy



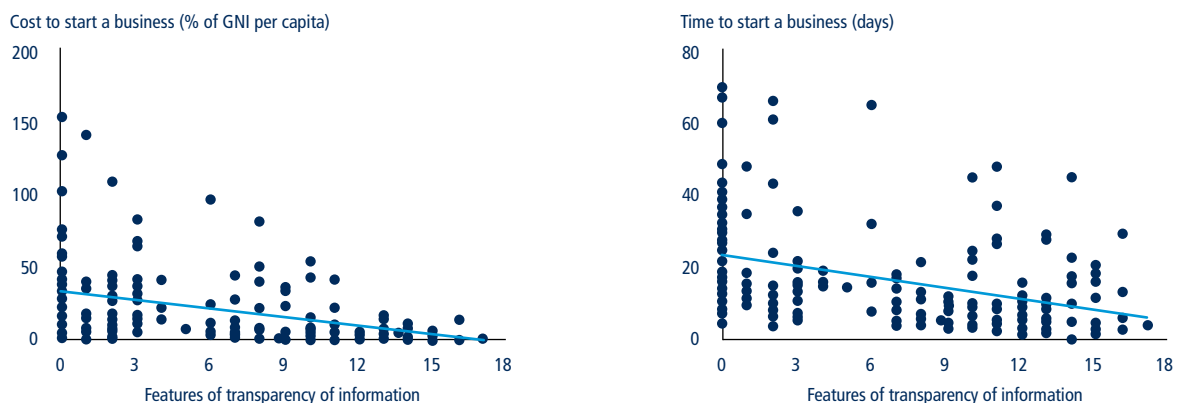
Sources: *Doing Business* database; Worldwide Governance Indicators (<https://www.govindicators.org>), World Bank. Note: The Worldwide Governance Indicators control of corruption indicator captures perceptions of the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, including both petty and grand forms of corruption, as well as “capture” of the state by elites and private interests. Estimate gives the economy’s score on the aggregate indicator in units of a standard normal distribution, ranging from approximately -2.5 to 2.5, with higher values representing lower corruption perceptions. The features of transparency of information range from 0 (not transparent) to 18 (transparent). The sample includes 189 economies covered by both *Doing Business* and the control of corruption estimate (data on control of corruption estimate not available for San Marino). The relationship is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita.

United Kingdom publish their entire business registry database free of charge.<sup>9</sup> The presentation of the information can also be a barrier. If data are available only through record-by-record searches, for example, a person must begin their search with the company name or identification number to access information about it.

## HOW IS TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH EFFICIENCY AND CORRUPTION?

Business registries facilitate the operation of firms in the formal economy and they are often the first public institution

**FIGURE 4.4** The time and cost to start a business tend to be lower in economies with higher transparency of information at the business registry



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The cost of starting a business is recorded as percentage of GNI per capita. The time required to start a business is recorded in calendar days. The features of transparency of information range from 0 (not transparent) to 18 (transparent). Samples include 185 and 184 economies after the five highest cost estimates and the six highest time estimates are removed as outliers, respectively. The relationship between the cost of starting a business and the features of transparency of information is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita. The same applies when the analysis is done using the time to start a business.

with which entrepreneurs interact. This first interaction can have a formative impact on the entrepreneur's perception of the efficacy of the public administration. Indeed, the level of transparency and trust in an economy has been shown to be highly correlated with the level of transparency of information at the business registry (figure 4.3). When business registry information is easily accessible and can be searched remotely, it can facilitate business transactions by removing unnecessary steps and reducing transactions costs.

The level of transparency of information at business registries is also associated with the time and cost to start a business. Data show that, on average, economies with greater transparency of information tend to have faster and less costly processes for starting a business (figure 4.4). In economies where official information on how to incorporate a business is not made readily available, entrepreneurs may have to seek legal advice from third parties or visit various government offices to find reliable information. In contrast, when the information is consolidated and easily obtained, entrepreneurs can spend less time and money finding it; they can dedicate more time to running their business.

Transparency can be approached from multiple aspects. Beyond providing readily available and reliable information about existing companies, it is important that entrepreneurs can openly access information about the requirements to establish a business (such as a list of required documents, fee schedules and services standards). When public access to information on company incorporation requirements is limited, it can represent a substantial obstacle to entrepreneurs who want to start a business. However, when transparency is a priority for business registries and all requirements are made public, more firms are able to enter the formal sector. If anyone can easily obtain transparent information before a business transaction, it can increase the ability of companies to conduct proper Know-Your-Client procedures, raising the level of trust in transactions and counterparts. Easy access to relevant information is also correlated with increased transparency of interactions with public officials. *Doing Business* data show that economies with transparent business registries tend to have lower incidences of bribery, both asked and given (figure 4.5). Transparent information provides citizens with the data they need to hold their counterparts accountable and improves trust in public agencies (including business

registries), particularly when transparency is conveyed on multiple levels (such as clearly stating business registration fees and the expected time to receive incorporation documents).

## CONCLUSION

The transparency of the information provided by the business registry plays a vital role in an economy. Transparent business registries reduce information asymmetry among entrepreneurs and broaden the pool of potential investors by reducing the need for personal connections. Transparency can also raise the accountability of public officials and strengthen trust in public agencies. In the past decade, government agencies around the world have used technology to increase the transparency of public services. Technology can be utilized by governments to improve transparency of company ownership and the procedures to start a business. This case study has shown that the public availability of information on company ownership and starting a business is associated with an increase in an economy's overall level of transparency, an increase in the efficiency of business registration and a decrease in bribery.

**FIGURE 4.5** Levels of bribery tend to be lower in economies with higher transparency of information at the business registry



Sources: *Doing Business* database; Transparency International database (<https://www.transparency.org>).

Note: The features of the transparency of information range from 0 (not transparent) to 18 (transparent). The samples include 100 and 89 economies covered by both the *Doing Business* database and the Transparency International database. The relationships are significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita.

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## NOTES

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# Dealing with Construction Permits

## Private sector participation in construction regulation

The world has witnessed an unparalleled expansion of cities in recent decades. The urban population of developing economies is projected to double by 2030, while the area covered by cities could triple.<sup>1</sup> In tandem with this trend, the construction industry is forecast to grow by more than 70%,<sup>2</sup> reaching \$15 trillion by 2025.<sup>3</sup> With the population of cities rising around the world, municipal authorities are struggling to keep up with increased demand for their services. In developing economies, in particular, building departments operating under tight budgets and resource constraints are finding it increasingly difficult to enforce building codes, ensure that quality standards are met and adhere to efficient service delivery processing times.

In some economies, local municipalities have partnered with the private sector to supplement their strained capacity to oversee construction. However, faster and more efficient services provided by third-party inspectors inevitably cost more. *Doing Business* data show that the need to hire qualified third-party professionals on construction projects raises the cost of regulatory compliance by 1% on average in lower-middle-income economies and by 1.3% on average in upper-middle-income economies. The average cost of regulatory compliance in low-income economies without third-party involvement is 7.8% lower; the tradeoff is that it takes longer than in those with third-party involvement.

The use of independent, private-sector entities in construction regulation has provided a conduit for the increased participation of the private sector in the regulatory process and—when appropriate safeguards are in place—has offered an innovative way of addressing regulatory gaps. Low compensation for public sector regulators has resulted in a scarcity of qualified building professionals in

local governments. Hiring private sector experts has addressed this critical gap while improving the efficiency of the regulatory process. When it solicits the experts of private third-party engineering and architectural firms, the public sector taps into specialized skills that enable more robust compliance checks. These firms play a key role in monitoring the enforcement of building regulations and ensuring adherence to adequate standards of quality control at various stages of construction.

Initially pioneered in high-income economies—such as Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom—the trend toward involving private third-party engineers or specialized construction firms in public service delivery has been gradually gaining traction in lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income economies. Modern construction systems increasingly involve licensed or approved private engineers or firms, often enabled by the municipality and local enforcement agencies, to fulfill a building control function. Indeed, data show that 93 out of the 190 economies covered by *Doing Business* use



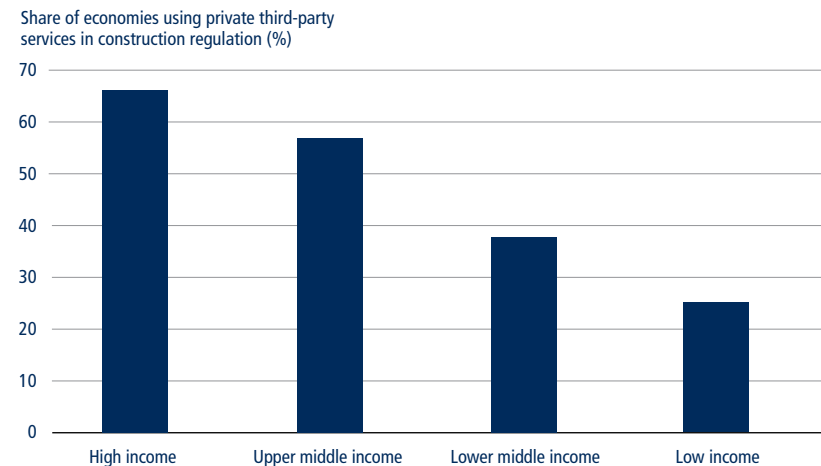
- Involving private sector engineers or firms in construction regulation is a trend that has been gaining traction in economies around the world.
- Some form of private sector participation in construction regulation is employed in 93 of the 190 economies covered by *Doing Business*.
- Private sector participation in building regulatory processes has shown positive results in achieving regulatory goals. However, the delegation of authority from the public to the private sector has generated significant challenges.
- Economies that employ some form of private sector involvement in construction regulation tend to have more efficient processes and better quality controls. Yet, they also exhibit higher costs and a propensity for conflicts of interest.
- The policy choice to integrate private sector entities in construction regulation should be accompanied by appropriate safeguards that favor the public interest over private profits.

some form of private third-party service in construction regulation. Of high-income and upper-middle-income economies, 66.1% and 56.9%, respectively, use third-party services in construction regulation, while 37.7% of lower-middle-income economies use third-party services. In contrast, only 25% of low-income economies make use of private third-party services in construction regulation (figure 5.1).

## THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S ROLE IN CONSTRUCTION REGULATION

Over the past two decades, several models of private sector participation in building regulatory processes have emerged in economies around the world. Private participation in construction regimes can range from a very limited role for the private sector—such as in the Arab Republic of Egypt, where the Syndicate of Licensed Engineers merely certifies the qualifications of the supervising engineer—to a more comprehensive role where a private firm has complete authority over the entire process—such as in Australia, where private building surveyors directly oversee building design, control and inspection. In the United Kingdom, builders are given the option of either working with an approved private inspector or completing the required procedures with the public authorities. In other economies, such as France and the Republic of Congo, building controls are associated with an insurance-driven regulatory regime in which insurance and warranty firms engage private inspection firms in third-party reviews. While these two economies share the same insurance regime, there is a large disparity in terms of their performance on the quality control index, where France scores significantly higher than the Republic of Congo. At least two parties are held liable for any construction failure for a period of 10 years in 32% of high-income economies allowing third-party involvement, but this figure falls to just 9% for

**FIGURE 5.1** Private third-party services are more commonly used in construction regulation in high-income and upper-middle-income economies



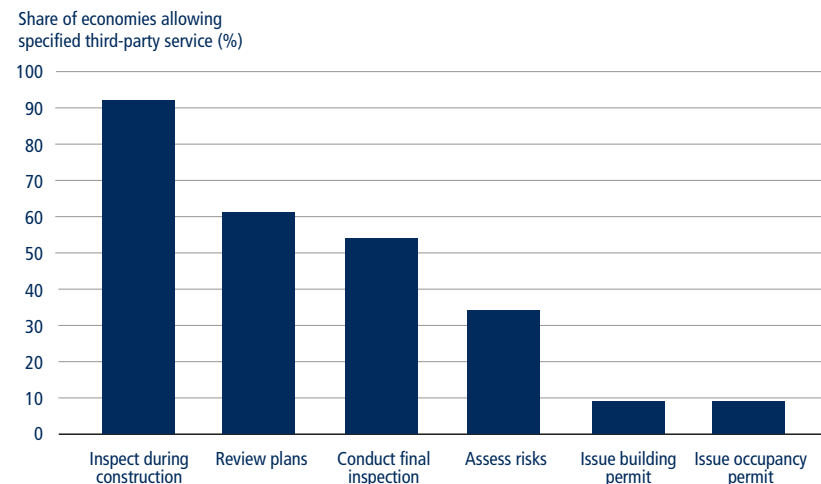
Source: *Doing Business* database.

low-income economies. Under this legal framework, only buildings deemed safe by independent third-party entities can be insured by an insurance company.

The degree to which the private sector is engaged in regulatory activities varies significantly across economies (figure 5.2). However, the primary function of private third-party entities involved in construction regulation tends to focus on

building inspections during project execution, as is the case in 92% of economies with private participation mechanisms. Of these economies, 61% engage private entities in reviewing building plans, 54% in conducting final inspections upon the completion of construction and 33% in conducting risk assessments of projects. Nonetheless, the issuance of building and occupancy permits remains largely under the purview of local authorities with only

**FIGURE 5.2** Almost all economies employing private-sector regulatory support allow third-party inspections during construction



Source: *Doing Business* database.

9% of economies delegating these regulatory roles to the private sector.

## BENEFITS OF THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION REGULATION

Economies can reap numerous benefits when private sector involvement is carefully implemented within a coherent regulatory framework. In most EU economies, there has been a complete shift from public to private governance mechanisms in building regulation, reflecting a desire to improve the quality of regulation, reduce the administrative burden for applicants and support a greater focus on risk mitigation.<sup>4</sup>

Public-private collaboration on construction regulation has shown positive results including improved compliance with building regulations, more rigorous quality control throughout the project lifecycle and better processing efficiency. *Doing Business* data show that private third-party involvement is associated with better building quality in construction as measured by the building quality control index.<sup>5</sup> Private sector involvement in construction regulation can support the enforcement of building codes and other applicable regulations. It effectively promotes compliance with the existing legal framework, particularly in economies where clear, transparent rules and specific technical instructions are prescribed.

Economies that integrated the private sector into regulatory functions decades ago have seen notable improvements in building quality control. Japan, for example, suffers from an extremely high exposure to natural hazards such as typhoons and earthquakes. The authorities reformed building regulations in 1998 by introducing private third-party services to significantly expand its capacity to carry out building inspections. By doing so, it managed to increase the rate of final inspections to more than 90% in 2016

compared with just 40% before June 2000. By establishing a successful regulatory system that relies on third-party checks, Japan increased its capacity to detect deficiencies in building design and construction, offering timely and appropriate remedies. Private third-party firms now play an instrumental and dominant role in inspection works (figure 5.3).

Similarly, to improve the energy efficiency of its large stock of new buildings, in 2005 the Chinese government introduced an innovative private third-party mechanism to carry out compliance checks of green building code provisions, effectively tapping a vast and readily-available pool of private sector expertise. Five years after the reform, compliance rates with regulatory requirements had effectively doubled.<sup>6</sup>

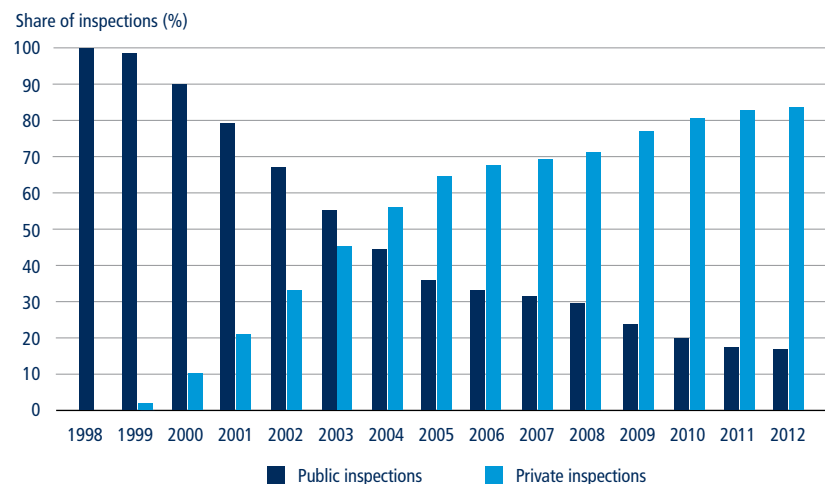
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia initiated sweeping construction reforms in 2007/08 mandating the use of private engineers licensed by the Chamber of Engineers to undertake independent building plan reviews. Since then, FYR Macedonia has seen significant improvements in the efficiency of construction regulation as measured by *Doing Business*. The tradeoff has been an increase

in regulatory cost (figure 5.4). Even the Netherlands—one of the few EU economies that has maintained exclusive public enforcement of building regulation—is now preparing to shift toward a more hybrid system of enforcement involving private third-party mechanisms.

Introducing private third-party involvement in construction regimes can also expand regulatory capacity through efficiency gains. The use of private sector third-party services allows for the flexibility to hire specialized expertise that is usually scarce in local municipal governments, particularly in low- and middle-income economies. Local governments are often subject to hiring restrictions and operate with less competitive pay scales that limit their capacity to hire well-qualified staff or contain the high level of staff turnover. These limitations are usually compounded by a wide range of factors, including inadequate local tax bases to fund service delivery, limited transfers from national governments and institutional capacity constraints.

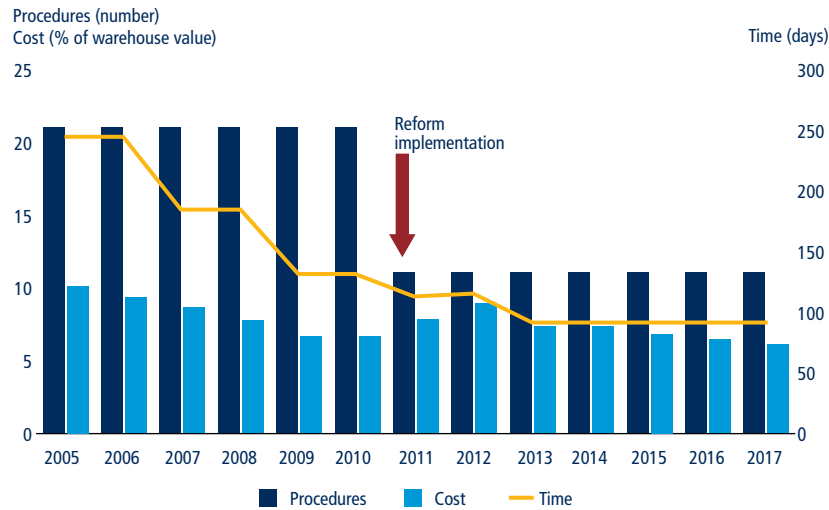
*Doing Business* data show that the process of dealing with construction permits tends to be faster in economies with private participation in construction

**FIGURE 5.3** Private third-party inspection firms have become instrumental players in Japan



Source: Japan, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism database (<http://www.mlit.go.jp>).

**FIGURE 5.4** FYR Macedonia reduced the number of procedures and time it takes to build a warehouse following the introduction of private third-party building plan review



Source: Doing Business database.

regulation. High-income economies employing private sector regulatory support experience time savings of up to 60 days on average compared to economies that do not rely on third-party participation. Private sector involvement in building control activities has the potential to promote administrative efficiency, which in turn results in favorable economic outcomes. A study of the economic impact of expediting permit processing reveals that improving administrative efficiency results in a 16.5% increase in property tax collection, a 5.7% increase in construction spending and a 0.6% increase in the rate of financial return for the investor.<sup>7</sup> In contrast, regulatory delays could undermine the profitability of building projects,<sup>8</sup> adding a financial burden that amounts to 5% of total construction costs incurred by developers<sup>9</sup> and reducing the likelihood of further investment.

Economies with the least efficient construction permitting procedures have enforcement systems that rely exclusively on public authorities. Conversely, some economies that have transitioned from a public approach to a more open system involving partnerships with the private sector have experienced significant

gains in efficiency. The planning office in Bogotá, Colombia, for example, reduced the average time needed to process a construction permit from three years in 1995 to 73 days in 2012 after it began using private professionals to carry out plan reviews and issue building permits. Given the successful integration of third-party professionals in building control activities, the authorities are now considering extending the use of specialized engineers to building inspections, which remain under the jurisdiction of local public officials.

## CHALLENGES OF THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION REGULATION

Models of private sector participation in construction regimes vary. While third-party involvement in construction regulation can facilitate doing business in the construction industry by reducing the burden on local authorities, it comes with tradeoffs—including higher construction costs. Privatization of public services should be implemented carefully, with due regard to standards

of transparency and accountability. The delegation of such a key regulatory mandate to the private sector should always be coupled with strict oversight safeguards designed to hold public interest above private profits.

For the private sector to successfully assume such an important regulatory role, a robust vetting system should be in place. Private third-party entities carrying out controls on construction are entrusted to promote compliance with building codes and regulations and enforce rigorous safeguards in favor of the public interest. For such an arrangement to work as intended, the public sector should regulate private third-party professionals and firms. Public sector agencies do so by enforcing professional certification criteria that render individuals and firms eligible to take on a regulatory mandate. Insufficient qualifications of private individuals or firms would undermine the objective of such a regulatory mechanism as the quality of service provided by these professionals would fail to meet the required standards of safety.

Economies with third-party involvement in regulatory functions often adopt specific standards of eligibility for private sector entities to be able to fulfill such a critical regulatory role. These standards typically include a minimum number of years of professional experience, certification by a recognized professional body and proof of performance on previous contracts. When private certification requirements were not properly implemented in New Zealand in the 1990s, the authorities quickly abandoned the shift to private sector building controls and reverted to the traditional public sector regulatory role. New Zealand's attempt to adopt third-party inspections failed due to the lack of strong regulatory safeguards. This resulted in the "leaky building syndrome." In 2008, the cost to repair 42,000 leaky buildings was estimated around 11.3 billion New Zealand dollars (approximately \$8.3 billion).<sup>10</sup> Third-party involvement in construction regulation holds the



promise of improving the regulatory framework, but it could also result in unintended adverse consequences if inadequately implemented. Although 22.2% of high-income economies with third-party involvement covered by *Doing Business* have standard eligibility requirements—including number of years of experience, a university degree and proof of performance on similar projects—only 3.3% of low-income economies require these standard qualifications.

Certifying agencies are mandated with monitoring the enforcement of professional standards. Government agencies represent the largest share of certifying bodies (68.5%) in those economies covered by *Doing Business*, followed by the national order of engineers (19.6%) and other independent bodies (13%) (table 5.1). In the United States, professional certification for third-party services is provided by the International Code Council (ICC), a non-governmental organization. Japan and China, by contrast, host this important function under central ministerial authorities.<sup>11</sup> The United Kingdom has mandated an independent organization—the Construction Industry Council—to administer the registration system for Approved Inspectors (AIs).

Having strict qualification standards in place is an essential and necessary element of a third-party regulatory regime, but this alone is insufficient to ensure that qualified professionals are delivering a satisfactory service. Special attention should be given to the effective enforcement of these professional certification

requirements. This may entail the introduction of oversight mechanisms, a liability and insurance regime and a disciplinary framework that accompanies the transfer of regulatory authority from public officials to third-party entities as part of an essential quality assurance mechanism of third-party providers. China, for example, directed the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development to certify private third-party companies to carry out compliance checks of green building code provisions. The ministry maintains a comprehensive online public database that contains information on certified third-party firms. It requires the management of construction inspection companies to maintain accountability and quality of service, enforcing penalties when violations are discovered by regular inspections of third-party firms.

When the regulatory framework clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of private service providers, third-party entities are aware of their rights and obligations under the law and can exercise their authority within a legally transparent environment. Furthermore, accountability provisions governing conflicts of interest should be put in place to minimize their incidence and promote unbiased and independent regulatory control. Regulations in 76% of economies that make use of third-party inspectors explicitly require the independence of third-party inspectors; they should have no financial interests in the project and should not be related to the investor or builder.

Without strong liability and insurance regimes and rigorous professional certification mechanisms, third-party involvement in construction regulation can become inefficient or fail to ensure high quality building standards. Moreover, builders could incur the high costs that often accompany private-sector regulatory control without fully benefiting from the advantages that this control is intended to offer. Some economies regulate the cost of such services to

acceptable levels by enforcing fee schedules (within suggested industry guidelines) or by requiring fewer external professionals to be engaged by investors or local construction companies. In the Republic of Korea, for example, an independent third-party may not charge more than 1.29% of the estimated construction cost, in accordance with the Regulation for Scope of Architect Services and Fee Standard. In other economies, the local building authority either conducts all construction oversight or absorbs the cost of engaging external third-party professionals in the process through outsourcing. In South Africa, local authorities can temporarily appoint external building inspectors to conduct inspections on behalf of the local authority.

## CONCLUSION

Sound construction regulation can save human lives, improve health and safety and support a prosperous and sustainable building sector and economy.<sup>12</sup> It can help facilitate doing business by safeguarding lucrative investments, strengthening property rights and protecting the public from faulty building practices. Private sector involvement in the enforcement of building regulations has shown positive results in achieving regulatory goals.<sup>13</sup> However, several challenges should be addressed before a policy of private sector involvement in construction regulation is pursued. The transfer of authority from the public to the private sphere could undermine the public interest. Public-private collaboration in building regulation has delivered successful results when authorities have enforced strict qualification requirements, effective oversight mechanisms and provisions on conflicts of interest, among other fundamental safeguards. A wealth of peer experience accumulated over the past 20 years is now available to economies considering integrating third-party entities in construction regulation.

**TABLE 5.1** Distribution of certifying bodies for third-party entities involved in construction regulation

Certification agency for third-party entities in construction	Number of economies
Government	63
Order of architects or engineers	18
Other independent body	12

Source: *Doing Business* database.

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# Registering Property

## Using information to curb corruption

Transparency is a key element of the quality of land administration systems. Transparency eliminates asymmetrical information between users and officials with respect to services provided by the land administration, thereby increasing the efficiency of the real estate market. Transparent systems also strengthen public confidence in governments and facilitate substantial reductions in the cost of doing business.

In 2013 Transparency International reported that one in five users of land services globally claimed to have paid a bribe for services such as registering a land title or obtaining updated property ownership information. The prevalence of bribery in the land sector creates a substantial informal cost for those trying to register or transfer land. For those unable to afford illegal payments, it can also reduce access to land administration services, hindering property registration and increasing land tenure informality. In addition to bribes, corruption can take the form of land record fraud or alteration, land document forgery and multiple allocations of the same plot of land. Officials may also leverage their position to benefit from parties with an interest in acquiring, disposing of and developing land.<sup>1</sup>

Integral components of a transparent and efficient land administration system include easy access to clear and credible information on property ownership, open public access to information on procedures and fees for public services as well as active public dissemination of regulations affecting land rights. These measures can reduce corruption and increase accountability of land administration authorities.<sup>2</sup>

As a component of its registering property indicator set, *Doing Business* has measured the transparency of land administration systems for the past four years.<sup>3</sup> This research has focused on whether information concerning the ownership and physical location of a property is public, whether essential information on the property transfer process is made accessible, if there is an independent and specific complaint mechanism to respond to issues raised by land registry users and whether statistics on property transfers in the largest business city of an economy are published.<sup>4</sup>

Since 2013, 25 economies have improved transparency by launching websites, publishing fee schedules, setting time limits and implementing specific complaint mechanisms. Senegal introduced a comprehensive website for its land administration system, which includes a list of procedures, required documents, service standards and official fees to complete any property transaction.<sup>5</sup> Similarly, Qatar and Guyana have increased transparency in their land administration systems by expanding web-based land administration portals to include dedicated and comprehensive sections on the services provided.<sup>6,7</sup>



- Transparency of information provided by land administration systems can reduce transaction costs and facilitate investment in immovable property.
- In economies where information on fee schedules and documentary requirements is easily available, the process of completing property transfers tends to be more efficient.
- Since 2013, 25 economies have become more transparent by launching websites, publishing fee schedules, setting time limits and implementing specific complaint mechanisms.
- In 51 economies, the only way to obtain information about documentary requirements for property registration is by having an in-person interaction with a public official.
- Property-specific and independent complaint mechanisms are not common around the globe, indicating an area for improvement to increase transparency.
- A transparent land administration system reduces opportunities for corruption.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION DURING DUE DILIGENCE

Information on the property, the parties and the transfer process is fundamental for a property transaction to occur. Buyers and sellers will only be able to make informed decisions when this information is widely available, either at a low cost or free of charge. The parties should know the costs, required documents and the expected duration of the transfer process before the transaction takes place. Although these conditions are necessary for a sound land administration, whether an agency can deliver its services with efficiency and accountability depends on other variables such as the capacity and reliability of its infrastructure.

Around the world, 158 economies publish fee schedules for services offered at the land registry. If a fee schedule is public, it is also likely to be available online. In 131 economies, this information can be accessed through a dedicated website. Although the use of online platforms is common in high-income economies—where 80% publish fees on websites—only a third of low-income economies have such portals. One example is Zimbabwe. In 2016, the economy launched an official website that includes a list of documents and fees required to complete a land transaction, as well as a specific time frame for delivering legally-binding documents proving property ownership.

The documentary requirements for land registration should also be made available to the public. Parties involved in a property transaction can streamline their interactions with the agency in charge of property registration if they know beforehand what documents they will be required to submit. This greatly reduces the risk of unforeseen delays or obstacles to submitting a property transfer—including the incidence of informal payments. When the list of required documents is public and complete, for example, the likelihood that the parties would be requested to come back with additional documents is reduced, expediting the registration process.

Transparency of documentary requirements may also simplify a transaction by potentially reducing the need to resort to third-party professionals to prepare a property transfer application (figure 6.1). In 51 economies, the only way to obtain information about documentary requirements for property registration is by having an in-person interaction with a public official. In Zambia, for example, where the list of required documents is not publicly available, a lawyer is hired to complete most of the property transfer steps for a commercial warehouse, costing an entrepreneur an additional 2.5% of the property value.

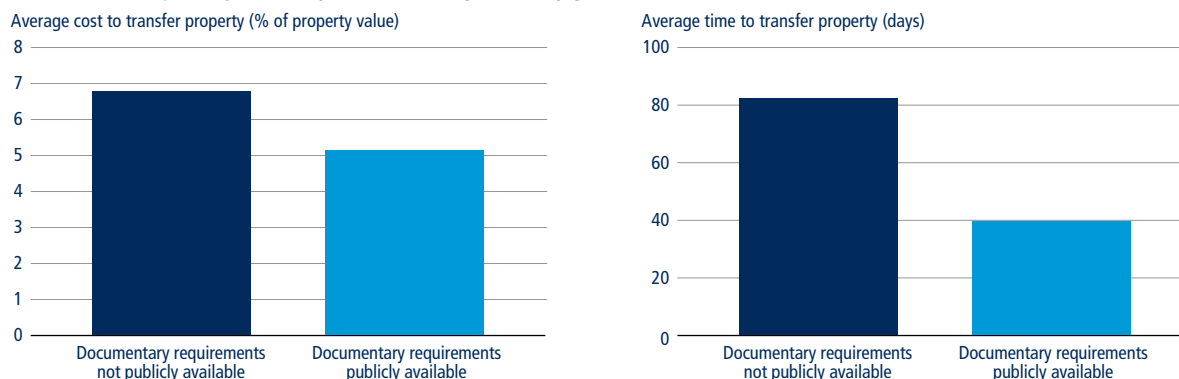
To promote full transparency, in addition to document and fee schedules, all services provided by land registries—such as title search, ownership certificate or

transfer of ownership—should be clearly specified, including the timeframes for their completion. This allows the public to know beforehand what level of service they can expect to receive, how much it will cost and how long it will take. Moreover, by providing clear public guidelines, governments set the standard for accountability of services offered by their land administration systems. Land registry services that lack established timeframes for completion can foster corruption in the form of bribes. An official might purposely delay registration, for example, to encourage clients to make facilitation payments to accelerate the process. Furthermore, in the absence of enforced time limits, land registry users are unable to monitor the status of their transactions.

Service standards at land registries are rare. Land registry users are not aware of any specific time limits promulgated by law in 122 economies covered by *Doing Business*. In addition, economies that do not establish service standards, such as specific time limits, tend to complete property transfers less efficiently (figure 6.2).

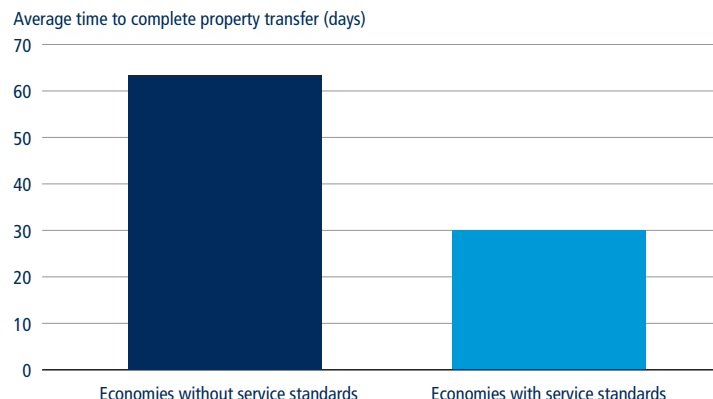
The Land Revenues Office charter, published in June 2013 by Nepal's Department of Land Reform and Management, provides a good example of how to set effective time limits. The charter contains a comprehensive list of services provided by the Land Revenue Office, the list of documents needed to

**FIGURE 6.1** Transparency in land systems can bring efficiency gains



Source: *Doing Business* database.

**FIGURE 6.2** Economies that publish effective time limits tend to be more efficient in completing property transfers



Source: *Doing Business* database.

complete each service, the applicable fees and the effective deadline within which the agency commits to deliver specific services. Similarly, the government of Thailand established a one-day service standard to register property transactions. To comply with this commitment, the number of staff is determined based on the average number of transactions, preventing delays.<sup>8</sup>

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION DURING A PROPERTY TRANSACTION

Land administration is defined by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as “the processes of determining, recording and disseminating information about the ownership, value and use of land when implementing land management policies.”<sup>9</sup> One of the major roles of a land registry is to make land transactions public. By doing so, it safeguards the interests of all parties involved in sales or leases.

When parties engage in a property transaction, it is essential that they obtain legally reliable information regarding the actual property involved in the transaction. The availability of information on the property—as well as

its owners or creditors—helps to eliminate uncertainty over property rights or obligations that may encumber the property. In the absence of any public records or any related rights to a property, the transaction costs can become overwhelming, risking that ownership becomes untraceable.

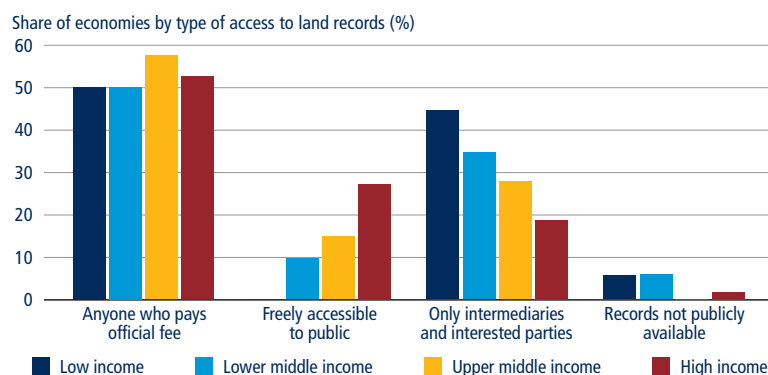
In 127 of the 190 economies covered by *Doing Business*, the information recorded by the land registry is openly available to the public. In the remaining economies, mainly because of privacy concerns, only owners or third parties who prove legitimate interest can access the information

kept in the land registry. In those economies, parties must hire an authorized professional to obtain ownership information, making the process more burdensome. In both cases, the agency in charge of registering immovable property can reject applications to access and retrieve ownership information on a discretionary basis. Public access should be embedded in land administration systems.

Among the economies covered by *Doing Business*, more than 70% of upper-middle-income and high-income economies make information on property ownership available to the public, whether for a nominal fee or free of charge. By contrast, only 50% of low-income economies open their records on land ownership to the public. Globally, information about land ownership is restricted to intermediaries and interested parties in 31% of economies. In 27 out of 190 economies—including Chile, Poland and the United States—this information is freely available (figure 6.3).

Because cadastral maps do not usually contain any personal information about the property owner, privacy concerns do not typically impact mapping agencies. However, the number of economies offering open access to maps is similar to the ones with open ownership information.<sup>10</sup> Overall, among the economies covered by *Doing Business*, 33% do not

**FIGURE 6.3** Citizens in low-income economies have limited access to land ownership information



Source: *Doing Business* database.

make information on land boundaries publicly available. Sweden, on the other hand, has an online system allowing anyone to freely access property ownership information and maps dating back 400 years.<sup>11</sup>

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION AFTER COMPLETION OF A PROPERTY TRANSACTION

After property transactions are completed, it is important to provide citizens with a safe environment where they can register complaints. Unlike courts, an informal structure allows users to be more forthcoming about possible abuses, relieving the courts of additional cases. In addition to allowing citizens to contribute to a better business environment, an independent and specific mechanism for filing complaints would also help governments to track issues and respond accordingly.<sup>12</sup>

Such complaint mechanisms promote three desired outcomes. First, the rights of citizens are safeguarded against any sub-standard service—whether by mistake or fault—provided by the land registry. Consequently, citizens can expect the land registry to provide services in accordance with the applicable rules and service guidelines. Second, citizens can have more confidence in a land tenure governance system where information is transparent and the officials providing land transfer services are held accountable for their actions. Third, candid feedback can help improve the administrative tasks performed by the land registry, resulting in a higher quality of service.

Only 24 economies measured by *Doing Business* have established complaint mechanisms that improve the overall quality of land registries; half of these (12) are OECD high-income economies or East Asia and the Pacific economies. Such complaint mechanisms are not in place in any of the economies of South Asia or the Middle East and North Africa

(figure 6.4). Globally, 22 economies offer complaint mechanisms in their cadastre or mapping agency. *Doing Business* data suggest that this is one of the areas with the most room for improvement worldwide.

An independent and specific complaint mechanism is important in the fight against corruption. A study by Transparency International conducted in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda found that about 90% of respondents that encountered a bribery incident did not report it or make a complaint to any authority or official; the reasons differed from economy to economy. In Kenya, most of the respondents indicated that they did not know where to report the incident, while in Tanzania most felt that no action would be taken to resolve their complaint.<sup>13</sup> As of June 2017 it was possible to file a complaint online in only 19 economies covered by *Doing Business*. The Singapore Land Authority recently introduced a web portal to file complaints about any issues related to their services. The Swedish Land and Cadastral Authority introduced a new mechanism for filing complaints regarding errors identified on maps of land plots.<sup>14</sup> Similarly, Guatemala and Vanuatu have successfully implemented alternative offline solutions. In Guatemala, an agency within the public ministry investigates claims related to the land registry. In 2014 Vanuatu appointed the first Land's

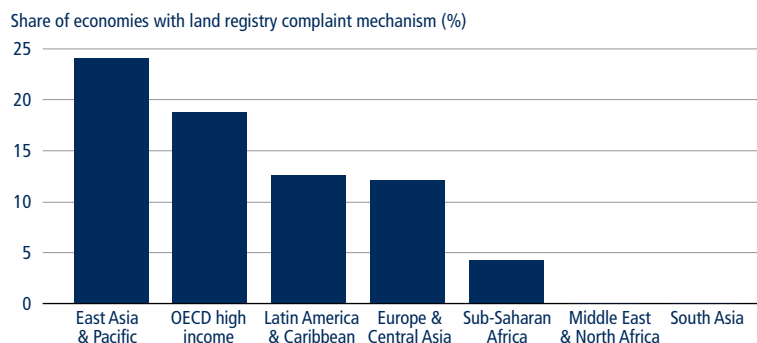
Ombudsman, an official responsible for following up on all complaints, whose duty is to report to the lands ministry as well as the client within 30 days.

Governments can keep their stakeholders engaged by collecting and publishing statistics on land transactions. Transaction statistics benefit regulators as well as the real estate sector, serving as a data analysis tool for policy makers to monitor the real estate market. Currently, 122 economies covered by *Doing Business* publish statistics on land transactions. In Japan, for example, data on land transactions are published monthly at the municipal level. In the United Arab Emirates, numbers on land transactions in Dubai are compiled daily and published on the land registry's web portal.

## REDUCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORRUPTION THROUGH TRANSPARENCY

Transparency in a land administration system provides a defense against bribes intended to expedite the process of registering property, changing a title, acquiring information on land or processing cadastral surveys. Corruption in land administration can result in fraudulent land transfers, undermine public confidence in existing land rights while reducing investment and formal land

**FIGURE 6.4** Most economies do not provide an independent and specific complaint mechanism for land registry issues



Source: *Doing Business* database.

registration.<sup>15</sup> Such corrupt behaviors spur inefficient land ownership, with land being owned by those most able to participate in corrupt activities.<sup>16</sup>

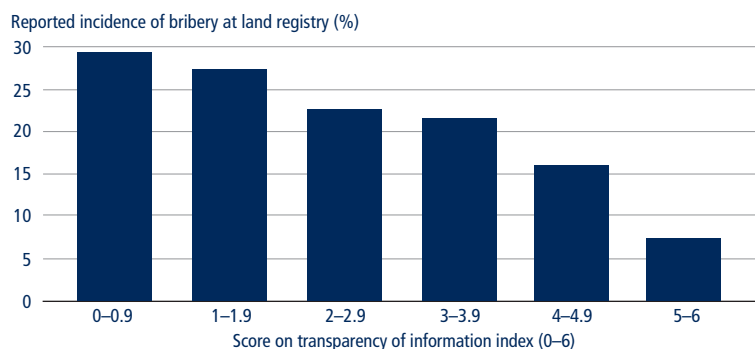
Furthermore, corruption and abuse of power can hinder the development of the real estate market. It can have adverse consequences on the business climate and economic activities by increasing the costs of doing business, thus undermining private sector confidence. High costs, together with inefficient procedures discourage people from registering land transactions, steering them instead into the informal land market. Corruption in land management can have a direct negative impact on business operations.

To be successfully deployed, full-fledged land reforms are time-consuming, costly, demanding an immense effort from governments and stakeholders. But a transparent land administration system—one in which all land-related information is publicly available, all procedures regarding property transactions are clearly documented and information on fees for public services is easy to access—minimizes the opportunities for informal payments and abuses of the system. Indeed, cross-country data show that the greater the quality and transparency of a land administration system, the lower the incidence of bribery at the land registry (figure 6.5).

## CONCLUSION

Transparency is one of the most important tools for combating corruption—it is the basic pillar of enhancing the quality of land administration.<sup>17</sup> Moreover, rather than serving as a complementary tool, transparency should be considered as a key component when designing land policies. It is crucial that citizens have complete access to official land information, regulations and applicable fees. By establishing mechanisms that shield citizens from informal payments or other abuses, governments not only strengthen institutions but also increase the public's

**FIGURE 6.5** A more transparent land administration system is associated with a lower incidence of bribery at the land registry



Sources: *Doing Business* database; Transparency International data (<https://www.transparency.org/gcb2013>).

Note: The analysis is based on data collected for the 95 economies covered in 2013/14 by both *Doing Business* and Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer 2013. The relationship is significant at the 1% level after controlling for income per capita.

confidence in them. Having well-defined rules and standards—in addition to a safe environment to censure wrongdoing—is essential to ensure quality and efficiency in the administration of land tenure rights.

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# Resolving Insolvency

## *The challenges of successfully implementing insolvency reforms*

- Since 2013/14, 19 economies have introduced reorganization procedures and another nine economies have improved their existing procedures. However, making them workable in practice can be challenging.
- France introduced a restructuring procedure—the *procédure de sauvegarde* (safeguard procedure)—in 2005 to enable debtors to prevent economic and financial difficulties. Today, the procedure facilitates business survival in three out of four initiated cases.
- Slovenia brought its legal framework closer to international good practices in 2013. Greater access to the reorganization procedures for creditors has been accompanied by an impressive survival rate of viable companies.
- Although it took some time for stakeholders in Thailand to get accustomed to reorganization procedures, filings at the Central Bankruptcy Court increased steadily from 1% of total insolvency cases in 2011 to almost 9% in 2016.

Access to finance is key to the development of the private sector. Lenders need tools to assess not only the risk of non-repayment but also what happens if a debtor cannot repay debts as they mature. A good insolvency framework—one with clear rules, that efficiently rehabilitates viable companies and liquidates non-viable ones—provides entrepreneurs and lenders with tools to evaluate the consequences of a worst-case scenario.

Existing literature shows that legal protection of creditors and efficient enforcement are conducive to larger and more developed capital markets and that there is a link between insolvency reforms and access to credit.<sup>1</sup> The specific features of an economy's insolvency regime and its enforcement are important aspects for the legal protection of creditors. Several studies show that reforms strengthening the insolvency framework may reduce the cost of credit, increase the level of credit and lower interest rates on large loans.<sup>2</sup> A study on the 2005 Brazilian bankruptcy reform found a reduction in the cost of debt together with a significant increase in the amount of total and long-term debt.<sup>3</sup> A more recent study found that the same reform led to an increase in secured loans, as well as an increase in investment and value of output in the years after the reform in Brazilian municipalities with less-congested courts.<sup>4</sup> Another study shows that, across a sample of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, efficient bankruptcy procedures are associated with a higher proportion of new bank loans to large firms.<sup>5</sup>

Other studies show that insolvency reforms that introduce or promote reorganization procedures through the adoption of several international good practices

may decrease the failure rate of insolvent firms. Research on the 1999 Colombian bankruptcy reform shows that by reducing reorganization costs through, for example, streamlining the reorganization process and establishing mandatory deadlines on the length of proceedings, the new law enabled viable companies to reorganize and inefficient ones to liquidate (this was not possible before the reform).<sup>6</sup>

*Doing Business* tracks insolvency reforms across 190 economies. Since *Doing Business 2005*, 110 economies have introduced 205 changes aimed at facilitating the efficient resolution of corporate insolvency. This case study uses the specific examples of France, Slovenia and Thailand to illustrate successful insolvency reforms that can inspire similar efforts elsewhere.

### **HOW HAVE ECONOMIES REFORMED THEIR INSOLVENCY SYSTEMS?**

Insolvency laws have traditionally focused on enabling the swift liquidation of insolvent companies while organizing the repayment of creditors. The focus of modern insolvency regimes has been to offer restructuring tools to companies that are economically viable but face temporary



financial distress in order to maintain the business activity. Recent reform efforts around the world have introduced this modern feature to insolvency frameworks while also allowing the speedy liquidation of nonviable businesses.

In 2013/14, the resolving insolvency indicators started measuring whether insolvency laws complied with certain international standards, including access to reorganization proceedings for debtors and creditors. Since then, the most common type of reform recorded by the indicators has been the introduction of or improvements to reorganization procedures. During this period, 19 economies introduced reorganization procedures and another nine economies improved their existing procedures.<sup>7</sup>

Providing creditors with greater access to and participation in insolvency proceedings has been another common area of reform. Economies including Cyprus, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Mozambique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland and Uganda have implemented reforms in this direction. Enabling creditors' meaningful participation in the process can make them more cooperative and less litigious, and it can result in shorter proceedings.

Many factors, however, can make it challenging to implement insolvency reforms. Doing so requires not only the adoption of an insolvency law or amendments to existing legislation but also changes to regulation to make the law workable in practice. An insolvency law often requires setting up new structures under the regulatory framework such as, for example, a professional body of insolvency administrators. Successful implementation also requires the buy-in and active participation of the judiciary.

## WHAT DID SUCCESSFUL REFORMERS DO DIFFERENTLY?

*Doing Business* has recorded several notable insolvency reforms. However, France, Slovenia and Thailand were

selected for this case study because they implemented insolvency reforms that brought them closer to internationally-recognized good practices—particularly through the introduction and improvement of restructuring procedures (table 7.1). There is also a significant amount of information available on the evolution of court procedures following these reforms. Business reorganization has become an increasingly utilized option for viable firms in financial distress in all three countries.

### The case of France

Since the 1980s France has regularly assessed and updated its insolvency legal framework to encourage business rescue. In the mid-1980s—when the number of firms declaring bankruptcy doubled compared to the previous decade—liquidation was the only option available to companies in financial distress. The number of business liquidations rose from 11,000 in 1970 to 25,000 in 1984. Members of the legislature realized that some of these companies could have been saved had they been given the tools to restructure. The legislature subsequently adopted three laws in 1985 with the objective of saving viable businesses. A reorganization procedure, open to debtors in cessation of payments that had a prospect of survival, was introduced.

Many companies, however, still ended up stopping operations and being liquidated, mainly because they began the reorganization process when their financial situation was already severely compromised. In response, the government amended the insolvency law in 2005 to focus on preventing firms' economic and financial difficulties. A new restructuring tool—the *procédure de sauvegarde* (safeguard procedure)—was introduced. It allowed debtors that are facing difficulties (but which have not yet ceased payments) to apply for court protection while they negotiate a restructuring plan with creditors.

Contrary to initial expectations, the safeguard procedure was not widely used. When the procedure became available for the first time in 2006, only 509 safeguard applications were filed (compared to 16,046 judicial reorganizations and 31,045 judicial liquidations).<sup>8</sup> One reason was that the criteria required to initiate the safeguard procedure were too strict. Debtors had to demonstrate that they were facing difficulties that would result in insolvency, which was challenging. Another reason was that the law did not clearly stipulate which party—the company managers or the court-appointed administrator—was responsible for the preparation of the safeguard plan, an issue which could deter managers from starting the proceedings.

**TABLE 7.1** France, Slovenia and Thailand successfully implemented insolvency reforms

Country	Motivation	Reform content	Outcome
France	High number of bankruptcy cases; no possibility for companies to reorganize prior to the reform	Starting in 1985, introduced restructuring procedures with focus on preventing firms economic and financial difficulties	Increased number of initiated and successful reorganization cases
Slovenia	High number of insolvent companies as a result of the 2008 global financial crisis; features of restructuring procedures not suited; no preventive procedures available	Starting in 2008, introduced preventive restructuring procedure for medium and large-size companies and simplified reorganization procedure for micro and small-size companies; improved access to reorganization proceedings for creditors	Increased number of initiated and successful reorganization cases
Thailand	High number of non-performing loans in the context of the 1997 Asian financial crisis; no possibility for companies to reorganize prior to the reform	Starting in 1998, introduced reorganization procedure for corporate debtors; created specialized bankruptcy court	Increased number of initiated and successful reorganization cases

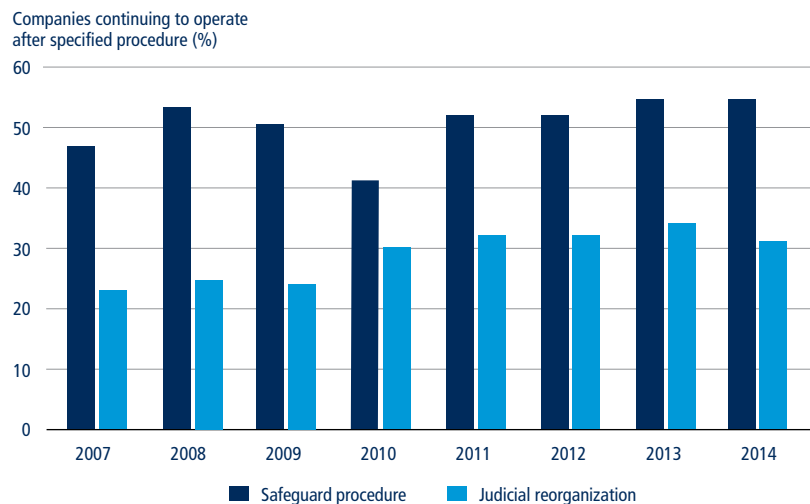
Source: *Doing Business* database.

The insolvency law was amended again in 2008 to make the safeguard procedure more accessible and attractive to debtors by simplifying the eligibility criteria. Debtors had only to demonstrate difficulties—economic, financial, or legal—that they could not overcome, without having to define or qualify the gravity or extent of those difficulties. The 2008 amendment also made the procedure more attractive by clarifying that the managers of the company were responsible for preparing the safeguard plan with the assistance of the court-appointed administrator. Furthermore, in 2011 France introduced a procedure—the *sauvegarde financière accélérée* (accelerated financial safeguard)—under which a debtor can reach an out-of-court arrangement with a majority of its financial creditors and then initiate summary court proceedings to validate the agreement without negatively impacting non-financial creditors.

These changes led to a significant increase in the number of new safeguard procedures filed, to 1,386 cases in 2009. Since then the number of filings has risen steadily, to 1,620 new cases in 2014. Not only did the use of safeguard procedures increase, but three out of four cases terminated with an agreement with creditors to enable the company to continue operating (figure 7.1). However, the increased use of the safeguard procedure was accompanied by a significant number of filings for liquidation, which in 2014 amounted to 69% of all insolvency cases filed.

By allowing viable companies to restructure and continue operating as going concerns, the amendments to the insolvency law aimed to support entrepreneurial risk-taking and encourage enterprise creation. Insolvency reforms may have contributed in part to the surge in new businesses in France—525,000 companies were created in 2015, twice as many as in 2000. This growth underscores the connection made in the literature between sound insolvency systems and the level of entrepreneurship development as

**FIGURE 7.1** A significant number of companies undergoing restructuring proceedings in France continue operating at the end of proceedings



Source: Deloitte and Altares 2016.

Note: Companies that continue operating include companies that adopted a reorganization or safeguard plan, or that were sold as a whole.

measured by the rate of new firm entry and entrepreneurship support.<sup>9</sup>

### The case of Slovenia

The early 2000s were a period of significant reform in Slovenia as the country prepared to join the European Union in 2004. A new insolvency law was adopted in 2007, but it was insufficient to cope with the challenging economic and financial conditions brought on by the global financial crisis of 2008; many companies became insolvent. Firms suffered from over-indebtedness and had difficulties repaying their loans, leading to an increase in corporate non-performing loans to around 20% of total loans.<sup>10</sup> Firms in Slovenia needed effective corporate restructuring procedures to guide the restructuring of their debt.

To address these needs and to bring the legal framework closer to international good practices, the government modified the corporate restructuring framework in 2013. The changes included the creation of a new pre-insolvency restructuring procedure for distressed medium and large-size companies to restructure their

financial claims, as well as a new simplified compulsory settlement procedure to offer a reorganization option for micro and small companies. A change was also made to the existing compulsory settlement procedure to enable creditors to initiate the reorganization of companies for the first time.

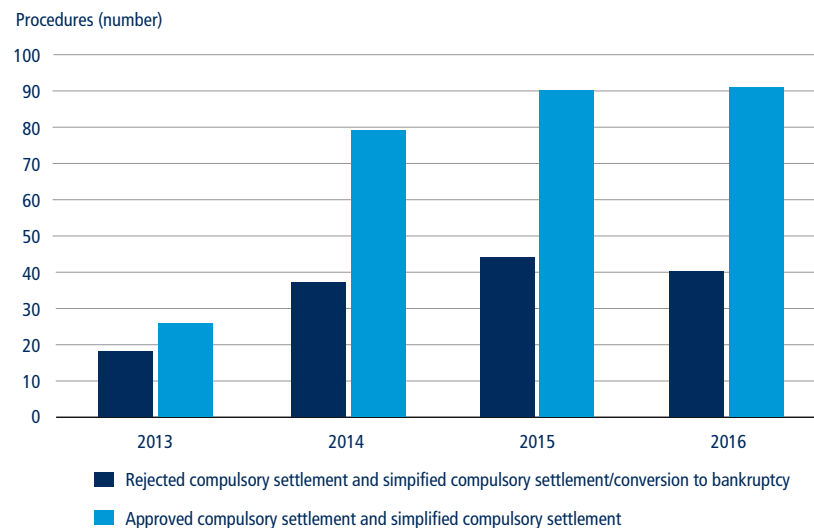
The procedures quickly became a popular option for debtors and creditors. In the first two years following the reform, the proportion of companies using one of the three procedures more than doubled, rising from 6% of total insolvency proceedings in 2013 to 14% in 2015.<sup>11</sup> Microenterprises, however, underwent corporate liquidation proceedings in the vast majority of cases (96%) in 2016. Microenterprises have less capacity to face a reorganization and to secure resources to enable them to operate in a situation of financial distress. Despite these challenges, microenterprises have also benefited from the restructuring options. Indeed, the number of simplified compulsory settlement proceedings for the benefit of microenterprises increased from 59 cases in 2014 to 85 in 2016.

Creditors have progressively taken advantage of the enabled access to compulsory settlement proceedings granted to them in 2013; by 2016 they initiated almost one-third of all cases. During the same period, the number of successfully terminated reorganization proceedings increased significantly. In 2016, most ended with an approved settlement (figure 7.2).

One of the companies that benefited from the restructuring procedures was Pivovarna Laško, Slovenia's largest brewer. By the end of 2014, the company's total financial liabilities stood at 226.8 million euros (about \$268 million). It negotiated a restructuring plan with its creditors, which included a two-year debt rescheduling, the sale of shares in other companies and an intensive search for additional capital. Following the agreement, the company was bought by Heineken International BV, which committed to provide financial stability to the company. Following the sale of its assets in various corporations and entering into long-term loan agreements with Heineken, the company was able to repay its creditors in full in October 2015. Its value increased, the brewery was able to continue operating, saving hundreds of jobs.

Apart from increasing the likelihood of business survival—as shown by the rising number of successfully-terminated compulsory settlement and simplified settlement procedures—the insolvency reform may have contributed to broader positive economic effects. First, the level of entrepreneurship and company formation in Slovenia increased. One year after the reform was introduced, 6,243 new businesses were registered in Slovenia, the highest number in a decade (and similar to pre-crisis levels). Second, progress has been made in addressing Slovenia's high level of non-performing loans, which decreased from 15% of total loans in 2012 to 7.9% in 2016. While these results do not establish a causal relationship with the insolvency reform, they suggest that sound insolvency

**FIGURE 7.2** Corporate reorganizations in Slovenia have become more successful over time



Source: Slovenia Ministry of Justice 2017.

regimes may encourage entrepreneurship and accelerate the speed of adjustment of non-performing loans.<sup>12</sup>

### The case of Thailand

The 1997 Asian financial crisis prompted a major insolvency reform in Thailand. Non-performing loans had been increasing before the crisis, reaching a peak of 42.9% of total loans in 1998. Thailand's antiquated insolvency law needed to be revised and given the features necessary to perform. The 1940 Thai Bankruptcy Act established the procedure of judicial liquidation for debtors unable to meet their financial commitments. It relied on an agency within the Ministry of Justice—the Legal Execution Department—to direct the proceedings. The only aim of the law was to organize the repayment of creditors through liquidation procedures; it did not offer a channel for viable companies to survive.

Amendments brought by the Bankruptcy Act of 1998 built on the existing legal and institutional framework. They introduced a reorganization procedure for corporate entities, giving insolvent debtors the chance to negotiate a reorganization

plan with creditors. A specialized bankruptcy court was established in 1999 to adjudicate cases. Also, the Business Reorganization Office (within the Legal Execution Department) was set up to administer new reorganization cases.

Considerable time was needed in Thailand for stakeholders to become accustomed to reorganization procedures. Finding expertise within Thailand to prepare reorganization plans proved challenging; it required the capacity to negotiate a plan with multiple creditors in a short period of time to return the company to profitability. Managers of companies in financial difficulties found it challenging to formulate a reorganization plan effectively. Debtors turned to large companies with foreign human capital that had expertise in drafting such plans. However, this approach was expensive, making reorganization procedures accessible to only a small number of large debtors.

As a result, in the years following the reform, the number of annual applications for reorganization was modest, averaging 30 to 70 (compared to approximately 700 annual applications for

liquidation).<sup>13</sup> Realizing that the benefits of the procedure had to be explained to stakeholders, the government undertook outreach efforts. As local firms gained the necessary expertise to advise debtors during the reorganization process, reorganization practices progressively became more widespread in Bangkok. Consequently, all parties were able to experience the advantages of the new mechanism, enabling them to make use of it to save viable businesses. Together with a greater understanding of the law, reorganization filings rose to 3.5% of total insolvency cases in 2014 (from 1.1% in 2011).<sup>14</sup> The share almost doubled in 2015 and continued to rise in 2016, when 8.5% of insolvency petitions received by the judiciary were reorganization cases (figure 7.3).

The rising use of reorganization proceedings in Thailand has driven an increase in the rate of successful reorganizations (that is, cases that end up with the approval of the reorganization plan, regardless of whether they continue operating in the longer term). The Central Bankruptcy Court's reorganization plan approval rate reached 25% in 2016, up from 20% in 2015.

The connection between the insolvency reform and the likelihood of business survival is reflected in *Doing Business* data. Resolving simple reorganization cases in Bangkok has become easier over time. Companies are now more likely to continue operating at the end of reorganization procedures. Also, today it takes 18 months on average, half the time it took in 2010, for a small company to go through reorganization, counted up to the moment the reorganization plan is approved by creditors.

Studies on the effect of insolvency reforms that accelerate the procedures find that they increase the aggregate level of credit. Other studies suggest that where insolvency regimes are most effective, creditors are more willing to lend because they are more likely to recoup a larger share of a troubled loan.<sup>15</sup> Following the reform in Thailand, domestic credit to the private sector rose from 93% of GDP in 2001 to 147% of GDP in 2016.<sup>16</sup> Banks are more willing to lend in Thailand than in other parts of East Asia and the Pacific. Data from the World Bank Enterprise Surveys show that only 2.4% of firms in Thailand identify access to finance as a major constraint to doing

business, compared to 12.2% of firms in the region and 26.5% in all economies. While no causal relationship can be established between these results and the bankruptcy reform in Thailand, they do show that access to credit improved in the years following the reform.

## CONCLUSION

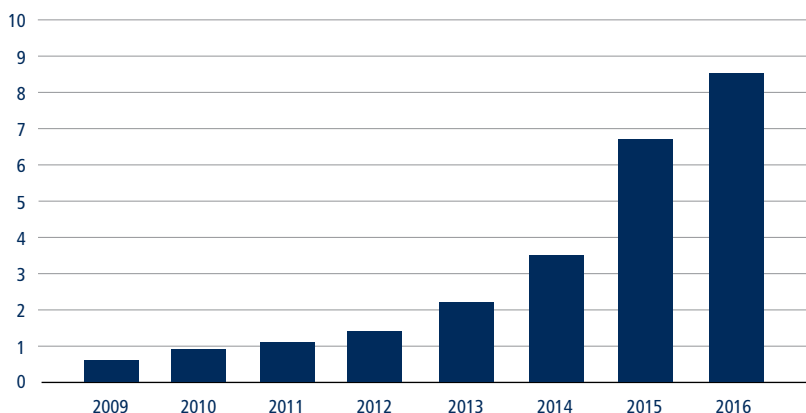
The successful implementation of insolvency reforms is not easy. Many factors must come into play for an insolvency reform to yield positive effects in both insolvency practice and the economy. Even in economies with strong legal frameworks and institutions, insolvency reforms take time. It is a complex area of law, which is why different agencies—including the judiciary as well as insolvency administrators—need to be trained and given the means to carry out the tasks envisioned in the law.

Lessons can be drawn from reforms implemented worldwide. The French and Slovenian examples show the importance of constantly assessing the insolvency system. Insolvency law is not a static field. Rather, it serves the economic system and needs to adapt as the structure of the economy evolves. Implementing and refining insolvency reform takes time; a quick fix will not bring positive long-term results. The example of Thailand illustrates the importance of utilizing the existing infrastructure to drive change—the focus should be on building on existing laws and institutions and creating new ones only when the existing system cannot be adapted. A new framework requires training along with patience. Amending the law should not be seen as a goal in itself, but rather as a first step to be followed by the thorough implementation of the amended law.

All in all, the three examples suggest that sound insolvency reforms can have a positive impact on an economy. Providing corporate debtors with the option to

**FIGURE 7.3** Distressed businesses in Bangkok are more likely to pursue reorganization today than seven years ago

New reorganization cases as a share of total insolvency cases (%)



Source: Thailand Office of the Judiciary 2016.

reorganize increases the chances of debt recovery by creditors, positively influencing their willingness to lend. The availability of reorganization procedures also increases the likelihood that viable firms will continue operating despite financial difficulties, thus decreasing the failure rate of firms, preserving jobs and encouraging entrepreneurship.

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## NOTES

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2. Visaria 2009; Funchal 2008; Rodano, Serrano-Velarde and Tarantino 2011.
3. Araujo, Ferreira and Funchal 2012.
4. Ponticelli and Alencar 2016.
5. Neira 2017.
6. Foley 1999; Dewaelheyns and Van Hulle 2006. For Colombia, Giné and Love 2008.
7. The 19 economies that have introduced reorganization procedures are Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Panama, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, and the United Arab Emirates. The nine economies that improved their existing reorganization procedures are Chile, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, Romania, Slovenia, Thailand, and Switzerland.
8. Deloitte and Altares 2016.
9. Lee and others 2011; Peng, Yamakawa and Lee 2010.
10. IMF 2015.
11. Slovenia, Ministry of Justice 2017.
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13. Wisitsora-at 2015.
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# Country Tables

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<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>36.19</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>34,656,032</b>
<b>✗ Starting a business</b> (rank)	107	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	175
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.28	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	30.63
Procedures (number)	3.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	7.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	228
Cost (% of income per capita)	82.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	344
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	185	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	189	Border compliance (US\$)	453
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	22.54	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	10.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	324
Time (days)	354	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of warehouse value)	89.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	2.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (US\$)	900
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (US\$)	750
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	163	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	176	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	181
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44.58	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	41.97	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	31.76
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	19	Time (days)	1,642
Time (days)	114	Time (hours per year)	275	Cost (% of claim)	29.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,426.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	71.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	0.00		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	186			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	161
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	27.50			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	23.62
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	250			Cost (% of estate)	25.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	26.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	3.0
<b>ALBANIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>68.70</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,876,101</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	45	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	24
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.49	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	96.29
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of income per capita)	12.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	9
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	51.6	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	10
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	106	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	20	Border compliance (US\$)	55
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.27	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	71.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	8
Time (days)	220	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	10
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	10
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	77
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	157	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	125	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	120
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	48.31	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	63.94	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	53.66
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	525
Time (days)	134	Time (hours per year)	261	Cost (% of claim)	34.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	513.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	57.61		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	103			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	41
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.28			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	66.13
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	19			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	9.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	41.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	15.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0

Note: Most indicator sets refer to a case scenario in the largest business city of an economy, though for 11 economies the data are a population-weighted average for the two largest business cities. For some indicators a result of "no practice" may be recorded for an economy; see the data notes for more details. In starting a business, procedures (number), time (days) and cost (% of income per capita) are calculated as the average of both men and women. For the postfiling index, a result of "not applicable" may be recorded for an economy.

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<b>ALGERIA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>46.71</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>40,606,052</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	145	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	177	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	181
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.54	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	24.15
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	20	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	149
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	118
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	2.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	374
				Border compliance (US\$)	593
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	146	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	170	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	58.89	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	33.33	Documentary compliance (hours)	249
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	327
Time (days)	146	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	8.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	400
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	466
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	103
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	120			DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.49
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.56	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	157	Time (days)	630
Procedures (number)	5	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	54.11	Cost (% of claim)	19.9
Time (days)	180	Payments (number per year)	27	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,335.3	Time (hours per year)	265		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	65.6	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	71
		Postfiling index (0–100)	49.77	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	49.24
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	163			Time (years)	1.3
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	43.83			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
Procedures (number)	10			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	50.8
Time (days)	55			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.1				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0				
<b>ANGOLA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>41.49</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>28,813,463</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	134	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	183	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	180
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	80.09	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	5.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	25.28
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	36	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	169
Cost (% of income per capita)	17.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	192
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	240
				Border compliance (US\$)	825
				Time to import	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	80	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Documentary compliance (hours)	180
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.80	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Border compliance (hours)	96
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Time (days)	173	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	460
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	1,030
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	186
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	26.26
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	165			Time (days)	1,296
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44.08	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	103	Cost (% of claim)	44.4
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.54	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.5
Time (days)	121	Payments (number per year)	31		
Cost (% of income per capita)	990.1	Time (hours per year)	287	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	49.1	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
		Postfiling index (0–100)	94.95	Time (years)	no practice
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	172			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	40.86			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Procedures (number)	7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Time (days)	190				
Cost (% of property value)	2.9				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0				
<b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>59.63</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>100,963</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	126	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	101
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.69	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	68.73
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	22	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	51
Cost (% of income per capita)	9.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	61
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	121
				Border compliance (US\$)	546
				Time to import	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	99	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.09	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Border compliance (hours)	61
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Time (days)	135	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	546
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	33
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	68.11
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	39			Time (days)	476
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	83.50	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	144	Cost (% of claim)	27.1
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	58.69	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
Time (days)	42	Payments (number per year)	57		
Cost (% of income per capita)	114.9	Time (hours per year)	192	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	128
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	41.9	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	35.26
		Postfiling index (0–100)	69.40	Time (years)	3.0
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	118			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	56.61			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	36.5
Procedures (number)	7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0
Time (days)	32				
Cost (% of property value)	10.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	19.0				

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<b>ARGENTINA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>11,960</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.11</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>43,847,430</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	157	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	116	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	75.15	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	65.36	
Procedures (number)	13	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	24	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	30	
Cost (% of income per capita)	10.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	80.0	Border compliance (hours)	21	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	44.8	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60	
<b>✕ Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	171	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Border compliance (US\$)	150	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	49.27	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	<i>Time to import</i>		
Procedures (number)	22	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	192	
Time (days)	347	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	60	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	120	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	1,200	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	95	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	169	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	102	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	70.01	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	49.34	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.66	
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	995	
Time (days)	92	Time (hours per year)	311.5	Cost (% of claim)	22.5	
Cost (% of income per capita)	24.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	106.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	47.94			
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	117			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	101	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	56.75			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	41.24	
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	2.4	
Time (days)	51.5			Cost (% of estate)	16.5	
Cost (% of property value)	6.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	21.5	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5	
<b>ARMENIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>3,760</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>72.51</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,924,816</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	15	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	52	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.47	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	86.45	
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	4.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	2	
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	77.2	Border compliance (hours)	39	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	150	
				Border compliance (US\$)	100	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	89	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	<i>Time to import</i>		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.99	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Documentary compliance (hours)	2	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	41	
Time (days)	98	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	100	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2			
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	47	
<b>✓ Getting electricity</b> (rank)	66	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	87	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.00	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	78.53	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	72.49	Time (days)	570	
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	14	Cost (% of claim)	16.0	
Time (days)	127	Time (hours per year)	313	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5	
Cost (% of income per capita)	78.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	18.5			
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.08	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	97	
<b>✓ Registering property</b> (rank)	13			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.01	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	87.78			Time (years)	1.9	
Procedures (number)	3			Cost (% of estate)	11.0	
Time (days)	7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	36.4	
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.5	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.5					
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>54,420</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>80.14</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>24,127,159</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	7	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	6	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	95	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	96.47	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	70.65	
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	2.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	7	
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	36	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	264	
				Border compliance (US\$)	749	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	6	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	57	<i>Time to import</i>		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	84.39	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	60.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	4	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	39	
Time (days)	121	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	525	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4			
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	3	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	47	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	26	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	79.00	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.31	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	85.62	Time (days)	402	
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	11	Cost (% of claim)	23.2	
Time (days)	75	Time (hours per year)	105	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	15.5	
Cost (% of income per capita)	12.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	47.5			
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.34	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	18	
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	51			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	78.79	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.17			Time (years)	1.0	
Procedures (number)	5			Cost (% of estate)	8.0	
Time (days)	4.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	82.5	
Cost (% of property value)	5.2			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	20.0					

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<b>AUSTRIA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>78.54</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>8,747,358</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	118	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.13	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export	
Time (days)	21	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	52.8	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	12.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	2.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	42	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	29	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	68.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	222	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	22	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	39	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	9
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	87.71	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	83.34	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	75.49
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	12	Time (days)	397
Time (days)	23	Time (hours per year)	131	Cost (% of claim)	20.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	93.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	51.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	98.54		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	31			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	23
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	79.97			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	77.43
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.1
Time (days)	20.5			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	80.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	23.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>70.19</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>9,762,274</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	18	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	83
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.36	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	73.56
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	4.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	33
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	29
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	37.5	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	300
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	161	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Border compliance (US\$)	214
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	54.90	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	21	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	38
Time (days)	242	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	30
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	200
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	300
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	102	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	35	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	38
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	67.98	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.21	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.51
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	6	Time (days)	277
Time (days)	69	Time (hours per year)	195	Cost (% of claim)	18.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	141.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	83.79		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	21			✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	47
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	82.07			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	62.27
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	5.5			Cost (% of estate)	12.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	40.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0
<b>BAHAMAS, THE</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>57.47</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>391,232</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	108	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	157
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.18	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	53.07
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	21.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	12
Cost (% of income per capita)	13.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	550
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	86	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	129	Border compliance (US\$)	512
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.30	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	45.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Time (days)	180	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	51
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	550
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	1,385
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	117	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	55	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	74
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.96	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	78.09	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.43
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	31	Time (days)	532
Time (days)	67	Time (hours per year)	233	Cost (% of claim)	28.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	124.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.00		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	167			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	64
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	42.71			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	52.93
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	122			Cost (% of estate)	12.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	63.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0

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BAHRAIN		Middle East & North Africa		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	66	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	68.13	Population	1,425,171
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	75	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	78
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.87	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	75.97
Procedures (number)	7.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	9.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	27.8	Border compliance (hours)	71
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	2.9	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	47	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	47
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.73	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	84
Time (days)	174	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	54
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	130
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	397
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	79	<b>✗ Paying taxes</b> (rank)	5	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	111
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	74.83	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	93.89	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.53
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	635
Time (days)	85	Time (hours per year)	28.5	Cost (% of claim)	14.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	57.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	13.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	25			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	90
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	81.07			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	44.42
Procedures (number)	2			Time (years)	2.5
Time (days)	31			Cost (% of estate)	9.5
Cost (% of property value)	1.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	41.9
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>BANGLADESH</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	<b>1,330</b>
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	177	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	40.99	Population	162,951,560
<b>✗ Starting a business</b> (rank)	131	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	173
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	80.67	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	34.86
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	19.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	147
Cost (% of income per capita)	22.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	99.7
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	225
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	130	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	76	Border compliance (US\$)	408.2
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.97	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	56.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14.2	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	144
Time (days)	269	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	183
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	370
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	1,293.8
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	185	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	152	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	189
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	16.97	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	56.13	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	22.21
Procedures (number)	9	Payments (number per year)	33	Time (days)	1,442
Time (days)	428.9	Time (hours per year)	435	Cost (% of claim)	66.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,602.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	44.36		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	185			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	152
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	27.67			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	27.71
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	244			Cost (% of estate)	8.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.9			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
<b>BARBADOS</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	<b>14,830</b>
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	132	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	55.20	Population	284,996
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	99	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	129
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.11	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	61.88
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	15	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	54
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	41
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	109
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	155	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	167	Border compliance (US\$)	350
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	56.63	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	35.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	9	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	74
Time (days)	442	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	104
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	146
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	1,585
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	160	<b>✗ Paying taxes</b> (rank)	89	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	167
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	46.36	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.90	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	38.02
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	29	Time (days)	1,340
Time (days)	88	Time (hours per year)	245	Cost (% of claim)	19.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	64.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	74.08		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	133			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	34
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.35			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	69.79
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	1.8
Time (days)	105			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	65.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0

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<b>BELARUS</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>5,600</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>75.06</b>	<b>Population</b>		<b>9,507,120</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	30	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)		30	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.91	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)		93.71	
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)		4	
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)		5	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	72.2	<i>Cost to export</i>			
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	22	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	40	Documentary compliance (US\$)		140	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.34	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	65.00	Border compliance (US\$)		108	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	<i>Time to import</i>			
Time (days)	115	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)		4	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)		1	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	25	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)		0	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	86.04	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)		0	
Procedures (number)	4	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	96	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)		24	
Time (days)	105	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.81	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)		70.36	
Cost (% of income per capita)	110.0	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)		275	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Time (hours per year)	184	Cost (% of claim)		23.4	
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	52.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)		9.0	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	92.19	Postfiling index (0–100)	50.00	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)		68	
Procedures (number)	2			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)		51.26	
Time (days)	3			Time (years)		1.5	
Cost (% of property value)	0.0			Cost (% of estate)		17.0	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	23.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)		37.2	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)		10.0	
<b>BELGIUM</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>41,860</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>71.69</b>	<b>Population</b>		<b>11,348,159</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	16	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)		1	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.43	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)		100.00	
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)		1	
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)		0	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	16.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	95.5	<i>Cost to export</i>			
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	39	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	57	Documentary compliance (US\$)		0	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.36	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	60.00	Border compliance (US\$)		0	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	<i>Time to import</i>			
Time (days)	212	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)		1	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)		0	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	103	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)		0	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	67.30	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)		0	
Procedures (number)	6	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	59	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)		52	
Time (days)	201	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.69	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)		64.25	
Cost (% of income per capita)	101.1	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)		505	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Time (hours per year)	136	Cost (% of claim)		18.0	
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	138	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	57.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)		8.0	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	51.40	Postfiling index (0–100)	83.45	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)		11	
Procedures (number)	8			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)		81.46	
Time (days)	56			Time (years)		0.9	
Cost (% of property value)	12.7			Cost (% of estate)		3.5	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)		84.6	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)		11.5	
<b>BELIZE</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>4,410</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>57.11</b>	<b>Population</b>		<b>366,954</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	161	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	170	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)		104	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	73.24	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	20.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)		68.13	
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	43	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)		38	
Cost (% of income per capita)	34.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)		96	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>			
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	114	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Documentary compliance (US\$)		28	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.28	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	Border compliance (US\$)		710	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	<i>Time to import</i>			
Time (days)	127	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)		36	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)		48	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	83	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)		75	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	72.97	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)		688	
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	48	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)		132	
Time (days)	66	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.90	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)		50.11	
Cost (% of income per capita)	317.7	Payments (number per year)	29	Time (days)		892	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Time (hours per year)	147	Cost (% of claim)		27.5	
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	132	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)		8.0	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.42	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.09	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)		83	
Procedures (number)	9			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)		45.74	
Time (days)	60			Time (years)		2.0	
Cost (% of property value)	4.8			Cost (% of estate)		22.5	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)		55.9	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)		5.0	

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<b>BENIN</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>820</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>50.47</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,872,298</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	56	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	136		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.58	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.78		
Procedures (number)	5.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	8.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	48		
Cost (% of income per capita)	3.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	78		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	5.4	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.7	<i>Cost to export</i>			
		<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Documentary compliance (US\$)	80		
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	46	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Border compliance (US\$)	412		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.85	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	59		
Time (days)	88	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	82		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.9	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	529		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	599		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	174	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	174	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	170		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	33.84	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	44.73	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	36.34		
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	57	Time (days)	750		
Time (days)	90	Time (hours per year)	270	Cost (% of claim)	64.7		
Cost (% of income per capita)	12,304.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	57.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.31	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	105		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	127			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	40.46		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	54.14			Time (years)	4.0		
Procedures (number)	4			Cost (% of estate)	21.5		
Time (days)	120			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	22.9		
Cost (% of property value)	3.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.5						
<b>BHUTAN</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>2,510</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>66.27</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>797,765</b>		
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	88	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	26		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.33	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	94.25		
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	12	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	9		
Cost (% of income per capita)	3.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	25.9	Border compliance (hours)	5		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>			
		<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	124	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	82	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	46.67	Border compliance (US\$)	59		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.69	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	21	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	8		
Time (days)	150	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	5		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.1	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	110		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	56	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	17	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	25		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	80.36	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	88.00	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	69.99		
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	18	Time (days)	225		
Time (days)	61	Time (hours per year)	85	Cost (% of claim)	23.1		
Cost (% of income per capita)	461.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.50	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	56			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	73.41			Time (years)	no practice		
Procedures (number)	3			Cost (% of estate)	no practice		
Time (days)	77			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0		
Cost (% of property value)	5.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.0						
<b>BOLIVIA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>3,070</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>50.18</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,887,882</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	179	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	89		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	62.95	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.59		
Procedures (number)	14	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	45	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	144		
Cost (% of income per capita)	54.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	49.8	Border compliance (hours)	48		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	16.1	<i>Cost to export</i>			
		<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Documentary compliance (US\$)	25		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	158	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Border compliance (US\$)	65		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	55.56	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	1	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	72		
Time (days)	322	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	114		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.4	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	30		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	315		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	101	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	186	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	109		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	68.18	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	21.62	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.65		
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	42	Time (days)	591		
Time (days)	42	Time (hours per year)	1,025	Cost (% of claim)	25.0		
Cost (% of income per capita)	689.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	83.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	50.00	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	99		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	144			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	42.32		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	49.89			Time (years)	1.8		
Procedures (number)	7			Cost (% of estate)	14.5		
Time (days)	90			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	40.9		
Cost (% of property value)	4.7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.5		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0						

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA		Europe & Central Asia		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	86	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	64.20	Population	3,516,816
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	175	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	37
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	65.91	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	91.87
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	65	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	4
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	12.1	Border compliance (hours)	5
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	12.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	41.5	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	92
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	166	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	106
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	51.77	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	8
Time (days)	193	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	17.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	97
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	109
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	122	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	137	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	71
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.18	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	60.43	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.67
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	33	Time (days)	595
Time (days)	125	Time (hours per year)	411	Cost (% of claim)	36.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	357.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	23.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	47.68		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	97			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	40
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	61.56			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	67.28
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	3.3
Time (days)	24			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	37.9
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0
BOTSWANA		Sub-Saharan Africa		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	81	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	64.94	Population	2,250,260
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	153	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	50
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	76.22	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	86.65
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	48	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	18
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	54.0	Border compliance (hours)	5
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	179
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	59	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	76	Border compliance (US\$)	317
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.27	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	56.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	106	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	4
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	67
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	98
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	124	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	47	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	133
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	59.38	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.01	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	49.99
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	34	Time (days)	660
Time (days)	77	Time (hours per year)	120	Cost (% of claim)	39.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	283.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	25.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	82.70		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	81			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	79
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.45			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	47.76
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	1.7
Time (days)	27			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	65.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
BRAZIL		Latin America & Caribbean		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	125	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	56.45	Population	207,652,865
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	176	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	139
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	65.05	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	59.78
Procedures (number)	11	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	79.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	12
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	79.3	Border compliance (hours)	49
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	75.6	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	226.4
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	170	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Border compliance (US\$)	958.7
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	49.83	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	19.2	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	434	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	63.1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	106.9
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	969.6
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	45	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	184	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	47
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.46	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	32.97	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.00
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	9.6	Time (days)	731
Time (days)	64.4	Time (hours per year)	1,958	Cost (% of claim)	22.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	54.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	68.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.1
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5.4	Postfiling index (0–100)	7.80		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	131			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	80
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.60			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	47.46
Procedures (number)	13.6			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	31.4			Cost (% of estate)	12.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	12.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.8			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0

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<b>BRUNEI DARUSSALAM</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	58	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	2	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	144
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.23	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	95.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	58.70
Procedures (number)	5.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	12	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	155
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	117
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	71.9	<i>Cost to export</i>	
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	48	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	40	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.62	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	65.00	Border compliance (US\$)	340
Procedures (number)	20	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	<i>Time to import</i>	
Time (days)	83	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	132
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	48
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
✗ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	24	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	86.46	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	395
Procedures (number)	5	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	104	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	61
Time (days)	36	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.41	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.95
Cost (% of income per capita)	41.5	Payments (number per year)	15	Time (days)	540
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Time (hours per year)	64.2	Cost (% of claim)	36.6
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	136	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	8.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	51.48	Postfiling index (0–100)	0.00	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	60
Procedures (number)	7			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	55.11
Time (days)	298.5			Time (years)	2.5
Cost (% of property value)	0.6			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	47.2
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5
<b>BULGARIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	95	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	21
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.37	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	97.41
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	23	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	4
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	74.3	<i>Cost to export</i>	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	51	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	24	Documentary compliance (US\$)	52
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.35	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	70.00	Border compliance (US\$)	55
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	<i>Time to import</i>	
Time (days)	97	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	1
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	141	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	54.80	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	0
Procedures (number)	6	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	90	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	40
Time (days)	262	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.78	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.04
Cost (% of income per capita)	468.4	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	564
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Time (hours per year)	453	Cost (% of claim)	18.6
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	67	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	27.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	69.30	Postfiling index (0–100)	69.30	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	50
Procedures (number)	8			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	60.02
Time (days)	19			Time (years)	3.3
Cost (% of property value)	2.9			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	19.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	36.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0
<b>BURKINA FASO</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	74	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	113
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	88.17	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	66.58
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	13	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of income per capita)	42.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.3	Border compliance (hours)	75
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	6.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.4	<i>Cost to export</i>	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	53	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Documentary compliance (US\$)	86
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.20	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Border compliance (US\$)	261
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	<i>Time to import</i>	
Time (days)	121	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	102
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	179	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	197
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	29.42	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	265
Procedures (number)	4	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	153	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	163
Time (days)	169	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	55.89	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	41.05
Cost (% of income per capita)	9,438.4	Payments (number per year)	45	Time (days)	446
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	270	Cost (% of claim)	81.7
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	140	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	41.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	50.44	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.31	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	104
Procedures (number)	4			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	40.68
Time (days)	67			Time (years)	4.0
Cost (% of property value)	12.0			Cost (% of estate)	21.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	23.3
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>BURUNDI</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>280</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>46.92</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,524,117</b>		
<b>✗ Starting a business</b> (rank)	42	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	177	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	164		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.94	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	47.02		
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	120		
Cost (% of income per capita)	33.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	59		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	4.6	<i>Cost to export</i>			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	150		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	168	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Border compliance (US\$)	136		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	51.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	180		
Time (days)	70	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	154		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	12.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	3.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	1,025		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	444		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	182	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	138	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	150		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	26.45	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	60.34	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	45.74		
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	25	Time (days)	832		
Time (days)	158	Time (hours per year)	232	Cost (% of claim)	38.6		
Cost (% of income per capita)	15,517.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	41.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	28.21				
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	144		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	95			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	30.71		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	62.54			Time (years)	5.0		
Procedures (number)	5			Cost (% of estate)	30.0		
Time (days)	23			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	7.7		
Cost (% of property value)	3.1			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5						

<b>CABO VERDE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>2,970</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>56.24</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>539,560</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	98	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	107		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.14	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	67.41		
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	11	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	24		
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	72		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	19.6	<i>Cost to export</i>			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	125		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	67	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	164	Border compliance (US\$)	780		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.25	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	36.67	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	24		
Time (days)	107	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	60		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	125		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	588		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	145	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	75	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	43		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.47	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	75.15	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.69		
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	30	Time (days)	425		
Time (days)	88	Time (hours per year)	180	Cost (% of claim)	19.8		
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,136.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	36.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	2	Postfiling index (0–100)	80.65				
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	71			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	66.57			Time (years)	no practice		
Procedures (number)	6			Cost (% of estate)	no practice		
Time (days)	22			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0		
Cost (% of property value)	2.3			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.0						

<b>CAMBODIA</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>1,140</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>54.47</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>15,762,370</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	183	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	108		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	51.91	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	67.28		
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>			
Time (days)	99	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	132		
Cost (% of income per capita)	51.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	49.9	Border compliance (hours)	48		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	82.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	100		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	179	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	375		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	41.73	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	<i>Time to import</i>			
Procedures (number)	20	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	132		
Time (days)	652	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	10	Border compliance (hours)	8		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>			
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)	120		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	240		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	137	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	136	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	179		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	56.56	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	61.28	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	32.67		
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	40	Time (days)	483		
Time (days)	179	Time (hours per year)	173	Cost (% of claim)	103.4		
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,993.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	21.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	3	Postfiling index (0–100)	25.97				
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	74		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	123			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	48.25		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	55.00			Time (years)	6.0		
Procedures (number)	7			Cost (% of estate)	18.0		
Time (days)	56			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	14.2		
Cost (% of property value)	4.3			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.5						

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<b>CAMEROON</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>47.23</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>23,439,189</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	122	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	186
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	82.39	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	15.99
Procedures (number)	6.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	16.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	66
Cost (% of income per capita)	35.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	202
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	16.6	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	8.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	306
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	140	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	138	Border compliance (US\$)	983
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	163
Time (days)	135	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	271
Cost (% of warehouse value)	15.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	849
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	1,407
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	121	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	183	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	162
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.35	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	36.34	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	41.76
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	44	Time (days)	800
Time (days)	64	Time (hours per year)	624	Cost (% of claim)	46.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,776.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	57.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.31		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	176			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	125
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	37.33			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	36.73
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	2.8
Time (days)	86			Cost (% of estate)	33.5
Cost (% of property value)	19.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	16.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0
<b>CANADA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>79.29</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>36,286,425</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	2	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	46
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	98.23	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	88.36
Procedures (number)	2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	1.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	156
✗ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	54	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	167
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.87	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	78.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	249	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	163
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	172
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	105	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	16	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	114
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	66.89	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	88.05	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.35
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	910
Time (days)	137	Time (hours per year)	131	Cost (% of claim)	22.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	125.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	20.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	73.23		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	33			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	11
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	79.31			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	81.46
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	0.8
Time (days)	4			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.9			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	87.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>34.86</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,594,621</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	188	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	145
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	37.02	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	58.64
Procedures (number)	10	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	22	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	154.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	141
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	446.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	3.3	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	180	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	280
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	38.86	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Time (days)	219	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	98
Cost (% of warehouse value)	17.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	500
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	209
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	183	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	187	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	182
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	24.64	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	18.89	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	30.46
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	56	Time (days)	660
Time (days)	98	Time (hours per year)	483	Cost (% of claim)	82.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	12,688.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	73.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	5.13		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	169			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	150
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	41.92			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	28.13
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	4.8
Time (days)	75			Cost (% of estate)	76.0
Cost (% of property value)	11.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>CHAD</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>720</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>38.30</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>14,452,543</b>	
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>						
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	185	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	142	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	172	
Procedures (number)	50.26	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	40.12	
Time (days)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export		
Cost (% of income per capita)	60	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	87	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	171.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	106	
	25.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	2.4	Cost to export		
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>						
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	153	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	160	Documentary compliance (US\$)	188	
Procedures (number)	56.79	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	38.33	Border compliance (US\$)	319	
Time (days)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Time to import		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	226	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	172	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	242	
	11.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Cost to import		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>						
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	177	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	500	
Procedures (number)	32.17	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	669	
Time (days)	6	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>		<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>		
Cost (% of income per capita)	67	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	188	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	154	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	9,821.1	Payments (number per year)	17.92	Time (days)	743	
	0	Time (hours per year)	54	Cost (% of claim)	45.7	
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>						
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	159	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	766	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5	
Procedures (number)	44.67	Postfiling index (0–100)	63.5	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>		
Time (days)	6		13.07	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	150	
Cost (% of property value)	44			Time (years)	28.13	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.9			Cost (% of estate)	4.0	
	8.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	60.0	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0	
					9.0	
<b>CHILE</b>						
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>13,530</b>
<b>55</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>		<b>17,909,754</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>						
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	65	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	90	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	68	
Procedures (number)	89.55	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	80.56	
Time (days)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export		
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	24	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	3.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	14.3	Border compliance (hours)	60	
	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	49.5	Cost to export		
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>						
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	15	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	57	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50	
Procedures (number)	80.28	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	60.00	Border compliance (US\$)	290	
Time (days)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Time to import		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	133	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	36	
Building quality control index (0–15)	1.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	54	
	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Cost to import		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>						
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50	
Procedures (number)	82.49	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	290	
Time (days)	5	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>		<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>		
Cost (% of income per capita)	43	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	72	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	56	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	68.1	Payments (number per year)	76.17	Time (days)	480	
	6	Time (hours per year)	7	Cost (% of claim)	28.6	
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>						
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	61	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	291	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.0	
Procedures (number)	70.90	Postfiling index (0–100)	33.0	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>		
Time (days)	6		58.36	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	52	
Cost (% of property value)	28.5			Time (years)	59.47	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	1.2			Cost (% of estate)	2.0	
	14.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	14.5	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	40.8	
					12.0	
<b>CHINA</b>						
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>8,260</b>
<b>78</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>		<b>1,378,665,000</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>						
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	68	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	97	
Procedures (number)	85.47	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	69.91	
Time (days)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export		
Cost (% of income per capita)	22.9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	21.2	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	21.4	Border compliance (hours)	25.9	
	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	95.3	Cost to export		
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>						
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	172	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	119	Documentary compliance (US\$)	84.6	
Procedures (number)	47.28	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	48.33	Border compliance (US\$)	484.1	
Time (days)	23	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Time to import		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	247.1	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	65.7	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	92.3	
	9.6	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Cost to import		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>						
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	98	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	170.9	
Procedures (number)	68.83	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	745	
Time (days)	5.5	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>		<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>		
Cost (% of income per capita)	143.2	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	130	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	5	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	356.0	Payments (number per year)	62.90	Time (days)	78.23	
	6	Time (hours per year)	9	Cost (% of claim)	16.2	
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>						
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	41	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	207	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	15.1	
Procedures (number)	76.15	Postfiling index (0–100)	67.3	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>		
Time (days)	4		49.08	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	56	
Cost (% of property value)	19.5			Time (years)	55.82	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.4			Cost (% of estate)	1.7	
	18.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	22.0	
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	36.9	
					11.5	

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<b>CONGO, REP.</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	177	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	184
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	64.69	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	19.68
Procedures (number)	10	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	49	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Cost (% of income per capita)	77.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	276
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	2.9	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	11.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	165
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	125	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	1,975
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.07	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	208
Time (days)	164	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	397
Cost (% of warehouse value)	8.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	310
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	1,581
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	181	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	185	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	155
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	28.42	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	26.79	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	43.99
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	50	Time (days)	560
Time (days)	134	Time (hours per year)	602	Cost (% of claim)	53.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	6,957.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	54.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	12.29		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	177			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	118
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	36.04			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	37.98
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.3
Time (days)	55			Cost (% of estate)	25.0
Cost (% of property value)	16.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	18.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0
<b>COSTA RICA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	127	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	73
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.65	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	79.32
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export	
Time (days)	22.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	8.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	20
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	32.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	70	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	119	Border compliance (US\$)	375
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.02	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	48.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	26
Time (days)	135	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	80
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	420
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	21	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	60	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	129
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	88.21	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.46	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	51.48
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	852
Time (days)	45	Time (hours per year)	151	Cost (% of claim)	24.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	168.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	58.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.06		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	49			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	131
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.36			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	34.42
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	11			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	29.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>CÔTE D'IVOIRE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	44	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	155
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.72	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	54.15
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Cost (% of income per capita)	16.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	4.0	Border compliance (hours)	110
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	2.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.3	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	136
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	152	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	387
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	57.50	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	21	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	89
Time (days)	162	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	125
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	267
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	456
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	129	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	175	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	101
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	58.73	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	43.88	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.74
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	63	Time (days)	525
Time (days)	55	Time (hours per year)	270	Cost (% of claim)	41.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,280.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	50.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	44.50		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	113			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	77
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.56			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	47.81
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.2
Time (days)	30			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	36.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>CROATIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>71.70</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,170,600</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	87	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.39	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	12.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
✗ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	126	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	29	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	68.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	126	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	9.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	75	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	95	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	23
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.26	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.90	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	70.60
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	650
Time (days)	65	Time (hours per year)	206	Cost (% of claim)	15.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	298.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	20.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	61.20		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	59			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	60
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	71.44			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	55.11
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.1
Time (days)	62			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	4.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	32.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0

<b>CYPRUS</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>71.63</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,170,125</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	50	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	45
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.19	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	88.44
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	12.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	72.9	Border compliance (hours)	18
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	120	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Border compliance (US\$)	300
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.99	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	8	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	507	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	15
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	335
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	67	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	44	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	138
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	78.32	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.59	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.59
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	28	Time (days)	1,100
Time (days)	137	Time (hours per year)	127	Cost (% of claim)	16.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	133.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	22.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	76.07		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	92			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	21
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.41			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	78.46
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	9			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	10.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	73.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	23.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.5

<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>76.27</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,561,633</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	81	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.44	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	79.5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	7.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	127	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	62.77	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	21	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	247	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	15	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	53	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	91
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	90.33	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.26	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.21
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	611
Time (days)	68	Time (hours per year)	248	Cost (% of claim)	33.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	23.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	50.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	90.75		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	32			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	25
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	79.68			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	76.69
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.1
Time (days)	28			Cost (% of estate)	17.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	67.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	25.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0

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<b>DENMARK</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>84.06</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5,731,118</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	34	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.50	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	3.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	13.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
✗ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	1	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	86.79	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	7	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	64	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	16	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	8	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	32
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	90.21	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	91.22	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	68.37
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	485
Time (days)	38	Time (hours per year)	130	Cost (% of claim)	23.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	106.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	24.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	89.06		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	11			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	7
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	89.88			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	84.93
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	4			Cost (% of estate)	4.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	88.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0

<b>DJIBOUTI</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>49.58</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>942,333</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	115	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	183	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	159
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.38	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	5.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	51.87
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	14	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	35.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	109
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.4	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	95
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	84	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	944
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.48	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	50
Time (days)	111	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	78
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	1,209
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	169	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	108	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	175
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	40.75	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.91	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	34.78
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	1,025
Time (days)	125	Time (hours per year)	76	Cost (% of claim)	34.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	5,979.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.57		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	168			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	73
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	42.65			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	48.32
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.3
Time (days)	39			Cost (% of estate)	11.0
Cost (% of property value)	12.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	37.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

<b>DOMINICA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.96</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>73,543</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	67	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	81
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.29	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	74.26
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	12
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	74	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	625
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	70.07	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Time (days)	191	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	39
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	906
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	46	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	77	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	79
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.43	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	74.91	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.17
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	37	Time (days)	681
Time (days)	61	Time (hours per year)	117	Cost (% of claim)	36.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	466.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	79.66		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	164			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	132
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	43.40			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	34.41
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	42			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	13.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	29.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0

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<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>		Latin America & Caribbean		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.93</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,648,791</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b> 116					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.23	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	105	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b> 59	
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	
Time (days)	16.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Cost (% of income per capita)	14.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	33.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	68.3	Border compliance (hours)	
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	26.4	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b> 62					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.73	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b> 96			
Procedures (number)	15	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
Time (days)	184	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.8	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Time to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Cost to import	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
				Border compliance (US\$)	
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b> 108					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	64.74	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b> 136			
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)			
Time (days)	67	Time (days)			
Cost (% of income per capita)	248.6	Cost (% of claim)			
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)			
<b>Registering property (rank)</b> 79					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.67	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b> 121			
Procedures (number)	6	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)			
Time (days)	45	Time (years)			
Cost (% of property value)	3.4	Cost (% of estate)			
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.5	Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)			
		Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)			

<b>ECUADOR</b>		Latin America & Caribbean		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>57.83</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>16,385,068</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b> 168					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	70.50	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	105	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b> 102	
Procedures (number)	11	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	
Time (days)	48.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Cost (% of income per capita)	21.9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	71.0	Border compliance (hours)	
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b> 105					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.32	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b> 124			
Procedures (number)	17	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	46.67	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
Time (days)	132	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.9	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Time to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
				Border compliance (US\$)	
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b> 85					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	72.16	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b> 75			
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)			
Time (days)	74	Time (days)			
Cost (% of income per capita)	636.1	Cost (% of claim)			
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)			
<b>Registering property (rank)</b> 74					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	66.18	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b> 157			
Procedures (number)	8	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)			
Time (days)	38	Time (years)			
Cost (% of property value)	2.1	Cost (% of estate)			
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	16.5	Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)			
		Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)			

<b>EGYPT, ARAB REP.</b>		Middle East & North Africa		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>56.22</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>95,688,681</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b> 103					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.53	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	90	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b> 170	
Procedures (number)	8.5	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	
Time (days)	14.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	25.3	Border compliance (hours)	
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	7.8	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b> 66					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.43	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b> 81			
Procedures (number)	19	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
Time (days)	172	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.9	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Time to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	
				Border compliance (US\$)	
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b> 89					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	71.24	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b> 160			
Procedures (number)	5	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)			
Time (days)	53	Time (days)			
Cost (% of income per capita)	324.7	Cost (% of claim)			
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)			
<b>Registering property (rank)</b> 119					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	55.50	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b> 115			
Procedures (number)	8	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)			
Time (days)	75	Time (years)			
Cost (% of property value)	1.1	Cost (% of estate)			
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0	Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)			
		Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)			

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<b>EL SALVADOR</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>66.42</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,344,722</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	140	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	43
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	78.88	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	89.29
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	16.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	9
Cost (% of income per capita)	41.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	35.4	Border compliance (hours)	30
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	2.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	28.6	Cost to export	
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	139	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	160	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	60.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	38.33	Border compliance (US\$)	128
Procedures (number)	23	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Time to import	
Time (days)	122.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	13
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	36
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	88	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)	67
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	71.40	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	128
Procedures (number)	7	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	61	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	105
Time (days)	56	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.35	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.20
Cost (% of income per capita)	502.0	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	786
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Time (hours per year)	180	Cost (% of claim)	19.2
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	69	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	67.92	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.54	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	84
Procedures (number)	5			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	45.69
Time (days)	31			Time (years)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.8			Cost (% of estate)	12.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	32.6
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0
<b>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>41.66</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,221,490</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	182	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	174
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	54.96	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	32.05
Procedures (number)	16	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	33	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	154
Cost (% of income per capita)	103.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	132
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	30.3	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	6.3	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	160	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Documentary compliance (US\$)	85
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	54.95	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Border compliance (US\$)	760
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Time to import	
Time (days)	144	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (hours)	240
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	240
Building quality control index (0–15)	1.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	146	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	70
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.44	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	985
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	177	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	104
Time (days)	106	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	41.54	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.25
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,185.2	Payments (number per year)	46	Time (days)	475
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	492	Cost (% of claim)	19.5
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	162	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	79.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	44.45	Postfiling index (0–100)	93.12	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Time (days)	23			Time (years)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	12.5			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
<b>ERITREA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>22.87</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5,869,869</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	184	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	186	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	189
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	50.60	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	13	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	Time to export	
Time (days)	84	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	no practice
Cost (% of income per capita)	27.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	no practice
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	118.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	186	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	172	Documentary compliance (US\$)	no practice
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	31.67	Border compliance (US\$)	no practice
Procedures (number)	no practice	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Time to import	
Time (days)	no practice	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	no practice
Cost (% of warehouse value)	no practice	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	no practice
Building quality control index (0–15)	0.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	187	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	no practice
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	0.00	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	no practice
Procedures (number)	no practice	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	148	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	119
Time (days)	no practice	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	57.50	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	53.68
Cost (% of income per capita)	no practice	Payments (number per year)	30	Time (days)	490
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	216	Cost (% of claim)	22.6
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	178	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	83.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	35.29	Postfiling index (0–100)	99.54	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
Procedures (number)	11			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Time (days)	78			Time (years)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	9.0			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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<b>ESTONIA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>80.80</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,316,481</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	12	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	17
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	95.15	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	99.92
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	3.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	35.2	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	16.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	8	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	76	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	82.50	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	56.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	103	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	41	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	14	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	11
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	83.21	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	89.56	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	74.34
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	455
Time (days)	91	Time (hours per year)	50	Cost (% of claim)	21.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	168.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	48.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	99.38		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	6			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	44
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	91.02			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	65.62
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	17.5			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	40.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	27.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>47.77</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>102,403,196</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	174	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	173	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	167
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	68.43	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	15.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	45.34
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	Time to export	
Time (days)	33	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	76
Cost (% of income per capita)	57.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	51
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.3	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	175
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	169	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	176	Border compliance (US\$)	172
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	50.55	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	28.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	194
Time (days)	130	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	166
Cost (% of warehouse value)	16.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	750
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	738
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	125	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	133	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	68
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	59.29	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	62.14	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.99
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	30	Time (days)	530
Time (days)	95	Time (hours per year)	306	Cost (% of claim)	15.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,027.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	50.89		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	139			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	122
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	51.32			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	37.31
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	52			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	6.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>FIJI</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.74</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>898,760</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	160	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	75
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	73.26	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	77.57
Procedures (number)	11	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	40	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	56
Cost (% of income per capita)	16.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	56
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	76
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	92	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	317
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.69	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	34
Time (days)	141	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	42
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	58
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	320
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	84	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	120	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	89
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	72.19	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	66.00	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.44
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	38	Time (days)	397
Time (days)	81	Time (hours per year)	247	Cost (% of claim)	38.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,391.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Postfiling index (0–100)	62.62		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	58			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	92
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	71.86			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.72
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	1.8
Time (days)	69			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	46.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	19.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0

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<b>FINLAND</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>80.37</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5,495,096</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	26	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	34
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.15	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	92.44
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	14	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	20.9	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	6.4	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	70
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	37	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	213
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	65	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	20	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	12	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	46
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	88.97	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	90.14	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.40
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	485
Time (days)	42	Time (hours per year)	93	Cost (% of claim)	16.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	27.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	93.09		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	27			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	2
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	80.73			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	92.82
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	0.9
Time (days)	47			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	4.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	88.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.5
<b>FRANCE</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>76.13</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>66,896,109</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	25	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.28	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export	
Time (days)	3.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	47.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	18	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	79.29	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	9	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	183	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	10		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	26	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	54	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	15
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	85.89	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	78.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	73.04
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	395
Time (days)	71	Time (hours per year)	139	Cost (% of claim)	17.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	6.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	62.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	92.40		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	100			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	28
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	60.69			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	73.91
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	1.9
Time (days)	64			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	73.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>GABON</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>46.19</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,979,786</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	132	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	169
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	80.48	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	43.94
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	33	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	60
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	96
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	2.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	28.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	200
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	149	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	160	Border compliance (US\$)	1,633
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	58.33	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	38.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Time (days)	276	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	170
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	1,320
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	170	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	165	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	178
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	40.21	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	51.64	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	32.84
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	26	Time (days)	1,160
Time (days)	148	Time (hours per year)	488	Cost (% of claim)	34.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,294.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	46.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	42.47		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	173			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	126
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	40.00			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	36.11
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	5.0
Time (days)	102			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	10.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	14.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>GAMBIA, THE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>146</b>		<b>51.92</b>		<b>2,038,501</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	171	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	105
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	69.00	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	67.81
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	25	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	128.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	109
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	133
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	118	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	164	Border compliance (US\$)	381
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	64.31	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	36.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	32
Time (days)	144	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	87
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	4.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	152
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	326
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	156	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	169	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	107
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	49.29	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	49.34	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.84
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	49	Time (days)	407
Time (days)	78	Time (hours per year)	326	Cost (% of claim)	37.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	3,517.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	51.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	53.46		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	129			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	130
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	53.28			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	34.71
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	66			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	7.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	26.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.5
<b>GEORGIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>9</b>		<b>82.04</b>		<b>3,719,300</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	4	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	62
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	97.84	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	82.43
Procedures (number)	2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	2	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	95.7	Border compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	35
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	29	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	383
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	77.57	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	81.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	63	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	15
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	189
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	396
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	30	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	22	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	7
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.32	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	87.14	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	75.97
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	5	Time (days)	285
Time (days)	71	Time (hours per year)	269	Cost (% of claim)	25.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	176.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	16.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.89		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	4			✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	57
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	92.85			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	55.59
Procedures (number)	1			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	1			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	39.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>GERMANY</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>20</b>		<b>79.00</b>		<b>82,667,685</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	113	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	39
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.46	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	91.77
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	10.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	32.4	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.9	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	45
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	24	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	345
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	9	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	126	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	41	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	22
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	98.79	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	82.14	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	71.32
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	499
Time (days)	28	Time (hours per year)	218	Cost (% of claim)	14.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	40.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	48.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	97.67		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	77			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	4
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.71			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	90.27
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	1.2
Time (days)	52			Cost (% of estate)	8.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	80.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0

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<b>GHANA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>120</b>		<b>57.24</b>		<b>1,380</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	110	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	158
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.02	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	52.32
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	14	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	89
Cost (% of income per capita)	17.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	16.5	Border compliance (hours)	108
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	1.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	155
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	131	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	490
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.90	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	76
Time (days)	170	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	89
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	474
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	553
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	136	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	116	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	116
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	56.81	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	66.47	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.00
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	31	Time (days)	710
Time (days)	78	Time (hours per year)	224	Cost (% of claim)	23.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,080.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.54		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	119			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	158
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	55.50			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	24.77
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	1.9
Time (days)	47			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	22.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
<b>GREECE</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>67</b>		<b>68.02</b>		<b>18,960</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	37	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	29
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.30	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	93.72
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	Time to export	
Time (days)	12.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	78.3	Border compliance (hours)	24
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	30
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	58	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Border compliance (US\$)	300
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.48	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	124	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	76	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	65	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	131
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	75.97	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.97	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	50.19
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	1,580
Time (days)	55	Time (hours per year)	193	Cost (% of claim)	14.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	70.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	51.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	75.70		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	145			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	57
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	49.67			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	55.59
Procedures (number)	10			Time (years)	3.5
Time (days)	20			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	33.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0
<b>GRENADA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>142</b>		<b>52.94</b>		<b>8,830</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	82	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	131
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.09	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	61.52
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	15	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	13
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	101
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	128	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Border compliance (US\$)	1,034
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	62.22	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Time (days)	146	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	37
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	1,745
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	73	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	141	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	76
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.41	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	59.39	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.33
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	42	Time (days)	688
Time (days)	38	Time (hours per year)	140	Cost (% of claim)	32.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	187.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	48.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Postfiling index (0–100)	48.85		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	141			✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	50.15			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	32			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	7.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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<b>GUATEMALA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>61.18</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>16,582,469</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank) 139					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	79.30	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank) 20		<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank) 79	
Procedures (number)	8	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	75.31
Time (days)	26.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Cost (% of income per capita)	22.9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	16.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.4	Border compliance (hours)	36
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	17.5	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	105
<b>✗ Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank) 116					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	64.63	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank) 172		Border compliance (US\$)	310
Procedures (number)	12	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	31.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Time (days)	205	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	32
Cost (% of warehouse value)	7.0	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	72
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	140
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	405
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank) 36					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.02	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank) 100		<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank) 176	
Procedures (number)	5	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.30	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	34.55
Time (days)	44	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	1,402
Cost (% of income per capita)	550.6	Time (hours per year)	248	Cost (% of claim)	26.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
		Postfiling index (0–100)	33.04		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank) 85					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	64.44			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank) 153	
Procedures (number)	7			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	27.57
Time (days)	24			Time (years)	3.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.7			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0

<b>GUINEA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>49.80</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>12,395,924</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank) 125					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.77	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank) 142		<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank) 165	
Procedures (number)	6	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	46.24
Time (days)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Cost (% of income per capita)	67.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	139
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	8.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	72
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	128
				Border compliance (US\$)	778
<b>✗ Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank) 75					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	69.92	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank) 146		<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	156
Time (days)	161	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	91
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.3	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	180
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	909
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank) 158					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	47.88	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank) 182		<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank) 117	
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	38.93	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	53.87
Time (days)	69	Payments (number per year)	33	Time (days)	311
Cost (% of income per capita)	5,639.8	Time (hours per year)	400	Cost (% of claim)	45.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	61.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
		Postfiling index (0–100)	12.77		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank) 143					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	50.07			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank) 111	
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.27
Time (days)	44			Time (years)	3.8
Cost (% of property value)	8.9			Cost (% of estate)	8.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	20.7
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

<b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>41.45</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,815,698</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank) 178					
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	63.76	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank) 142		<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank) 141	
Procedures (number)	8.5	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	59.60
Time (days)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Cost (% of income per capita)	48.9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	60
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	273.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.3	Border compliance (hours)	118
		Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.1	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	160
				Border compliance (US\$)	585
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank) 176					
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	44.40	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank) 138		<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	13	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	Documentary compliance (hours)	36
Time (days)	143	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of warehouse value)	28.2	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	205
		Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	550
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank) 180					
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	29.01	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank) 155		<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank) 168	
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	54.93	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	36.76
Time (days)	257	Payments (number per year)	46	Time (days)	1,785
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,399.8	Time (hours per year)	218	Cost (% of claim)	28.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	45.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	45.34		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank) 126					
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	54.41			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank) 168	
Procedures (number)	5			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Time (days)	48			Time (years)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	5.5			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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<b>GUYANA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>126</b>		<b>56.28</b>		<b>4,250</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	92	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	142
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.55	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	59.33
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	Time to export	
Time (days)	18	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	200
Cost (% of income per capita)	9.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	52.8	Border compliance (hours)	72
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	78
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	163	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	378
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	54.66	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	156
Time (days)	208	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	4.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	63
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	265
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	132	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	58.35			✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	93
Procedures (number)	8	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	123	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	57.87
Time (days)	82	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	65.08	Time (days)	581
Cost (% of income per capita)	441.7	Payments (number per year)	35	Cost (% of claim)	27.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Time (hours per year)	256	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
		Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	32.3		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	110	Postfiling index (0–100)	54.24	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	162
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.90			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	22.38
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	45			Cost (% of estate)	28.5
Cost (% of property value)	4.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	18.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
<b>HAITI</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>181</b>		<b>38.24</b>		<b>10,847,334</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	189	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	177	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	77
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	33.70	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	76.90
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	97	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	22
Cost (% of income per capita)	200.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	28
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	14.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.5	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	48
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	177	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	188	Border compliance (US\$)	368
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	44.15	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	20.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	28
Time (days)	98	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	83
Cost (% of warehouse value)	21.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	150
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	563
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	138	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	0		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	55.40	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	147	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	125
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	57.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	52.49
Time (days)	60	Payments (number per year)	47	Time (days)	530
Cost (% of income per capita)	3,522.0	Time (hours per year)	184	Cost (% of claim)	42.6
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	42.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
		Postfiling index (0–100)	48.17	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	180			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	32.22			Time (years)	no practice
Procedures (number)	5			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Time (days)	312			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.9			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	2.5				
<b>HONDURAS</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	<b>115</b>		<b>58.46</b>		<b>2,150</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	150	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	115
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	76.98	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	65.85
Procedures (number)	11	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	13	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	41.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	44.9	Border compliance (hours)	88
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	20.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	113	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	129	Border compliance (US\$)	601
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.44	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	45.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	94	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of warehouse value)	7.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	70
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	483
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	144	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.61	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	164	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	152
Procedures (number)	7	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	51.74	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	45.54
Time (days)	39	Payments (number per year)	48	Time (days)	920
Cost (% of income per capita)	790.8	Time (hours per year)	224	Cost (% of claim)	35.2
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	44.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	35.14	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	142
✗ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	91			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	32.07
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.42			Time (years)	3.8
Procedures (number)	6			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Time (days)	29			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	18.9
Cost (% of property value)	5.7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.0				

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<b>HONG KONG SAR, CHINA</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>83.44</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>7,346,700</b>
✗ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	3	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	31
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	98.14	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	93.56
Procedures (number)	2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	1.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	57
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	5	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	84.86	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	76.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	72	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	19
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	57
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	266
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	4	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	3	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	28
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	99.02	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	98.82	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	69.13
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	3	Time (days)	385
Time (days)	27	Time (hours per year)	72	Cost (% of claim)	23.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	22.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	98.85		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	55			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	43
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	73.54			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	65.69
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	0.8
Time (days)	27.5			Cost (% of estate)	5.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	87.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	27.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>HUNGARY</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>72.39</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>9,817,958</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	79	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.60	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	89.8	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	43.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	90	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.93	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	20	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	205.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	110	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	93	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	13
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	63.26	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.49	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	73.75
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	605
Time (days)	257	Time (hours per year)	277	Cost (% of claim)	15.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	90.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	46.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	63.94		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	29			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	62
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	80.09			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	54.75
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	17.5			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	5.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	43.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.0
<b>ICELAND</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>78.50</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>334,252</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	55	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	69
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.71	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	80.27
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	11.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	6.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	64	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	29	Border compliance (US\$)	655
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.72	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	68.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	84	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	655
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	11	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	33	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	29
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	92.24	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.54	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	69.10
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	21	Time (days)	417
Time (days)	22	Time (hours per year)	140	Cost (% of claim)	9.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	9.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	29.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	87.20		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	15			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	13
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	86.61			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	81.44
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	3.5			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	84.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5

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INDIA		South Asia		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	100	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	60.76	Population	1,324,171,354
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	156	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	146
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	75.40	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	58.56
Procedures (number)	11.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	29.8	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	38.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	14.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	43.5	Border compliance (hours)	106.1
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	181	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	91.9
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	38.80	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	80.00	Border compliance (US\$)	382.4
Procedures (number)	30.1	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Time to import	
Time (days)	143.9	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	61.3
Cost (% of warehouse value)	23.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	264.5
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	10	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	29	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	134.8
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	85.21	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	543.2
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	119	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	164
Time (days)	45.9	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	66.06	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	40.76
Cost (% of income per capita)	96.7	Payments (number per year)	13	Time (days)	1,445
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Time (hours per year)	214	Cost (% of claim)	31.0
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	154	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	55.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.3
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	47.08	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.31	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	103
Procedures (number)	8			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	40.75
Time (days)	53			Time (years)	4.3
Cost (% of property value)	8.4			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	26.4
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5
INDONESIA		East Asia & Pacific		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	72	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	66.47	Population	261,115,456
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	144	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	112
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.93	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	66.59
Procedures (number)	11.2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	23.1	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	61.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	10.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	18.3	Border compliance (hours)	53.3
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	55.3	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	108	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Documentary compliance (US\$)	138.8
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.08	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Border compliance (US\$)	253.7
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Time to import	
Time (days)	200.2	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	119.2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	99.4
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	38	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	164.4
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	83.87	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	382.6
Procedures (number)	4	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	114	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	145
Time (days)	34	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.04	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	47.23
Cost (% of income per capita)	276.1	Payments (number per year)	43	Time (days)	403
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Time (hours per year)	207.5	Cost (% of claim)	70.3
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	106	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.9
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.01	Postfiling index (0–100)	68.82	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	38
Procedures (number)	5			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	67.61
Time (days)	27.6			Time (years)	1.1
Cost (% of property value)	8.3			Cost (% of estate)	21.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	64.7
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.5
IRAN, ISLAMIC REP.		Middle East & North Africa		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	124	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	56.48	Population	80,277,428
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	97	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	166
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.16	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	46.11
Procedures (number)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	15	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	55.8	Border compliance (hours)	101
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	54.7	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	25	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	170	Documentary compliance (US\$)	125
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.07	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	33.33	Border compliance (US\$)	565
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Time to import	
Time (days)	99	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	192
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	141
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	99	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	197
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	68.43	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	660
Procedures (number)	6	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	150	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	80
Time (days)	77	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	56.57	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.07
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,064.9	Payments (number per year)	20	Time (days)	505
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Time (hours per year)	344	Cost (% of claim)	17.0
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	87	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	44.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	64.16	Postfiling index (0–100)	26.88	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	160
Procedures (number)	7			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	23.93
Time (days)	12			Time (years)	4.5
Cost (% of property value)	5.7			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	15.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	15.4
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0

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<b>IRAQ</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>44.87</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>37,202,572</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	154	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	186	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	179
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	75.87	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	25.33
Procedures (number)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	Time to export	
Time (days)	26.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	504
Cost (% of income per capita)	43.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	85
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	18.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.2	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	93	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	124	Documentary compliance (US\$)	1,800
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.66	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	46.67	Border compliance (US\$)	1,118
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Time to import	
Time (days)	167	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	176
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	131
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	116	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	500
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	61.64	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	644
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	129	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	144
Time (days)	51	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	63.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.02
Cost (% of income per capita)	466.6	Payments (number per year)	15	Time (days)	520
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	312	Cost (% of claim)	28.1
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	101	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	1.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.97	Postfiling index (0–100)	21.43	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
Procedures (number)	5	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>OECD high income</b>	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Time (days)	51	<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	Time (years)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	5.7	17	79.51	Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.5	8	79.51	Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	8	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	95.91	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	47
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	87.25
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Time to export	
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	24
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	30	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Cost to export	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	76.99	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	305
Time (days)	149.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Time to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	24
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	35	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.22	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	253
Time (days)	85	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	94.46	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	98
Cost (% of income per capita)	52.8	Payments (number per year)	9	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	56.03
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Time (hours per year)	82	Time (days)	650
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	40	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	26.0	Cost (% of claim)	26.9
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	76.29	Postfiling index (0–100)	92.93	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Procedures (number)	5	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>OECD high income</b>	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	17
Time (days)	31.5	<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	79.00
Cost (% of property value)	2.5	54	71.42	Time (years)	0.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.0	37	71.42	Cost (% of estate)	9.0
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	37	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	85.8
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.30	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.5
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	60
Time (days)	12	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	82.85
Cost (% of income per capita)	3.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	71.4	Time to export	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Documentary compliance (hours)	13
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	65	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	16	Border compliance (hours)	36
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.69	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	73.33	Cost to export	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Time (days)	209	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	73
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	150
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Time to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	77	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	64
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	75.20	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Procedures (number)	6	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	99	Documentary compliance (US\$)	70
Time (days)	102	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.35	Border compliance (US\$)	307
Cost (% of income per capita)	14.1	Payments (number per year)	33	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	92
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Time (hours per year)	235	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	57.93
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	130	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	27.0	Time (days)	975
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.84	Postfiling index (0–100)	61.36	Cost (% of claim)	25.3
Procedures (number)	6	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	29	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Time (days)	81	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	72.74	<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	37
Cost (% of property value)	8.3	Time (years)	2.0	DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.30
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.0	Cost (% of estate)	23.0	Procedures (number)	4
		Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	62.6	Time (days)	12
		Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.5	Cost (% of income per capita)	3.2
				Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0
				<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	65
				DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.69
				Procedures (number)	15
				Time (days)	209
				Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.4
				Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0
				<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	77
				DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	75.20
				Procedures (number)	6
				Time (days)	102
				Cost (% of income per capita)	14.1
				Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7
				<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	130
				DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.84
				Procedures (number)	6
				Time (days)	81
				Cost (% of property value)	8.3
				Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.0

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<b>ITALY</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>72.70</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>31,590</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	66	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.42	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	6.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	13.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	30.1	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	96	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.26	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	227.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	28	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	112	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	108
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	85.27	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.29	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.79
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	1,120
Time (days)	82	Time (hours per year)	238	Cost (% of claim)	23.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	156.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	48.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	52.39		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	23			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	24
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	81.70			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	76.97
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	1.8
Time (days)	16			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	64.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.5
<b>JAMAICA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>67.27</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,881,355</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	5	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	130
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	97.30	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	61.54
Procedures (number)	2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	3	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	47
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	24.1	Border compliance (hours)	58
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	98	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Border compliance (US\$)	876
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.22	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	56
Time (days)	141.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	80
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	906
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	91	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	122	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	127
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	71.11	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	65.67	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	51.87
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	550
Time (days)	95	Time (hours per year)	268	Cost (% of claim)	50.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	237.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	19.68		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	128			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	35
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	53.70			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	69.31
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	1.1
Time (days)	18			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	9.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	64.9
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>JAPAN</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>75.68</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>126,994,511</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	106	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	51
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.37	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	86.51
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	12.2	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	2.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	22.6
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	54
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	50	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	264.9
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.36	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	3.4
Time (days)	197	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	39.6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	107
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	299.2
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	17	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	68	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	51
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	89.88	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.71	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	65.26
Procedures (number)	3.4	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	360
Time (days)	97.7	Time (hours per year)	151	Cost (% of claim)	23.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	47.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	71.69		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	52			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	73.92			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	93.44
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	0.6
Time (days)	13			Cost (% of estate)	4.2
Cost (% of property value)	5.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	92.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0

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<b>JORDAN</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.58</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>9,455,802</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	105	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	53
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.40	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	85.93
Procedures (number)	7.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of income per capita)	24.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	15.3	Border compliance (hours)	38
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.1	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	2.2	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	16
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	110	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	131
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	55
Time (days)	62	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	79
Cost (% of warehouse value)	12.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	30
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	181
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	40	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	97	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	118
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	83.33	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.75	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	53.71
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	25	Time (days)	642
Time (days)	55	Time (hours per year)	128.5	Cost (% of claim)	31.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	384.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	28.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	34.69		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	72			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	146
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	66.40			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	30.53
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	17			Cost (% of estate)	20.0
Cost (% of property value)	9.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	27.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0
<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>75.44</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>17,797,032</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	41	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	123
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.95	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	63.19
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	128
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	54.4	Border compliance (hours)	133
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	320
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	52	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	574
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.30	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	85.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Time (days)	123	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	70	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	50	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	6
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.77	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.47	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	77.55
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	370
Time (days)	77	Time (hours per year)	178	Cost (% of claim)	22.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	47.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	29.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	48.85		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	17			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	39
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	84.61			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	67.52
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	3.5			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	38.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0
<b>KENYA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>65.15</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>48,461,567</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	117	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	106
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.20	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	67.63
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	25	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	19
Cost (% of income per capita)	26.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	30.4	Border compliance (hours)	21
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	191
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	124	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	143
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	60
Time (days)	159	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	180
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	115
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	833
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	71	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	92	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	90
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.68	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.67	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.27
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	26	Time (days)	465
Time (days)	97	Time (hours per year)	185.5	Cost (% of claim)	41.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	724.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Postfiling index (0–100)	62.03		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	125			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	95
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	54.49			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.11
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	4.5
Time (days)	61			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	27.9
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	16.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>KIRIBATI</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	147	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	170	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	127
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.47	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	20.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	62.08
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	31	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	40.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	72
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	16.2	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	310
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	111	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	124	Border compliance (US\$)	420
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.72	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	46.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	150	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	120
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	685
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	168	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	94	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	121
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	41.50	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.42	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	53.39
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	660
Time (days)	97	Time (hours per year)	168	Cost (% of claim)	25.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	4,022.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	32.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	26.68		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	146			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	49.12			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	513			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	0.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	9.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
<b>KOREA, REP.</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	9	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	33
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	95.83	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	92.52
Procedures (number)	2	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	14.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	13
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	11
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	28	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	20	Border compliance (US\$)	185
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	77.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	71.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	27.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	27
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	315
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	2	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	24	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	99.89	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	86.69	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	84.15
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	12	Time (days)	290
Time (days)	13	Time (hours per year)	188	Cost (% of claim)	12.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	37.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	93.04		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	39			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	76.34			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	89.33
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	5.5			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	5.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	84.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	27.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0
<b>KOSOVO</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	10	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	48
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	95.67	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	86.87
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	38
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	28
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	40.5	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	127
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	122	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	89	Border compliance (US\$)	105
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.72	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Time (days)	152	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	16
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	42
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	128
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	106	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	45	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	49
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	66.12	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.28	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	65.66
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	330
Time (days)	36	Time (hours per year)	155	Cost (% of claim)	34.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	219.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	15.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	2	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.16		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	34			✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	49
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	78.12			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	60.13
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	27			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	39.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	20.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.5

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<b>KUWAIT</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>61.23</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,052,584</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	149	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	154
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.21	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	54.24
Procedures (number)	9.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	38.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	31.0	Border compliance (hours)	96
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	8.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	15.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	191
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	129	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Border compliance (US\$)	602
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	62.20	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	23	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Time (days)	236	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	89
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	332
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	491
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	97	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	6	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	73
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	69.60	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	92.48	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.58
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	12	Time (days)	566
Time (days)	85	Time (hours per year)	98	Cost (% of claim)	18.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	64.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	13.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	70			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	110
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	67.55			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.44
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	4.2
Time (days)	35			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	32.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>KYRGYZ REPUBLIC</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>65.70</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,082,700</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	29	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	84
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.94	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	73.34
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	10	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	21
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	37.0	Border compliance (hours)	20
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	145
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	31	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	51	Border compliance (US\$)	445
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	76.85	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	36
Time (days)	142	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	200
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	512
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	164	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	151	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	139
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44.19	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	56.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.57
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	51	Time (days)	410
Time (days)	125	Time (hours per year)	225	Cost (% of claim)	47.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	814.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	29.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	37.38		
✗ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	8			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	119
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	90.21			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	37.67
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	3.5			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	35.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>LAO PDR</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>53.01</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,758,353</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	164	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	124
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	72.56	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	62.98
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	67	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	216
Cost (% of income per capita)	3.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	12
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	11.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	235
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	40	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	172	Border compliance (US\$)	73
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.25	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	31.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	216
Time (days)	83	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	14
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	115
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	153
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	149	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	156	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	97
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	52.65	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	54.18	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	56.22
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	443
Time (days)	134	Time (hours per year)	362	Cost (% of claim)	31.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,132.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	26.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	2	Postfiling index (0–100)	18.57		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	65			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	69.55			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	53			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	1.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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<b>LATVIA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>79.26</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,960,424</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	21	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	25
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.11	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	95.26
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	43.1	Border compliance (hours)	24
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	88.8	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	35
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	49	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Border compliance (US\$)	150
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.41	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	192	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	62	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	13	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	20
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	79.05	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	89.79	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	71.66
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	469
Time (days)	107	Time (hours per year)	168.5	Cost (% of claim)	23.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	278.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	98.11		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	22			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	53
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	81.87			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	59.10
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	16.5			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	40.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0
<b>LEBANON</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>54.67</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,006,668</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	143	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	140
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	78.17	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	59.71
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	15	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	42.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	96
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	42.3	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	22.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	142	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	138	Border compliance (US\$)	410
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.66	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	249	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	180
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	135
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	695
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	123	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	113	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	134
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.07	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.21	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	49.85
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	20	Time (days)	721
Time (days)	75	Time (hours per year)	181	Cost (% of claim)	30.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	130.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	27.48		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	102			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	147
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.93			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	29.42
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	34			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.9			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	31.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	16.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
<b>LESOTHO</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.42</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,203,821</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	119	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	40
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.06	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	91.60
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	29	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.5	Border compliance (hours)	4
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	167	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	150
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	51.57	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	183	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	5
Cost (% of warehouse value)	12.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	150
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	152	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	111	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	95
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	52.09	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.68	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	57.18
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	32	Time (days)	615
Time (days)	114	Time (hours per year)	333	Cost (% of claim)	31.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,341.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	13.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	66.94		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	109			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	124
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	58.12			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	36.91
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.6
Time (days)	43			Cost (% of estate)	20.0
Cost (% of property value)	8.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	27.9
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	9.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0

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<b>LIBERIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>43.55</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,613,823</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	54	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	105	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	177
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.77	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	27.77
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	144
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	193
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.9	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	155
				Border compliance (US\$)	1113
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	184	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	177	<i>Time to import</i>	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	28.94	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	Documentary compliance (hours)	144
Procedures (number)	25	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	217
Time (days)	87	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	39.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	230
Building quality control index (0–15)	2.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	1,013
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	174
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	176	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	69	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	35.23
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	32.95	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.70	Time (days)	1,300
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	33	Cost (% of claim)	35.0
Time (days)	482	Time (hours per year)	139.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	4,174.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	45.5		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	98.62	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	106
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	40.43
				Time (years)	3.0
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	183			Cost (% of estate)	30.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	31.04			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	17.1
Procedures (number)	10			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.0
Time (days)	44				
Cost (% of property value)	13.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	3.5				
<b>LIBYA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>33.21</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,293,253</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	167	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	186	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	118
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	71.72	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	64.66
Procedures (number)	10	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	35	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	30.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	72
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	41.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.6	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
				Border compliance (US\$)	575
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	186	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	183	<i>Time to import</i>	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	25.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Procedures (number)	no practice	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	79
Time (days)	no practice	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	no practice	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
Building quality control index (0–15)	0.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	637
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	141
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	130	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	128	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.41
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	58.66	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	63.61	Time (days)	690
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	19	Cost (% of claim)	27.0
Time (days)	118	Time (hours per year)	889	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	422.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	32.6		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	90.16	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	168
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
				Time (years)	no practice
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	187			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	0.00			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Procedures (number)	no practice			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Time (days)	no practice				
Cost (% of property value)	no practice				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	0.0				
<b>LITHUANIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>79.87</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,872,298</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	27	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	42	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	19
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.05	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	97.70
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	9
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	19.3	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	45.3	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	28
				Border compliance (US\$)	58
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	12	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	43	<i>Time to import</i>	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	81.43	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	0
Time (days)	75	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	4
✓ <b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	33	✓ <b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	18	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	78.80
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.25	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	87.81	Time (days)	370
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	11	Cost (% of claim)	23.6
Time (days)	85	Time (hours per year)	109.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	15.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	42.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	42.7		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	97.52	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	70
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	49.37
				Time (years)	2.3
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	3			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	92.94			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	45.3
Procedures (number)	3			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.0
Time (days)	3.5				
Cost (% of property value)	0.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	28.5				

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<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>69.01</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>582,972</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	70	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	173	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	88.76	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	15.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	16.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	18.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	7	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	119	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	83.71	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	48.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	157	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	15.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	31	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	21	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	14
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.31	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	87.37	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	73.32
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	23	Time (days)	321
Time (days)	56	Time (hours per year)	55	Cost (% of claim)	9.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	34.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	20.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	83.75		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	88			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	86
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.85			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	45.42
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	26.5			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	10.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	43.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	25.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>MACEDONIA, FYR</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>81.18</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,081,206</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	22	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	27
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.94	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	93.87
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	9
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	39.7	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	45
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	26	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	103
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.01	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	80.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	96	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	10	Border compliance (hours)	8
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	150
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	53	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	29	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	35
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	81.42	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.72	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.79
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	634
Time (days)	97	Time (hours per year)	119	Cost (% of claim)	28.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	200.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	13.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	56.36		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	48			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	30
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.49			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	72.54
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	30			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	47.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	25.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0
<b>MADAGASCAR</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>47.67</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>24,894,551</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	76	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	134
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.76	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.95
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	8	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	49
Cost (% of income per capita)	35.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	70
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	5.1	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	117
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	183	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	868
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	35.88	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	58
Time (days)	185	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	99
Cost (% of warehouse value)	54.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	150
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	595
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	184	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	131	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	158
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	21.07	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	62.70	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	42.85
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	23	Time (days)	871
Time (days)	450	Time (hours per year)	183	Cost (% of claim)	33.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	5,322.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	21.84		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	161			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	133
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	44.63			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	34.24
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	100			Cost (% of estate)	8.5
Cost (% of property value)	9.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	11.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

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<b>MALAWI</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.94</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>18,091,575</b>
✕ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	152	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	6	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	117
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	76.43	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	65.29
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	Time to export	
Time (days)	37	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	75
Cost (% of income per capita)	44.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	23.5	Border compliance (hours)	78
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	342
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	144	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	243
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.22	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	55
Time (days)	153	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	55
Cost (% of warehouse value)	11.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	162
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	143
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	166	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	134	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	151
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	43.43	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	62.10	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	45.55
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	522
Time (days)	127	Time (hours per year)	177.5	Cost (% of claim)	69.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,341.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	34.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	33.41	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	138
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	33.28
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	96			Time (years)	2.6
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	62.45			Cost (% of estate)	25.0
Procedures (number)	6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	12.5
Time (days)	69			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5
Cost (% of property value)	1.6				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.5				
<b>MALAYSIA</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>78.43</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>31,187,265</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	111	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	61
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.78	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	82.75
Procedures (number)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	18.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	10
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	82.6	Border compliance (hours)	45
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	63.6	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	45
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	11	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	321
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	82.19	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	80.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	10
Time (days)	78	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	10	Border compliance (hours)	69
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	321
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	8	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	73	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	44
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	94.33	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.07	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.61
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	425
Time (days)	31	Time (hours per year)	188	Cost (% of claim)	37.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	28.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	52.65	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	46
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	62.51
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	42			Time (years)	1.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	76.06			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Procedures (number)	8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	81.3
Time (days)	13			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.5				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	27.5				
<b>MALDIVES</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>54.42</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>417,492</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	68	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	152
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.06	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	55.87
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	12	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	42
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	1.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	18.8	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	300
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	54	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Border compliance (US\$)	596
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.87	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	61
Time (days)	140	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	100
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	180
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	981
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	143	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	118	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	106
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.69	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	66.08	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.07
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	17	Time (days)	760
Time (days)	91	Time (hours per year)	390.5	Cost (% of claim)	16.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	283.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	46.10	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	139
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	33.26
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	174			Time (years)	1.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	39.97			Cost (% of estate)	4.0
Procedures (number)	6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	50.2
Time (days)	57			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	2.0
Cost (% of property value)	15.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.5				

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<b>MALI</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>750</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>52.92</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>17,994,837</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	104	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	85		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.46	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	73.30		
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export			
Time (days)	8.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	48		
Cost (% of income per capita)	58.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.8	Border compliance (hours)	48		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	5.6	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.1	Cost to export			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	33		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	134	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	242		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.36	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Time to import			
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	77		
Time (days)	124	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	98		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import			
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	545		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	154	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	166	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	159		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	51.12	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	51.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	42.80		
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	620		
Time (days)	120	Time (hours per year)	270	Cost (% of claim)	52.0		
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,794.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	48.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	25.71				
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	137			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	94		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	51.43			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.22		
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.6		
Time (days)	29			Cost (% of estate)	18.0		
Cost (% of property value)	11.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.0		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0		
<b>MALTA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>24,140</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>64.72</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>436,947</b>		
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	102	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	41		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.83	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	91.01		
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export			
Time (days)	16	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	3		
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	24		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	53.6	Cost to export			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	25		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	45	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	51	Border compliance (US\$)	325		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	73.86	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	Time to import			
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	1		
Time (days)	167	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	2		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import			
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	230		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	78	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	71	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	37		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	75.16	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.19	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.57		
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	505		
Time (days)	106	Time (hours per year)	139	Cost (% of claim)	21.5		
Cost (% of income per capita)	222.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	43.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	52.51				
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	147			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	117		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	48.86			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	38.07		
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	3.0		
Time (days)	15			Cost (% of estate)	10.0		
Cost (% of property value)	13.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	38.8		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.5		
<b>MARSHALL ISLANDS</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>4,450</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>51.45</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>53,066</b>		
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	72	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	67		
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	88.49	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	80.59		
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export			
Time (days)	17	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	24		
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	60		
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export			
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	20		
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	71	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	177	Border compliance (US\$)	220		
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	70.93	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	Time to import			
Procedures (number)	7	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	60		
Time (days)	38	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	84		
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import			
Building quality control index (0–15)	1.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	43		
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	220		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2				
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	126	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	83	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	99		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	59.26	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	73.45	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.93		
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	616		
Time (days)	67	Time (hours per year)	120	Cost (% of claim)	32.1		
Cost (% of income per capita)	675.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	64.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable				
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	187			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	167		
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	0.00			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	9.19		
Procedures (number)	no practice			Time (years)	2.0		
Time (days)	no practice			Cost (% of estate)	38.0		
Cost (% of property value)	no practice			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	17.1		
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	0.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0		

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<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	43	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	138
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.80	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.30
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	51
Cost (% of income per capita)	19.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	62
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	7.1	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	92
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	109	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	749
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.03	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	64
Time (days)	104	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	69
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	400
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	580
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	148	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	65
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.31	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	179	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.43
Procedures (number)	5	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	40.71	Time (days)	370
Time (days)	67	Payments (number per year)	33	Cost (% of claim)	23.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	4,628.4	Time (hours per year)	270	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	71.3		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	98	Postfiling index (0–100)	17.20	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	61.25			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	49			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	4.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
<b>MAURITIUS</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	40	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	70
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.00	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	79.90
Procedures (number)	5.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	9
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	38
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	86.1	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	128
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	9	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	303
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	82.45	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	9
Time (days)	98	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	41
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	166
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	372
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	51	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	27
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.03	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	10	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	69.58
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	90.85	Time (days)	519
Time (days)	81	Payments (number per year)	8	Cost (% of claim)	25.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	229.4	Time (hours per year)	152	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	21.9		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	35	Postfiling index (0–100)	87.65	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	36
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	77.89			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	69.06
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	1.7
Time (days)	17			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	0.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	67.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.5
<b>MEXICO</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	90	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	6	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	63
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.84	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	82.09
Procedures (number)	7.8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	8.4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	8
Cost (% of income per capita)	17.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	20.4
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
✗ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	87	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	400
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.28	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	14.7	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	17.6
Time (days)	82.3	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	44.2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	9.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.7	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	450
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	92	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	41
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	70.99	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	115	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.01
Procedures (number)	6.8	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	67.01	Time (days)	341
Time (days)	100.4	Payments (number per year)	6	Cost (% of claim)	33.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	314.3	Time (hours per year)	240.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.1
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	52.1		
✗ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	99	Postfiling index (0–100)	40.51	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	31
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	60.81			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	72.31
Procedures (number)	7.7			Time (years)	1.8
Time (days)	38.8			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	67.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	16.3			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5

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MICRONESIA, FED. STS.		East Asia & Pacific		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	155	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	48.99	Population	104,937
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	170	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	58
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	69.56	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	84.00
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export	
Time (days)	16	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	26
Cost (% of income per capita)	141.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	36
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	137	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	183	Border compliance (US\$)	168
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.05	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	25.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	35
Time (days)	86	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	56
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	0.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	180
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	0		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	109	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	110	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	183
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	64.48	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.78	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	29.39
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	21	Time (days)	885
Time (days)	105	Time (hours per year)	128	Cost (% of claim)	66.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	343.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	60.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	187			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	119
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	0.00			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	37.67
Procedures (number)	no practice			Time (years)	5.3
Time (days)	no practice			Cost (% of estate)	38.0
Cost (% of property value)	no practice			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	3.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	0.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5
MOLDOVA		Europe & Central Asia		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	44	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	73.00	Population	3,552,000
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	23	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	35
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.76	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	92.32
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	13.6	Border compliance (hours)	3
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	44
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	165	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	76
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	51.98	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	28	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	276	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	4
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	41
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	83
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	80	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	32	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	62
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	74.65	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.55	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.87
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	585
Time (days)	87	Time (hours per year)	181	Cost (% of claim)	28.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	721.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	40.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	90.79		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	20			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	65
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	82.60			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	52.56
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	2.8
Time (days)	5.5			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	1.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0
MONGOLIA		East Asia & Pacific		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	62	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	69.03	Population	3,027,398
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	59	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	110
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.08	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	66.89
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	10	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	168
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	62
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	45.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	64
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	23	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	191
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.19	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	115
Time (days)	137	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	83
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	210
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	139	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	62	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	88
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.32	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.48
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	19	Time (days)	374
Time (days)	79	Time (hours per year)	134	Cost (% of claim)	30.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	618.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	24.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	3	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.08		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	50			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	93
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.18			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.54
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	10.5			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	17.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0

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<b>MONTENEGRO</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 6,970	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	42	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	73.18	Population	622,781
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	60	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	12	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	44
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.07	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	85.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	88.75
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	12	Time to export	
Time (days)	10	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	5
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	8
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	31.6	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	78	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	51	Documentary compliance (US\$)	67
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	69.30	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	Border compliance (US\$)	158
Procedures (number)	8	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Time to import	
Time (days)	152	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	10
Cost (% of warehouse value)	10.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	23
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	127	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	59.17	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	306
Procedures (number)	7	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	70	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	42
Time (days)	142	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.67	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	66.75
Cost (% of income per capita)	425.6	Payments (number per year)	18	Time (days)	545
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Time (hours per year)	300	Cost (% of claim)	25.7
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	76	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	22.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.76	Postfiling index (0–100)	70.49	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	37
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	68.70
Time (days)	69			Time (years)	1.4
Cost (% of property value)	3.2			Cost (% of estate)	8.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	49.3
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.5
<b>MOROCCO</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 2,850	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	69	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	67.91	Population	35,276,786
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	35	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	65
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.46	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	81.12
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	26
Cost (% of income per capita)	8.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	25.0	Border compliance (hours)	19
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	17	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Documentary compliance (US\$)	107
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	79.73	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Border compliance (US\$)	156
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Time to import	
Time (days)	88.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	26
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	106
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	72	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	116
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.52	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	228
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	25	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	57
Time (days)	49	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	85.72	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	61.85
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,791.6	Payments (number per year)	6	Time (days)	510
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Time (hours per year)	155	Cost (% of claim)	26.5
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	86	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	49.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	64.35	Postfiling index (0–100)	98.62	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	134
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	34.03
Time (days)	22			Time (years)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	6.4			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	15.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.4
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 480	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	138	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	54.00	Population	28,829,476
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	137	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	109
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	79.86	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	67.25
Procedures (number)	10	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	19	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	70
Cost (% of income per capita)	18.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	66
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	7.4	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	56	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	138	Documentary compliance (US\$)	220
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.80	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	Border compliance (US\$)	602
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Time to import	
Time (days)	118	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	14
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	150	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	171
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	52.54	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	354
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	117	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	184
Time (days)	68	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	66.13	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	27.32
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,817.3	Payments (number per year)	37	Time (days)	950
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	200	Cost (% of claim)	119.0
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	104	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	36.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.27	Postfiling index (0–100)	58.56	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	75
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	48.20
Time (days)	40			Time (years)	1.5
Cost (% of property value)	5.1			Cost (% of estate)	20.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	9.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	31.5
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.0

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<b>MYANMAR</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	171		44.21		52,885,223
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	155	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	177	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	163
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	75.42	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	47.67
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	14	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	144
Cost (% of income per capita)	40.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	142
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	140
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	73	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	183	Border compliance (US\$)	432
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	70.33	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	25.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	95	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	230
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	210
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	457
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	151	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	52.52	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	125	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	188
Procedures (number)	6	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	63.94	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	24.53
Time (days)	77	Payments (number per year)	31	Time (days)	1,160
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,155.3	Time (hours per year)	282	Cost (% of claim)	51.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.0
		Postfiling index (0–100)	45.54		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	134			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	164
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.30			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	20.39
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	5.0
Time (days)	85			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	14.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	5.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0
<b>NAMIBIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	106		59.94		2,479,713
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	172	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	132
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	68.90	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	61.47
Procedures (number)	10	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	66	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	90
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	61.0	Border compliance (hours)	120
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	348
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	107	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	89	Border compliance (US\$)	745
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.10	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	160	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	63
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	145
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	68	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	78.12	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	79	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	59
Procedures (number)	6	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	74.52	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	61.58
Time (days)	37	Payments (number per year)	27	Time (days)	460
Cost (% of income per capita)	343.7	Time (hours per year)	302	Cost (% of claim)	35.8
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	20.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	77.17		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	175			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	123
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	38.35			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	37.04
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	2.5
Time (days)	52			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	13.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	34.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	8.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>NEPAL</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
	105		59.95		28,982,771
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	109	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	76
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.04	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	77.17
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export	
Time (days)	16.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	43
Cost (% of income per capita)	24.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	1.7	Border compliance (hours)	56
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	110
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	157	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	288
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	55.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	117	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	61
Cost (% of warehouse value)	16.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	190
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	133	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	57.95	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	146	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	153
Procedures (number)	5	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	58.01	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	45.26
Time (days)	70	Payments (number per year)	34	Time (days)	910
Cost (% of income per capita)	993.7	Time (hours per year)	339	Cost (% of claim)	26.8
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	29.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	33.35		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	84			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	76
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	64.82			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	48.15
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	6			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	43.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	5.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.0

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<b>NETHERLANDS</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>76.03</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>17,018,408</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	20	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.28	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	3.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	95.2	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	76	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	69.33	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Border compliance (US\$)	0
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Time to import	
Time (days)	161	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	0
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	52	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	81.58	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	0
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	20	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	69
Time (days)	110	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	87.59	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.94
Cost (% of income per capita)	29.5	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	514
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Time (hours per year)	119	Cost (% of claim)	23.9
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	30	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	40.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	80.04	Postfiling index (0–100)	91.95	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	8
Procedures (number)	5			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	84.22
Time (days)	2.5			Time (years)	1.1
Cost (% of property value)	6.1			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	28.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	89.7
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>86.55</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,692,700</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	1	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	1	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	56
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	99.96	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	100.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	84.63
Procedures (number)	1	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	12	Time to export	
Time (days)	0.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	37
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	3	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	67
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	86.36	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	81.67	Border compliance (US\$)	337
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Time to import	
Time (days)	93	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	25
Building quality control index (0–15)	15.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	37	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	83.97	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	367
Procedures (number)	5	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	9	✗ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	21
Time (days)	58	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	91.08	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	71.48
Cost (% of income per capita)	72.4	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	216
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Time (hours per year)	140	Cost (% of claim)	27.2
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	34.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	94.47	Postfiling index (0–100)	96.90	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	32
Procedures (number)	2			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	71.85
Time (days)	1			Time (years)	1.3
Cost (% of property value)	0.1			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	84.2
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5
<b>NICARAGUA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>55.39</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>6,149,928</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	138	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	74
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	79.61	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	78.99
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	14	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	65.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	55.9	Border compliance (hours)	60
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	20.4	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	174	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	167	Documentary compliance (US\$)	47
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	45.82	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	35.00	Border compliance (US\$)	150
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	1	Time to import	
Time (days)	225	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	16
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	72
Building quality control index (0–15)	3.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	100	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)	86
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	68.33	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	400
Procedures (number)	6	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	159	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	87
Time (days)	55	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	52.86	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.58
Cost (% of income per capita)	856.5	Payments (number per year)	43	Time (days)	490
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Time (hours per year)	201	Cost (% of claim)	26.8
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	148	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	60.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	48.85	Postfiling index (0–100)	52.55	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	102
Procedures (number)	9			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	40.89
Time (days)	56			Time (years)	2.2
Cost (% of property value)	5.0			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	35.3
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0

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<b>NIGER</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	24	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	122
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.65	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	63.61
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	51
Cost (% of income per capita)	8.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.2	Border compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	11.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.3	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	39
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	164	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	543
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	53.70	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	156
Time (days)	91	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	78
Cost (% of warehouse value)	13.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	282
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	462
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	162	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	160	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	137
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44.86	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	52.49	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.70
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	41	Time (days)	430
Time (days)	97	Time (hours per year)	270	Cost (% of claim)	52.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	5,632.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	47.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	38.02		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	116			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	112
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.15			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.19
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	5.0
Time (days)	35			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	20.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0

<b>NIGERIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	130	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	6	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	183
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	80.80	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	19.93
Procedures (number)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export	
Time (days)	18.9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	131.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	28.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.8	Border compliance (hours)	135.4
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.1	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	250
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	147	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	785.7
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	58.81	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15.1	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	172.7
Time (days)	110.3	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	283.7
Cost (% of warehouse value)	18.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.8	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	564.3
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	1,076.8
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	172	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	171	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	96
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	34.68	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	48.44	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	56.32
Procedures (number)	9.8	Payments (number per year)	59	Time (days)	454
Time (days)	149.4	Time (hours per year)	360.4	Cost (% of claim)	42.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	334.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	34.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.9
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	47.48		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	179			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	145
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	34.08			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	30.60
Procedures (number)	11.3			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	68.9			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	10.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	27.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.4			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0

<b>NORWAY</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>		<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>		<b>Population</b>	
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	19	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	22
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.30	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	96.97
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	4.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	21	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Border compliance (US\$)	125
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	78.83	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	110.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	125
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	10		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	23	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	28	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	8
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	87.46	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	85.18	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	75.71
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	4	Time (days)	400
Time (days)	66	Time (hours per year)	83	Cost (% of claim)	9.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	63.69		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	14			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	6
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	87.26			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	85.94
Procedures (number)	1			Time (years)	0.9
Time (days)	3			Cost (% of estate)	1.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	93.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	20.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5

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<b>OMAN</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>67.20</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,424,762</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	31	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	72
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.85	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	79.39
Procedures (number)	4.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	6.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	7
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	52
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	26.7	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	107
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	60	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	124	Border compliance (US\$)	261
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.15	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	46.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	7
Time (days)	172	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	70
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	124
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	394
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	61	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	11	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	67
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	79.35	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	90.60	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.02
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	15	Time (days)	598
Time (days)	62	Time (hours per year)	68	Cost (% of claim)	15.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	77.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	23.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.32		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	54			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	98
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	73.62			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	42.40
Procedures (number)	2			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	16			Cost (% of estate)	3.5
Cost (% of property value)	5.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	38.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>PAKISTAN</b>		<b>South Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>51.65</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>193,203,476</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	142	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	171
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	78.61	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	41.94
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	17.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	55
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	6.7	Border compliance (hours)	75
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	9.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	257
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	141	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	20	Border compliance (US\$)	406
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.72	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	71.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	143
Time (days)	262.1	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	129.3
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	735
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	936.6
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	167	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	172	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	156
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	42.39	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	46.43	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	43.49
Procedures (number)	5.4	Payments (number per year)	47	Time (days)	1,071
Time (days)	180.7	Time (hours per year)	311.5	Cost (% of claim)	20.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,663.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.7
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	10.49		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	170			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	82
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	41.41			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	45.83
Procedures (number)	7.7			Time (years)	2.6
Time (days)	154.8			Cost (% of estate)	4.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	44.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.6			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
<b>PALAU</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>55.58</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>21,503</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	124	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	133
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.96	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.98
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	Time to export	
Time (days)	28	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	102
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	7.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	85	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	177	Border compliance (US\$)	505
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.38	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	19	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Time (days)	72	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	605
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	140	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	107	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	126
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	54.84	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.22	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	52.21
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	810
Time (days)	125	Time (hours per year)	52	Cost (% of claim)	35.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	64.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	75.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	43			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	166
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	75.16			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	16.38
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	14			Cost (% of estate)	22.5
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	30.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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PANAMA		Latin America & Caribbean		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	79	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	65.27	<b>Population</b>	4,034,119
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	39	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	29	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	54
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.02	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	85.47
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of income per capita)	5.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	66.8	Border compliance (hours)	24
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
				Border compliance (US\$)	270
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	88	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	96	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	24
Time (days)	105	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	490
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	148
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	18	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	180	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	46.19
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	89.77	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	39.66	Time (days)	790
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	52	Cost (% of claim)	38.0
Time (days)	35	Time (hours per year)	417	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	17.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.2		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	12.84	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	107
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.59
				Time (years)	2.5
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	83			Cost (% of estate)	25.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.17			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	27.1
Procedures (number)	7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.0
Time (days)	22.5				
Cost (% of property value)	2.4				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.0				
PAPUA NEW GUINEA		East Asia & Pacific		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	109	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	59.04	<b>Population</b>	8,084,991
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	129	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	42	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	137
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.04	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.47
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	Time to export	
Time (days)	41	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.0	Border compliance (hours)	42
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
				Border compliance (US\$)	660
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	117	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	89	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	64.42	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	Documentary compliance (hours)	120
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	217	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	85
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	790
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	171
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	107	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	91	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	36.21
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	65.53	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	71.71	Time (days)	591
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	32	Cost (% of claim)	110.3
Time (days)	66	Time (hours per year)	199	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	27.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.3		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	77.12	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	141
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	32.31
				Time (years)	3.0
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	122			Cost (% of estate)	23.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	55.38			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	25.2
Procedures (number)	4			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
Time (days)	72				
Cost (% of property value)	5.2				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5				
PARAGUAY		Latin America & Caribbean		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	108	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	59.18	<b>Population</b>	6,725,308
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	146	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	122	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	120
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.52	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	64.03
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	35	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	39.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	44.6	Border compliance (hours)	120
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	25.4	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	120
				Border compliance (US\$)	815
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	72	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	138	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	70.52	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	Documentary compliance (hours)	36
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	121	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	135
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	500
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	70
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	104	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	127	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.77
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	67.09	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	63.73	Time (days)	606
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	20	Cost (% of claim)	30.0
Time (days)	67	Time (hours per year)	378	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	161.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	2	Postfiling index (0–100)	46.56	<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	100
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	41.32
				Time (years)	3.9
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	75			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	66.12			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	21.6
Procedures (number)	6			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5
Time (days)	46				
Cost (% of property value)	1.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.0				

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<b>PERU</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>69.45</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>31,773,839</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	114	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	92
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.39	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.45
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	26.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	10.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	37.4	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	61	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	51	Border compliance (US\$)	460
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.90	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	188	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	583
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	63	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	121	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	63
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	79.01	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	65.81	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.70
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	426
Time (days)	67	Time (hours per year)	260	Cost (% of claim)	35.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	349.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	19.24		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	44			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	84
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.90			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	45.69
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.1
Time (days)	7.5			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	29.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.74</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>103,320,222</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	173	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	99
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	68.88	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	69.39
Procedures (number)	16	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	28	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	8.0	Border compliance (hours)	42
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	3.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	53
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	101	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	146	Border compliance (US\$)	456
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.84	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	40.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	23	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Time (days)	122	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	580
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	31	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	105	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	149
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.31	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.27	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	45.96
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	20	Time (days)	962
Time (days)	37	Time (hours per year)	182	Cost (% of claim)	31.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	25.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	42.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	50.00		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	114			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	59
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.55			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	55.22
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	2.7
Time (days)	35			Cost (% of estate)	32.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	21.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0
<b>POLAND</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>77.30</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>37,948,016</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	120	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	82.78	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	37	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	12.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	85.7	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	10.7	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	41	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	51	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	12	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	153	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	54	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	51	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	55
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	81.35	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.42	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	63.44
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	685
Time (days)	122	Time (hours per year)	260	Cost (% of claim)	19.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	18.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	40.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	77.36		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	38			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	22
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	76.49			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	77.71
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	33			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	63.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	19.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.0

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<b>PORTUGAL</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>76.84</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>10,324,611</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	48	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.26	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	7.8	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	32	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	57	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	76.52	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	60.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	113	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	58	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	38	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	19
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	80.18	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	83.75	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	71.74
Procedures (number)	7	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	547
Time (days)	46	Time (hours per year)	243	Cost (% of claim)	17.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	36.0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	92.71		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	28			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	15
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	80.26			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	79.67
Procedures (number)	1			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	1			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	63.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	14.5
<b>PUERTO RICO (U.S.)</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>68.85</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>3,411,307</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	47	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	6	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	64
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.29	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	81.86
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	Time to export	
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	48
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	138	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	386
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	60.17	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	22	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	165	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	386
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	69	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	161	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	113
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	76.94	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	52.42	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.41
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	16	Time (days)	630
Time (days)	32	Time (hours per year)	218	Cost (% of claim)	30.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	228.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	63.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Postfiling index (0–100)	13.76		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	153			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	9
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	47.19			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	84.20
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	2.5
Time (days)	191			Cost (% of estate)	11.0
Cost (% of property value)	1.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	69.4
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0
<b>QATAR</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>64.86</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,569,804</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	89	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	90
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.00	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.51
Procedures (number)	8.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	10
Cost (% of income per capita)	6.7	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	25
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	28.1	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	150
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	19	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	177	Border compliance (US\$)	382
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	79.16	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	58	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	290
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	558
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	65	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	1	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	123
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	78.60	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	99.44	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	52.79
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	4	Time (days)	570
Time (days)	90	Time (hours per year)	41	Cost (% of claim)	21.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	11.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	26			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	116
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	81.06			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	38.41
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	2.8
Time (days)	13			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	30.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0

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<b>ROMANIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>72.87</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>19,705,301</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	64	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	20	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.67	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	54.8	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	17.3	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	150	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	57	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	58.13	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	60.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	24	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	260	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	147	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	42	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	17
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	53.34	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.86	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	72.25
Procedures (number)	9	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	512
Time (days)	174	Time (hours per year)	163	Cost (% of claim)	25.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	510.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	76.82		
✓ <b>Registering property (rank)</b>	45			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	51
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.70			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	59.78
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.3
Time (days)	16			Cost (% of estate)	10.5
Cost (% of property value)	1.4			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	35.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0
<b>RUSSIAN FEDERATION</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>75.50</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>144,342,396</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	28	✓ <b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	29	✓ <b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	100
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	93.03	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	69.20
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	10.1	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	25.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	81.8	Border compliance (hours)	72
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	92
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	115	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	51	Border compliance (US\$)	665
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.25	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	61.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	14.4	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	42.5
Time (days)	239.4	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	38.6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	152.5
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	587.5
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	10	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	52	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	18
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	92.81	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.29	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	72.18
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	337
Time (days)	83	Time (hours per year)	168	Cost (% of claim)	16.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	41.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	47.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	73.14		
✓ <b>Registering property (rank)</b>	12			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	54
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	88.72			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	57.83
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	13			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	40.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5
<b>RWANDA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>73.40</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>11,917,508</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	78	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	6	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	87
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.66	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	90.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	72.44
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	4	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	42
Cost (% of income per capita)	44.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	19.5	Border compliance (hours)	97
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	8.2	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	110
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	112	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	16	Border compliance (US\$)	183
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	65.56	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	73.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	113	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	86
Cost (% of warehouse value)	13.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	14.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	121
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	282
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	119	✓ <b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	31	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	85
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.69	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.60	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.62
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	230
Time (days)	34	Time (hours per year)	94.5	Cost (% of claim)	82.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,722.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	14.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	63.68		
✓ <b>Registering property (rank)</b>	2			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	78
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	93.26			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	47.79
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	2.5
Time (days)	7			Cost (% of estate)	29.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	19.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	28.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0

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SAMOA		East Asia & Pacific		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	87	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	63.89	Population	195,125
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	33 ✓	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	148
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.54	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	57.81
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	9	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	51
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	180
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	83	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	76	Border compliance (US\$)	1,400
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	68.68	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	56.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	25
Time (days)	58	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	84
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	230
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	900
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	60	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	79.70	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	64	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	86
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.04	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.59
Time (days)	34	Payments (number per year)	37	Time (days)	455
Cost (% of income per capita)	615.2	Time (hours per year)	224	Cost (% of claim)	24.4
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	19.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	91.88	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	137
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	66			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	33.38
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	69.51			Time (years)	2.0
Procedures (number)	5			Cost (% of estate)	38.0
Time (days)	15			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	18.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.8			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.0				
SAN MARINO		Europe & Central Asia		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	93	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	62.47	Population	33,203
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	112	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	183	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	20
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	83.65	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	5.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	97.48
Procedures (number)	8	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	9.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	30.4	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	68	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	175	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.20	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	30.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	145.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	4
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	50
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	14	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	0		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	90.63	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	40	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	78
Procedures (number)	3	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	82.32	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.25
Time (days)	45	Payments (number per year)	18	Time (days)	575
Cost (% of income per capita)	60.8	Time (hours per year)	52	Cost (% of claim)	13.9
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	5.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	67.80	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	109
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	78			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.48
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.68			Time (years)	2.3
Procedures (number)	9			Cost (% of estate)	5.0
Time (days)	42.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	47.2
Cost (% of property value)	4.1			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	23.0				
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE		Sub-Saharan Africa		GNI per capita (US\$)	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	169	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	44.84	Population	199,910
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	148	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159 ✓	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	114
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	77.33	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	66.03
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	46
Cost (% of income per capita)	13.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	83
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	192.4	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	11.9	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	194
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	103	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	187	Border compliance (US\$)	426
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.49	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	21.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	17
Time (days)	67	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	150
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	75
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (US\$)	406
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	115	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	61.97	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	135	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	185
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	61.81	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	27.00
Time (days)	89	Payments (number per year)	46	Time (days)	1,185
Cost (% of income per capita)	370.8	Time (hours per year)	424	Cost (% of claim)	50.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.5
		Postfiling index (0–100)	92.20	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	171			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	41.06			Time (years)	no practice
Procedures (number)	8			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Time (days)	52			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Cost (% of property value)	10.2			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	4.5				

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<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>21,750</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>32,275,687</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	135	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	161	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	80.04	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	49.59	
Procedures (number)	11	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	18	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	81	
Cost (% of income per capita)	6.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	50.2	Border compliance (hours)	69	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	105	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	38	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Border compliance (US\$)	363	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.52	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	<i>Time to import</i>		
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	122	
Time (days)	89.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	228	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	390	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	779	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	59	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	76	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	83	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	79.88	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.78	
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	3	Time (days)	575	
Time (days)	68	Time (hours per year)	47	Cost (% of claim)	27.5	
Cost (% of income per capita)	32.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	15.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	0.00			
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	24			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	81.19			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00	
Procedures (number)	2			Time (years)	no practice	
Time (days)	1.5			Cost (% of estate)	no practice	
Cost (% of property value)	0.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0	
<b>SENEGAL</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>950</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>53.06</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>15,411,614</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	63	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	142	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	135	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.70	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	30.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	60.85	
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	26	
Cost (% of income per capita)	33.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	2.4	Border compliance (hours)	61	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	4.6	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.6	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	96	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	145	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	138	Border compliance (US\$)	547	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.11	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	<i>Time to import</i>		
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	72	
Time (days)	177	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	53	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	10.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	545	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	702	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4			
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	118	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	178	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	142	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	60.76	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	40.79	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.15	
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	58	Time (days)	740	
Time (days)	75	Time (hours per year)	441	Cost (% of claim)	36.4	
Cost (% of income per capita)	3,619.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	45.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	42.67			
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	121			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	91	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	55.41			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	44.12	
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.0	
Time (days)	56			Cost (% of estate)	20.0	
Cost (% of property value)	7.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	29.7	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0	
<b>SERBIA</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>		<b>5,280</b>
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>73.13</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>7,057,412</b>	
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	32	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	23	
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.57	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	96.64	
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>		
Time (days)	5.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2	
Cost (% of income per capita)	2.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	4	
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>		
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	35	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	10	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	76	Border compliance (US\$)	47	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	82.38	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	56.67	<i>Time to import</i>		
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	3	
Time (days)	110	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	4	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>		
Building quality control index (0–15)	13.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	35	
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	52	
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6			
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	96	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	82	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	60	
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	69.97	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	73.63	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	61.41	
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	33	Time (days)	635	
Time (days)	125	Time (hours per year)	225.5	Cost (% of claim)	40.8	
Cost (% of income per capita)	223.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0	
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	91.09			
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	57			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	48	
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	72.59			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	60.49	
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.0	
Time (days)	21			Cost (% of estate)	20.0	
Cost (% of property value)	2.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	34.0	
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.5	

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<b>SEYCHELLES</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	95	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	61.41	Population	94,677
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	141	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	133	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	88
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	78.68	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.79
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	32	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	44
Cost (% of income per capita)	13.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	82
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	66.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	115
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	131	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	332
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.90	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	33
Time (days)	151	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	97
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	93
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	341
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	134	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	29	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	130
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	57.86	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.72	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	51.25
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	29	Time (days)	915
Time (days)	137	Time (hours per year)	85	Cost (% of claim)	15.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	349.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	3	Postfiling index (0–100)	93.42		
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	67
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	52.14
				Time (years)	2.0
				Cost (% of estate)	11.0
				Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	38.8
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	10.0

<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	160	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	48.18	Population	7,396,190
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	83	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	162
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.95	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	48.99
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	11	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	36.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	55
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.5	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	227
				Border compliance (US\$)	552
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	182	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	38.43	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	137
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	120
Time (days)	182	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	22.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	387
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	821
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	100
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	178	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	85	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	55.92
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	30.65	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	72.86	Time (days)	515
Procedures (number)	8	Payments (number per year)	34	Cost (% of claim)	39.5
Time (days)	82	Time (hours per year)	343	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	5,365.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.0		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.41	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	159
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	24.72
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	165			Time (years)	2.3
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	43.27			Cost (% of estate)	42.0
Procedures (number)	7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	11.1
Time (days)	56			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
Cost (% of property value)	10.8				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	6.5				

<b>SINGAPORE</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
Ease of doing business rank (1–190)	2	Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)	84.57	Population	5,607,283
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	6	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	42
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	96.49	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	89.57
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	2.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	67.8	Border compliance (hours)	10
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	37
				Border compliance (US\$)	335
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	16	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	4	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	80.26	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	80.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Border compliance (hours)	33
Time (days)	54	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	220
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5		
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	2
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	12	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	7	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	83.61
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	91.33	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	91.58	Time (days)	164
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	5	Cost (% of claim)	25.8
Time (days)	30	Time (hours per year)	64	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	15.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	25.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	20.3		
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	71.97	✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	27
				DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	74.31
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	19			Time (years)	0.8
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	83.57			Cost (% of estate)	4.0
Procedures (number)	6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	88.7
Time (days)	4.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5
Cost (% of property value)	2.9				
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	29.0				

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<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>74.90</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5,428,704</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	83	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	55	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.95	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	12.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	79.4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	17.2	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	3.2	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	91	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	89	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.82	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	286	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	57	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	49	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	84
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	80.31	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	79.88	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.63
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	775
Time (days)	121	Time (hours per year)	192	Cost (% of claim)	30.6
Cost (% of income per capita)	50.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	51.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	87.17		
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	7			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	42
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	91.00			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	66.08
Procedures (number)	3			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	16.5			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	0.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	47.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	26.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	13.0
<b>SLOVENIA</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>75.42</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>2,064,845</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	46	✓ <b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	105	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.48	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	39.6	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	100.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	100	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	24	Border compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.01	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	70.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Time (days)	239.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	0
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	19	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	58	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	122
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	89.16	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.78	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	52.97
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	1,160
Time (days)	38	Time (hours per year)	245	Cost (% of claim)	12.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	107.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	10.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	59.94		
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	36			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	10
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	77.05			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	83.69
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	0.8
Time (days)	49.5			Cost (% of estate)	4.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	88.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	23.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.5
<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.13</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>599,419</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	94	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	90	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	156
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.42	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	53.45
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	10	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	60
Cost (% of income per capita)	28.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	1.1	Border compliance (hours)	110
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	257
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	57	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	108	Border compliance (US\$)	630
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	72.74	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	37
Time (days)	98	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	108
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	215
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	740
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	113	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	37	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	156
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	63.10	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	83.81	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	43.49
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	34	Time (days)	497
Time (days)	53	Time (hours per year)	80	Cost (% of claim)	78.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,273.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	32.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	100.00		
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	152			<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	143
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	47.37			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	31.95
Procedures (number)	10			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	86.5			Cost (% of estate)	38.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	24.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0

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<b>SOMALIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>19.98</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>14,317,996</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	<b>160</b>
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	45.77	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	51.60
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	Time to export	
Time (days)	70	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	73
Cost (% of income per capita)	203.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	44
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	350
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	<b>190</b>	Border compliance (US\$)	495
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	0.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	no practice	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	76
Time (days)	no practice	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (hours)	85
Cost (% of warehouse value)	no practice	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	0	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	0.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	0	Documentary compliance (US\$)	300
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	0	Border compliance (US\$)	952
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	0		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	<b>110</b>
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.58
Procedures (number)	no practice	Payments (number per year)	no practice	Time (days)	575
Time (days)	no practice	Time (hours per year)	no practice	Cost (% of claim)	21.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	no practice	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	no practice	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	no practice		
				<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	<b>150</b>			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	47.83			Time (years)	no practice
Procedures (number)	5			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Time (days)	188			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Cost (% of property value)	1.6			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.5				

<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>64.89</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>55,908,865</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	<b>147</b>
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	79.97	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	58.01
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	45	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	68
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	64.4	Border compliance (hours)	100
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	170
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	<b>24</b>	Border compliance (US\$)	428
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.53	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	70.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	20	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	36
Time (days)	149	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	144
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	213
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	657
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	<b>115</b>
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	63.21	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.02	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.10
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	7	Time (days)	600
Time (days)	84	Time (hours per year)	210	Cost (% of claim)	33.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	146.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	28.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	55.45		
				<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	<b>107</b>			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	57.59
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	58.43			Time (years)	2.0
Procedures (number)	7			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Time (days)	23			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	34.4
Cost (% of property value)	7.6			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.5				

<b>SOUTH SUDAN</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>32.86</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>12,230,730</b>
<b>Starting a business (rank)</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>Getting credit (rank)</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Trading across borders (rank)</b>	<b>178</b>
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	55.68	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	26.19
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	13	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	192
Cost (% of income per capita)	305.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	146
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	194
<b>Dealing with construction permits (rank)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Protecting minority investors (rank)</b>	<b>177</b>	Border compliance (US\$)	763
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	42.54	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	23	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	360
Time (days)	124	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	179
Cost (% of warehouse value)	15.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	350
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	781
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity (rank)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>Paying taxes (rank)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>Enforcing contracts (rank)</b>	<b>81</b>
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.75	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.99
Procedures (number)	no practice	Payments (number per year)	37	Time (days)	228
Time (days)	no practice	Time (hours per year)	210	Cost (% of claim)	30.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	no practice	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.87		
				<b>Resolving insolvency (rank)</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Registering property (rank)</b>	<b>181</b>			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	31.79			Time (years)	no practice
Procedures (number)	9			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Time (days)	50			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Cost (% of property value)	14.9			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	5.0				

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SPAIN		OECD high income		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>77.02</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>46,443,959</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	86	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	1
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.65	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	100.00
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	13	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	15.9	Border compliance (hours)	0
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	12.5	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	79.3	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	123	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	24	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	63.50	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	70.00	Border compliance (US\$)	0
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Time to import	
Time (days)	208	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of warehouse value)	5.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	0
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	42	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.99	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	0
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	34	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	26
Time (days)	95	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.44	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	69.97
Cost (% of income per capita)	100.1	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	510
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Time (hours per year)	152	Cost (% of claim)	17.2
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	53	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	46.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.0
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	73.88	Postfiling index (0–100)	93.60	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	19
Procedures (number)	5			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	78.74
Time (days)	12.5			Time (years)	1.5
Cost (% of property value)	6.1			Cost (% of estate)	11.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	76.6
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0
SRI LANKA		South Asia		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.86</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>21,203,000</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	77	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	86
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.74	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	73.29
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	9	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of income per capita)	10.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	35.0	Border compliance (hours)	43
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	76	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	43	Documentary compliance (US\$)	58
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	69.33	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	63.33	Border compliance (US\$)	366
Procedures (number)	13	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Time to import	
Time (days)	115	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	72
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	93	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	283
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	70.98	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	300
Procedures (number)	5	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	158	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	165
Time (days)	100	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	53.70	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	39.31
Cost (% of income per capita)	777.0	Payments (number per year)	47	Time (days)	1,318
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Time (hours per year)	168	Cost (% of claim)	22.8
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	157	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	55.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	45.92	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.31	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	88
Procedures (number)	9			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	44.99
Time (days)	51			Time (years)	1.7
Cost (% of property value)	5.1			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	2.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	42.9
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.0
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		Latin America & Caribbean		GNI per capita (US\$)	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>54.52</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>54,821</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	91	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	66
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.76	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	81.04
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	18.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	7.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	27
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	33	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	119	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	76.27	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	48.33	Border compliance (US\$)	335
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Time to import	
Time (days)	105	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	33
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	37
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	94	Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	70.10	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	311
Procedures (number)	4	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	124	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	50
Time (days)	18	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	64.41	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	65.51
Cost (% of income per capita)	239.2	Payments (number per year)	39	Time (days)	578
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Time (hours per year)	203	Cost (% of claim)	26.6
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	184	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	49.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	28.80	Postfiling index (0–100)	75.73	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
Procedures (number)	6			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Time (days)	224			Time (years)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	11.0			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	9.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
				Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

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<b>ST. LUCIA</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>62.88</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>178,015</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	69	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	82
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	88.79	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	73.87
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	11	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	19
Cost (% of income per capita)	21.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	27
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	63
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	34	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	718
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	76.21	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	14
Time (days)	116	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	27
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	98
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	842
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	43	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	74	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	71
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.88	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	75.73	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.67
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	35	Time (days)	645
Time (days)	26	Time (hours per year)	110	Cost (% of claim)	37.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	203.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	34.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	77.80		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	105			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	127
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	59.16			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	35.83
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	17			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	43.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	4.0

<b>ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>55.72</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>109,643</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	85	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	159	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	93
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	86.82	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.08
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	10	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	15.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	28
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	44	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	96	Border compliance (US\$)	425
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	74.42	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	51.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Time (days)	92	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	48
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	90
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	875
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	90	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	101	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	53
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	71.14	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	70.26	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	63.66
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	36	Time (days)	595
Time (days)	52	Time (hours per year)	108	Cost (% of claim)	30.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	52.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	39.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	11.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	63.89		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	166			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	43.10			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	47			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	11.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0

<b>SUDAN</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>44.46</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>39,578,828</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	159	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	173	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	185
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	73.51	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	15.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	19.16
Procedures (number)	10.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	Time to export	
Time (days)	36.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	190
Cost (% of income per capita)	27.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	2.4	Border compliance (hours)	162
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	428
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	133	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	186	Border compliance (US\$)	950
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.63	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	23.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	15	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	132
Time (days)	270	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	144
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (US\$)	420
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	1,093
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	110	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	163	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	146
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	63.26	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	51.80	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	46.91
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	42	Time (days)	810
Time (days)	70	Time (hours per year)	180	Cost (% of claim)	19.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,311.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	45.4	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	3	Postfiling index (0–100)	20.20		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	89			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	154
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.62			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	26.39
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	11			Cost (% of estate)	20.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	31.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	5.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	3.0

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<b>SURINAME</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 7,070	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	165	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	46.87	<b>Population</b>	558,368
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	186	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	177	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	80
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	48.27	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	10.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	75.02
Procedures (number)	13.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	84.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	12
Cost (% of income per capita)	97.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	84
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.3	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
				Border compliance (US\$)	468
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	104	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	167	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.40	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	35.00	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	223	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	0	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
Building quality control index (0–15)	6.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (US\$)	658
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	131	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	187
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	58.55	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	102	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	25.94
Procedures (number)	4	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.55	Time (days)	1,715
Time (days)	113	Payments (number per year)	30	Cost (% of claim)	37.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	633.7	Time (hours per year)	199	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	3.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	27.9	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	135
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	156	Postfiling index (0–100)	48.85	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	33.98
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	45.95			Time (years)	5.0
Procedures (number)	6			Cost (% of estate)	30.0
Time (days)	46			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	8.0
Cost (% of property value)	13.7			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.5				
<b>SWAZILAND</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 2,830	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	112	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	58.82	<b>Population</b>	1,343,098
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	158	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	✓ <b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	32
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	74.35	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	92.92
Procedures (number)	12	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export	
Time (days)	30	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Cost (% of income per capita)	16.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	44.2	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.3	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	76
				Border compliance (US\$)	134
✗ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	102	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	138	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	66.72	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	41.67	Documentary compliance (hours)	4
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	3
Time (days)	116	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	76
Building quality control index (0–15)	7.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	134
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	159	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	169
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	47.24	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	63	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	36.72
Procedures (number)	6	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.27	Time (days)	956
Time (days)	137	Payments (number per year)	33	Cost (% of claim)	56.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	753.7	Time (hours per year)	122	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	35.2	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	114
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	115	Postfiling index (0–100)	83.15	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	38.90
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.40			Time (years)	2.0
Procedures (number)	9			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Time (days)	21			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	37.4
Cost (% of property value)	7.1			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	16.0				
<b>SWEDEN</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b> 54,630	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	10	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	81.27	<b>Population</b>	9,903,122
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	13	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	18
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.67	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	98.04
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	7	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	2
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	11.1	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	40
				Border compliance (US\$)	55
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	27	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	29	Time to import	
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	77.89	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	68.33	Documentary compliance (hours)	1
Procedures (number)	8	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Border compliance (hours)	0
Time (days)	117	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	6	Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	36
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	96.21	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	27	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.61
Procedures (number)	3	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	85.28	Time (days)	483
Time (days)	52	Payments (number per year)	6	Cost (% of claim)	30.4
Cost (% of income per capita)	31.2	Time (hours per year)	122	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	12.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	49.1	<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	16
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	9	Postfiling index (0–100)	90.75	DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	79.53
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	90.11			Time (years)	2.0
Procedures (number)	1			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Time (days)	7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	78.1
Cost (% of property value)	4.3			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	27.5				

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<b>TAJIKISTAN</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>56.86</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>8,734,951</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	57	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	149
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	90.54	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	57.17
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	Time to export	
Time (days)	11	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	66
Cost (% of income per capita)	19.3	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	39.4	Border compliance (hours)	75
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	330
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	136	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	33	Border compliance (US\$)	313
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.21	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	66.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	25	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	126
Time (days)	182	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	107
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (US\$)	260
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	223
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	171	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	132	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	54
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	35.00	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	62.27	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	63.49
Procedures (number)	9	Payments (number per year)	6	Time (days)	430
Time (days)	133	Time (hours per year)	224	Cost (% of claim)	25.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	811.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	65.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	40.40		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	90			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	148
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.50			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	28.76
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	1.7
Time (days)	36			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	3.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	36.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	3.0
<b>TANZANIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>54.04</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>55,572,201</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	162	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	182
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	73.03	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	20.21
Procedures (number)	11	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	28	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of income per capita)	42.9	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	6.2	Border compliance (hours)	96
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	275
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	156	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	129	Border compliance (US\$)	1,160
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	56.43	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	45.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	24	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (hours)	240
Time (days)	184	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	402
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.6	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	375
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	1,350
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	82	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	154	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	58
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	73.96	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	55.49	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	61.66
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	60	Time (days)	515
Time (days)	109	Time (hours per year)	207	Cost (% of claim)	14.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	843.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	44.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	67.17		
✗ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	142			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	108
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	50.13			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	39.52
Procedures (number)	8			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	67			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	5.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	21.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.0
<b>THAILAND</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>77.44</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>68,863,514</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	36	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	42	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	57
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	92.34	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	70.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	84.10
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	4.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	11
Cost (% of income per capita)	6.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	56.6	Border compliance (hours)	51
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	97
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	43	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	16	Border compliance (US\$)	223
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	74.58	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	73.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	4
Time (days)	104	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	50
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	43
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	233
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	13	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	67	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	34
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	90.99	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	76.73	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.91
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	21	Time (days)	420
Time (days)	32	Time (hours per year)	262	Cost (% of claim)	16.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	63.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	28.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7	Postfiling index (0–100)	73.41		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	68			✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	26
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	68.75			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	75.64
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	1.5
Time (days)	7			Cost (% of estate)	18.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.3			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	68.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	12.5

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<b>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>60.68</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>1,364,962</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	71	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	126
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	88.57	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	62.60
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	Time to export	
Time (days)	10.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	32
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	75.5	Border compliance (hours)	60
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	250
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	119	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	499
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	64.19	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	16	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	44
Time (days)	253	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	78
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	250
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	635
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	2		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	33	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	162	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	173
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	84.25	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	52.22	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	35.62
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	39	Time (days)	1,340
Time (days)	61	Time (hours per year)	210	Cost (% of claim)	33.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	212.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	36.2	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	8.00		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	151			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	72
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	47.50			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	48.48
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	2.5
Time (days)	77			Cost (% of estate)	25.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	26.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	12.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>TUNISIA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>63.58</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>11,403,248</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	100	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	96
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	85.02	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	70.50
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	3	Time to export	
Time (days)	11	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	3
Cost (% of income per capita)	4.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	50
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	26.9	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	200
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	95	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	119	Border compliance (US\$)	469
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.49	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	48.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	27
Time (days)	96	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	80
Cost (% of warehouse value)	6.2	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	144
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	596
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	48	✗ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	140	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	76
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.28	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	60.14	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	59.33
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	9	Time (days)	565
Time (days)	65	Time (hours per year)	145	Cost (% of claim)	21.8
Cost (% of income per capita)	712.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	64.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	22.91		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	93			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	63
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	63.21			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	54.53
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	1.3
Time (days)	39			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
Cost (% of property value)	6.1			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	52.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	11.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.5
<b>TURKEY</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>69.14</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>79,512,426</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	80	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	77	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	71
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	87.59	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	55.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	79.71
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	Time to export	
Time (days)	6.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	5
Cost (% of income per capita)	12.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	16
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	7.8	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	80.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	87
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	96	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	20	Border compliance (US\$)	376
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	67.26	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	71.67	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	9	Documentary compliance (hours)	11
Time (days)	103	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	41
Cost (% of warehouse value)	4.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	142
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (US\$)	655
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	55	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	88	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	30
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	81.02	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	72.40	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	68.87
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	580
Time (days)	55	Time (hours per year)	215.5	Cost (% of claim)	24.9
Cost (% of income per capita)	457.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	41.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	50.00		
✓ <b>Registering property</b> (rank)	46			✗ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	139
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.67			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	33.26
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	5.0
Time (days)	7			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	15.3
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.0

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<b>UGANDA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>56.94</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>41,487,965</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	165	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	127
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	72.25	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	62.08
Procedures (number)	13	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	Time to export	
Time (days)	24	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	51
Cost (% of income per capita)	33.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	6.4	Border compliance (hours)	64
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	102
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	148	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	209
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	58.37	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	18	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	138
Time (days)	122	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	154
Cost (% of warehouse value)	8.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	296
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	412
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	6		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	173	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	84	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	64
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	34.11	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	73.10	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.60
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	31	Time (days)	490
Time (days)	66	Time (hours per year)	195	Cost (% of claim)	31.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	7,508.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	33.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	8.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	72.28		
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	113
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	124			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	38.94
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	54.99			Time (years)	2.2
Procedures (number)	10			Cost (% of estate)	29.5
Time (days)	42			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	37.5
Cost (% of property value)	3.1			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.5				
<b>UKRAINE</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>65.75</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>45,004,645</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	52	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	119
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.05	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	64.26
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	6.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.8	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	47.3	Border compliance (hours)	26
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	292
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	35	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Border compliance (US\$)	75
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.81	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	168
Time (days)	76	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	212
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	128	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	43	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	82
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	58.80	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	80.77	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	58.96
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	5	Time (days)	378
Time (days)	281	Time (hours per year)	327.5	Cost (% of claim)	46.3
Cost (% of income per capita)	525.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	37.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	9.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.95		
				<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	149
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	64			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	28.24
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	69.61			Time (years)	2.9
Procedures (number)	7			Cost (% of estate)	40.5
Time (days)	17			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	8.9
Cost (% of property value)	1.8			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.5				
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>78.73</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>9,269,612</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	51	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	90	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	91
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.16	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	50.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	71.50
Procedures (number)	4.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	2	Time to export	
Time (days)	8.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of income per capita)	13.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	54.5	Border compliance (hours)	27
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	8.8	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	178
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	2	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Border compliance (US\$)	462
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	86.38	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	12
Time (days)	50.5	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (hours)	54
Cost (% of warehouse value)	2.3	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	4	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	15.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	283
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	9	Border compliance (US\$)	678
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	1	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	1	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	12
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	99.92	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	99.44	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	74.02
Procedures (number)	2	Payments (number per year)	4	Time (days)	445
Time (days)	10	Time (hours per year)	12	Cost (% of claim)	21.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	25.2	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	15.9	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	not applicable		
				✓ <b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	69
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	10			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	49.80
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	90.02			Time (years)	3.2
Procedures (number)	2			Cost (% of estate)	20.0
Time (days)	1.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	28.7
Cost (% of property value)	0.2			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	21.0				

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<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>82.22</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>65,637,239</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	14	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	28
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	94.58	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	93.76
Procedures (number)	4	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	7	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	4.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	4
Cost (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	24
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	25
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	14	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	10	Border compliance (US\$)	280
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	80.39	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	75.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	9	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	10	Documentary compliance (hours)	2
Time (days)	86	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	7	Border compliance (hours)	3
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	0
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	8		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	9	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	23	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	31
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	93.29	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	86.70	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	68.69
Procedures (number)	3	Payments (number per year)	8	Time (days)	437
Time (days)	79	Time (hours per year)	110	Cost (% of claim)	45.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	24.9	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	30.7	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	15.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	71.00		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	47			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	14
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	74.51			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	80.24
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	21.5			Cost (% of estate)	6.0
Cost (% of property value)	4.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	85.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	24.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	11.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>OECD high income</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>82.54</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>323,127,513</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	49	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	2	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	36
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	91.23	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	95.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	92.01
Procedures (number)	6	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5.6	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	1.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	1.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	1.5
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	60
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	36	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	42	Border compliance (US\$)	175
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	75.77	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	64.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	15.8	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7.4	Documentary compliance (hours)	7.5
Time (days)	80.6	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	8.6	Border compliance (hours)	1.5
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	9	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (US\$)	100
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4.4	Border compliance (US\$)	175
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5.4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	49	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	36	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	16
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.14	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	84.13	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	72.61
Procedures (number)	4.8	Payments (number per year)	10.6	Time (days)	420
Time (days)	89.6	Time (hours per year)	175	Cost (% of claim)	30.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	23.7	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	43.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	13.8
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	7.2	Postfiling index (0–100)	94.04		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	37			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	3
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	76.80			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	91.07
Procedures (number)	4.4			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	15.2			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.5			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	82.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	17.6			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	15.0
<b>URUGUAY</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>61.99</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>3,444,006</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	61	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	68	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	151
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	89.80	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	60.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	56.29
Procedures (number)	5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	4	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	6.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	24
Cost (% of income per capita)	22.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	100.0	Border compliance (hours)	120
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	100.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	231
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	161	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Border compliance (US\$)	1,095
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	54.90	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	21	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	251	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.0	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	8	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	8.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	285
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	375
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	1		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	50	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	106	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	112
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	82.12	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	69.26	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	54.44
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	20	Time (days)	725
Time (days)	48	Time (hours per year)	190	Cost (% of claim)	23.2
Cost (% of income per capita)	11.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	41.8	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	49.54		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	112			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	66
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	57.59			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	52.15
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	1.8
Time (days)	66			Cost (% of estate)	7.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	41.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	22.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	9.5

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<b>UZBEKISTAN</b>		<b>Europe &amp; Central Asia</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>66.33</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>31,848,200</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	11	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	55	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	95.54	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	65.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	44.31
Procedures (number)	3	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	6	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	174
Cost (% of income per capita)	3.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	40.1	Border compliance (hours)	112
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	292
✓ <b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	135	✓ <b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	62	Border compliance (US\$)	278
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	61.26	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	58.33	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	17	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	174
Time (days)	246	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (hours)	111
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.4	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	11.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	292
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	278
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	27	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	78	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	39
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	85.50	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	74.78	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	67.26
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	10	Time (days)	225
Time (days)	88	Time (hours per year)	181	Cost (% of claim)	20.5
Cost (% of income per capita)	883.1	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	8	Postfiling index (0–100)	48.39		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	73			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	87
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	66.34			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	45.00
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	2.0
Time (days)	46			Cost (% of estate)	10.0
Cost (% of property value)	1.2			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	37.2
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	8.0
<b>VANUATU</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>63.08</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>270,402</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	128	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	143
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	81.23	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	59.13
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	18	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	44.4	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	9.4	Border compliance (hours)	38
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	190
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	151	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	108	Border compliance (US\$)	709
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	57.58	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	50.00	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	14	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (hours)	48
Time (days)	124	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	126
Cost (% of warehouse value)	7.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	5.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (US\$)	183
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (US\$)	681
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	86	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	57	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	135
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	72.01	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	77.85	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	49.27
Procedures (number)	4	Payments (number per year)	31	Time (days)	430
Time (days)	120	Time (hours per year)	120	Cost (% of claim)	56.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,090.4	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	8.5	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	5	Postfiling index (0–100)	69.04		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	80			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	96
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.63			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	43.04
Procedures (number)	4			Time (years)	2.6
Time (days)	58			Cost (% of estate)	38.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	45.1
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	18.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>VENEZUELA, RB</b>		<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>30.87</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>31,568,179</b>
✗ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	190	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	122	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	187
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	25.00	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	40.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	7.93
Procedures (number)	20	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	1	<i>Time to export</i>	
Time (days)	230	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	528
Cost (% of income per capita)	351.6	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	27.4	Border compliance (hours)	288
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	<i>Cost to export</i>	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	375
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	143	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	177	Border compliance (US\$)	1,250
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	59.27	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	26.67	<i>Time to import</i>	
Procedures (number)	11	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	3	Documentary compliance (hours)	1,090
Time (days)	434	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	240
Cost (% of warehouse value)	1.8	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	<i>Cost to import</i>	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.5	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	400
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	3	Border compliance (US\$)	1,500
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	186	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	189	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	147
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	16.85	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	15.18	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	46.89
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	70	Time (days)	720
Time (days)	208	Time (hours per year)	792	Cost (% of claim)	43.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	16,713.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	65.0	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	19.72		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	135			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	165
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	52.29			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	18.66
Procedures (number)	9			Time (years)	4.0
Time (days)	52			Cost (% of estate)	38.0
Cost (% of property value)	2.7			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	5.6
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	5.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0

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<b>VIETNAM</b>		<b>East Asia &amp; Pacific</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>67.93</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>92,701,100</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	123 ✓	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	29 ✓	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	94
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	82.02	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	75.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	70.83
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	22	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	50
Cost (% of income per capita)	6.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	19.7	Border compliance (hours)	55
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	51.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	139
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	20	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	81	Border compliance (US\$)	290
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	79.03	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	55.00	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (hours)	76
Time (days)	166	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	56
Cost (% of warehouse value)	0.7	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	2	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	183
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (US\$)	373
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	7		
✓ <b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	64	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	86	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	66
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	78.69	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	72.77	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	60.22
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	14	Time (days)	400
Time (days)	46	Time (hours per year)	498	Cost (% of claim)	29.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,191.8	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	38.1	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.5
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	6	Postfiling index (0–100)	95.71		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	63			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	129
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	70.61			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	35.16
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	5.0
Time (days)	57.5			Cost (% of estate)	14.5
Cost (% of property value)	0.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	21.8
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	14.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	7.5
<b>WEST BANK AND GAZA</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>58.68</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>4,551,566</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	169 ✓	✓ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	20	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	49
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	69.59	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	80.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	86.67
Procedures (number)	10.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	8	Time to export	
Time (days)	43.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Cost (% of income per capita)	45.1	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	6
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	19.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	80
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	154	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	160	Border compliance (US\$)	51
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	56.70	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	38.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	20	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	45
Time (days)	108	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (hours)	6
Cost (% of warehouse value)	13.9	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	6	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	12.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	2	Documentary compliance (US\$)	85
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	1	Border compliance (US\$)	50
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	3		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	87	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	109	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	124
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	71.46	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	68.84	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	52.51
Procedures (number)	5	Payments (number per year)	28	Time (days)	540
Time (days)	47	Time (hours per year)	162	Cost (% of claim)	27.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	1,475.3	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	15.3	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	4	Postfiling index (0–100)	34.47		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	94			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	168
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	62.71			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	7			Time (years)	no practice
Time (days)	51			Cost (% of estate)	no practice
Cost (% of property value)	3.0			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	0.0
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	13.5			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	0.0
<b>YEMEN, REP.</b>		<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>27,584,213</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	163	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	186	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	189
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	72.68	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	0.00
Procedures (number)	6.5	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	0	Time to export	
Time (days)	40.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	0	Documentary compliance (hours)	no practice
Cost (% of income per capita)	73.5	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Border compliance (hours)	no practice
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	1.3	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	no practice
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	186	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	132	Border compliance (US\$)	no practice
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	43.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	no practice	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (hours)	no practice
Time (days)	no practice	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (hours)	no practice
Cost (% of warehouse value)	no practice	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	3	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	0.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	5	Documentary compliance (US\$)	no practice
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	4	Border compliance (US\$)	no practice
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	187	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	80	✓ <b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	140
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	0.00	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	74.13	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	48.52
Procedures (number)	no practice	Payments (number per year)	44	Time (days)	645
Time (days)	no practice	Time (hours per year)	248	Cost (% of claim)	30.0
Cost (% of income per capita)	no practice	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	26.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	4.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	96.34		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	82			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	156
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	65.21			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	26.14
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	3.0
Time (days)	19			Cost (% of estate)	15.0
Cost (% of property value)	1.8			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	19.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0

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<b>ZAMBIA</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>64.50</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>16,591,390</b>
<b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	101 ✓	<b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	2 ✓	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	150
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	84.89	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	95.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	56.88
Procedures (number)	7	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	11	Time to export	
Time (days)	8.5	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	96
Cost (% of income per capita)	34.2	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	8.7	Border compliance (hours)	120
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	0.0	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	200
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	69	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	89	Border compliance (US\$)	370
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	71.04	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	72
Time (days)	189	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	6	Border compliance (hours)	120
Cost (% of warehouse value)	3.1	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	7	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	10.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	6	Documentary compliance (US\$)	175
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	380
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	4		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	155	✓ <b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	15	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	128
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	49.92	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	88.71	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	51.74
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	11	Time (days)	611
Time (days)	117	Time (hours per year)	164	Cost (% of claim)	38.7
Cost (% of income per capita)	588.5	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	15.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	7.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	85.94		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	149			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	89
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	48.69			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	44.85
Procedures (number)	6			Time (years)	1.0
Time (days)	45			Cost (% of estate)	9.0
Cost (% of property value)	9.9			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	48.5
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	7.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	6.0
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>		<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>GNI per capita (US\$)</b>	
<b>Ease of doing business rank (1–190)</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>Overall distance to frontier (DTF) score (0–100)</b>	<b>48.47</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>16,150,362</b>
✓ <b>Starting a business</b> (rank)	180	✗ <b>Getting credit</b> (rank)	105	<b>Trading across borders</b> (rank)	153
DTF score for starting a business (0–100)	59.28	DTF score for getting credit (0–100)	45.00	DTF score for trading across borders (0–100)	55.47
Procedures (number)	9	Strength of legal rights index (0–12)	5	Time to export	
Time (days)	61	Depth of credit information index (0–8)	4	Documentary compliance (hours)	99
Cost (% of income per capita)	110.0	Credit bureau coverage (% of adults)	32.0	Border compliance (hours)	74
Minimum capital (% of income per capita)	0.0	Credit registry coverage (% of adults)	3.2	Cost to export	
				Documentary compliance (US\$)	170
<b>Dealing with construction permits</b> (rank)	175	<b>Protecting minority investors</b> (rank)	89	Border compliance (US\$)	285
DTF score for dealing with construction permits (0–100)	44.73	DTF score for protecting minority investors (0–100)	53.33	Time to import	
Procedures (number)	10	Extent of disclosure index (0–10)	8	Documentary compliance (hours)	81
Time (days)	238	Extent of director liability index (0–10)	2	Border compliance (hours)	228
Cost (% of warehouse value)	22.5	Ease of shareholder suits index (0–10)	5	Cost to import	
Building quality control index (0–15)	9.0	Extent of shareholder rights index (0–10)	7	Documentary compliance (US\$)	150
		Extent of ownership and control index (0–10)	5	Border compliance (US\$)	562
		Extent of corporate transparency index (0–10)	5		
<b>Getting electricity</b> (rank)	161	<b>Paying taxes</b> (rank)	143	<b>Enforcing contracts</b> (rank)	166
DTF score for getting electricity (0–100)	44.90	DTF score for paying taxes (0–100)	58.83	DTF score for enforcing contracts (0–100)	38.73
Procedures (number)	6	Payments (number per year)	51	Time (days)	410
Time (days)	106	Time (hours per year)	242	Cost (% of claim)	83.1
Cost (% of income per capita)	2,602.6	Total tax and contribution rate (% of profit)	31.6	Quality of judicial processes index (0–18)	6.0
Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index (0–8)	0	Postfiling index (0–100)	52.84		
<b>Registering property</b> (rank)	108			<b>Resolving insolvency</b> (rank)	155
DTF score for registering property (0–100)	58.21			DTF score for resolving insolvency (0–100)	26.21
Procedures (number)	5			Time (years)	3.3
Time (days)	36			Cost (% of estate)	22.0
Cost (% of property value)	7.6			Recovery rate (cents on the dollar)	19.7
Quality of land administration index (0–30)	10.0			Strength of insolvency framework index (0–16)	5.0

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# Labor Market Regulation

Regulation of the labor market is an important aspect of the business environment that can influence employment dynamics and productivity.<sup>1</sup> Labor market imperfections can negatively affect job quality and job creation.<sup>2</sup> Regulation can mitigate market failures and contribute to a more productive allocation of labor resources within an economy. While reforms toward more flexible labor regulation could increase employment,<sup>3</sup> labor under-regulation can also have negative impacts by, for example, creating an unsafe workplace or undermining worker quality of life. By setting the right incentives and deterrents for both employers and employees, labor regulation could contribute to labor mobility and productivity growth.<sup>4</sup>

The challenge in developing labor policies is to avoid the extremes of both over- and under-regulation by balancing labor flexibility with worker protection. More flexible regulation may allow an economy to better adjust to economic shocks, variations in the business cycle and long-term structural shifts, such as technological and demographic changes. Data collected for *Doing Business 2018* show that 64.7% of economies allow the use of fixed-term contracts for permanent tasks and 78.9% do not have restrictions on night work. In 21.4% of economies the law requires the employer to reassign or retrain a worker before making that worker redundant.

On the other hand, a lack of worker protection can lead to lower standards of living and—with unhealthy and unmotivated

employees—poor firm productivity. *Doing Business 2018* data show that 68.9% of economies provide at least five fully-paid days of sick leave annually. The under-regulation of the labor market may disproportionately affect specific groups. For female employees, discrimination in access to employment and persistent gaps in income may discourage them from entering the labor market or participating in it to their full potential. *Doing Business 2018* data show that 48% of economies prohibit gender-based discrimination in hiring and 40.5% mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value.

In recent years *Doing Business* has developed a more nuanced approach to its labor market indicators by expanding its methodological scope, going beyond the areas traditionally measured by the report. Historically, *Doing Business* measured flexibility in the regulation of employment as it relates to the hiring and redundancy of employees and the scheduling of working hours. However, several new components were added since *Doing Business 2016*, including the availability of at least five fully-paid days of sick leave a year, length of paid maternity leave, unemployment protection, gender nondiscrimination in hiring and equal remuneration for work of equal value. This methodological expansion stemmed from a collaborative dialogue with interested stakeholders and the International Labor Organization. The changes implemented were aimed at providing a more comprehensive measure by setting

the right balance in labor market regulation. The *Doing Business* labor market indicators serve as an essential resource for academics, journalists, private sector researchers and others interested in labor market regulation.

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## NOTES

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LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Afghanistan	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	15.0	50.0	25.0	Yes	No	No	Yes	20.0
Albania	Yes	No limit	182.3	0.4	3.0	5.5	50.0	25.0	25.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	20.0
Algeria	Yes	No limit	187.1	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	No	No	No	22.0
Angola	No	120.0	148.4	0.3	3.0	6.0	10.0	75.0	20.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Antigua and Barbuda	No	No limit	604.9	0.4	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	12.0
Argentina	Yes	60.0	936.7	0.6	3.0	5.5	13.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.0
Armenia	Yes	No limit	117.0	0.3	3.0	6.0	30.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Australia	No	No limit	2,068.3	0.3	6.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Austria	No	No limit	1,590.5	0.3	1.0	5.5	67.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	25.0
Azerbaijan	No	60.0	95.5	0.2	3.0	6.0	40.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	No	No	Yes	17.0
Bahamas, The	No	No limit	867.5	0.3	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	11.7
Bahrain	No	60.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	No	Yes	No	No	30.0
Bangladesh (Chittagong)	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	17.0
Bangladesh (Dhaka)	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	17.0
Barbados	No	No limit	518.2	0.3	n.a.	5.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.3
Belarus	No	No limit	156.9	0.2	3.0	6.0	20.0	100.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.0
Belgium	No	No limit	2,280.1	0.4	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20.0
Belize	No	No limit	332.0	0.6	6.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Benin	No	48.0	70.2	0.6	2.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Bhutan	No	No limit	54.1	0.2	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Bolivia <sup>h</sup>	Yes	24.0	291.7	0.7	3.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	100.0	No	No	No	No	21.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	36.0	232.5	0.4	6.0	6.0	25.0	15.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Botswana	No	No limit	84.5	0.1	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)	Yes	24.0	382.0	0.4	3.0	6.0	20.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	26.0
Brazil (São Paulo)	Yes	24.0	348.9	0.3	3.0	6.0	20.0	0.0	60.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	26.0
Brunei Darussalam	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	n.a.	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	11.7
Bulgaria	No	36.0	266.8	0.3	6.0	6.0	7.6	0.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	20.0
Burkina Faso	No	No limit	90.8	0.9	2.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Burundi	No	No limit	2.4	0.1	6.0	6.0	35.0	0.0	35.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Cabo Verde	Yes	60.0	115.3	0.3	2.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	35.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Cambodia	No	24.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	30.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	19.3
Cameroon	No	48.0	72.2	0.4	2.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	No	Yes	No	No	25.0

Redundancy rules									Redundancy cost		Job quality						
Dismissal due to redundancy allowed by law?	Third-party notification if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party approval if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party notification if 9 workers are dismissed?	Third-party approval if 9 workers are dismissed?	Retraining or reassignment? <sup>e</sup>	Priority rules for redundancies?	Priority rules for reemployment?	Notice period for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Severance pay for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Gender non-discrimination in hiring?	Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law? <sup>f</sup>	Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days) <sup>g</sup>	Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?	Availability of five fully paid days of sick leave?	Whether an unemployment protection scheme exists after one year of employment <sup>h</sup>	Minimum duration of contribution period (in months) for unemployment protection
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4.3	17.3	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	10.1	10.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	365	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	4.3	13.0	Yes	No	Yes	98	Yes	No	No	36.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4.3	13.6	Yes	No	Yes	90	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	3.4	12.8	No	Yes	Yes	91	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	7.2	23.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	8.7	4.3	No	No	Yes	140	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	3.3	8.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	No	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	2.0	0.0	Yes	No	Yes	112	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	8.7	13.0	No	Yes	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.5
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	2.0	10.7	No	Yes	Yes	91	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	4.3	60.7	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	26.7	No	No	Yes	112	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	26.7	No	No	Yes	112	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	3.7	12.5	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	13.0	Yes	No	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	19.7	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	105	No	Yes	No	14.4
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.7	8.3	No	No	Yes	98	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	7.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	8.3	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
No	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	2.0	7.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	365	No	Yes	Yes	8.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	3.8	16.8	No	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	6.6	8.9	No	Yes	Yes	120	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	6.6	8.9	No	Yes	Yes	120	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	3.0	0.0	No	No	Yes	91	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	4.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	410	No	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	6.1	Yes	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	8.7	7.2	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	2.1	15.2	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	7.9	11.4	No	Yes	Yes	90	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	11.6	8.3	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.

LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Canada	No	No limit	1,565.7	0.3	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	10.0
Central African Republic	Yes	24.0	77.1	1.4	2.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	..	No	Yes	Yes	No	25.3
Chad	No	48.0	111.4	0.9	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	Yes	No	No	No	24.7
Chile	No	12.0	393.9	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	30.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
China (Beijing)	No	No limit	290.1	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	6.7
China (Shanghai)	No	No limit	353.0	0.4	6.0	6.0	34.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	6.7
Colombia	No	No limit	267.5	0.3	2.0	6.0	35.0	75.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Comoros	No	36.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	28.3	0.0	25.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Yes	48.0	65.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	25.0	0.0	37.5	Yes	Yes	No	No	13.0
Congo, Rep.	Yes	24.0	198.6	0.7	4.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	13.7	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	29.7
Costa Rica	Yes	12.0	588.3	0.4	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	No	No	No	12.0
Côte d'Ivoire	No	24.0	103.7	0.4	2.0	6.0	37.5	0.0	23.8	No	Yes	No	No	27.4
Croatia	Yes	No limit	497.1	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20.0
Cyprus	No	30.0	1,076.2	0.4	24.0	5.5	0.0	100.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Czech Republic	No	108.0	559.6	0.3	3.0	6.0	10.0	10.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Denmark	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	25.0
Djibouti	Yes	24.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	30.0
Dominica	No	No limit	344.9	0.4	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.3
Dominican Republic	Yes	No limit	334.7	0.4	3.0	5.5	0.0	100.0	35.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	16.7
Ecuador	Yes	No limit	434.8	0.6	3.0	5.0	25.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Egypt, Arab Rep.	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
El Salvador	Yes	No limit	252.7	0.5	1.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	125.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	11.0
Equatorial Guinea	Yes	24.0	745.9	0.8	1.0	6.0	25.0	50.0	25.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Eritrea	Yes	No limit	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	19.0
Estonia	Yes	120.0	533.2	0.2	4.0	5.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	24.0
Ethiopia	Yes	No limit	0.0	0.0	1.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.3
Fiji	No	No limit	296.3	0.5	3.0	6.0	4.3	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	10.0
Finland	Yes	60.0	2,026.1	0.3	6.0	6.0	15.7	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	30.0
France	Yes	18.0	1,765.1	0.3	2.0	6.0	7.5	20.0	25.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	30.3
Gabon	No	48.0	275.0	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Gambia, The	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	12.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
Georgia	No	30.0	17.7	0.0	6.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0



Redundancy rules								Redundancy cost		Job quality							
Dismissal due to redundancy allowed by law?	Third-party notification if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party approval if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party notification if 9 workers are dismissed?	Third-party approval if 9 workers are dismissed?	Retraining or reassignment? <sup>e</sup>	Priority rules for redundancies?	Priority rules for reemployment?	Notice period for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Severance pay for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Gender non-discrimination in hiring?	Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law? <sup>f</sup>	Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days) <sup>g</sup>	Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?	Availability of five fully paid days of sick leave?	Whether an unemployment protection scheme exists after one year of employment <sup>h</sup>	Minimum duration of contribution period (in months) for unemployment protection
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	5.0	5.0	Yes	No	Yes	105	No	No	Yes	3.2
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	17.3	No	No	Yes	98	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	7.2	5.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	23.1	No	No	Yes	126	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.3	23.1	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.3	23.1	No	Yes	Yes	128	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	16.7	No	No	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	8.7	5.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	..	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	10.3	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	98	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	8.7	6.9	No	No	Yes	105	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	14.4	No	No	Yes	120	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	5.8	7.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	7.9	7.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	208	Yes	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	5.7	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	No	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	8.7	11.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	196	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	No	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	4.3	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	10.1	9.3	No	No	Yes	84	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.0	22.2	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	0.0	31.8	Yes	No	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	10.1	26.7	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	22.9	No	No	Yes	112	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	34.3	Yes	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	3.1	12.3	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.6	4.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	140	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	10.5	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	5.3	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	10.1	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	105	No	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	7.2	4.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	112	Yes	No	Yes	4.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	14.4	4.3	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	26.0	26.0	No	No	Yes	180	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	4.3	No	No	Yes	183	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.

LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Germany	No	No limit	1,736.1	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Ghana	No	No limit	45.4	0.2	n.a.	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Greece	Yes	No limit	687.5	0.3	12.0	6.0	25.0	75.0	27.5	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.3
Grenada	Yes	No limit	250.4	0.2	1.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.3
Guatemala	Yes	No limit	411.2	0.7	2.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.0
Guinea	No	24.0	50.0	0.7	1.0	6.0	20.0	0.0	30.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	30.0
Guinea-Bissau	Yes	12.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	No	No	No	No	21.0
Guyana	No	No limit	202.9	0.4	n.a.	5.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Haiti	No	No limit	154.1	1.5	0.0	6.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.0
Honduras	Yes	24.0	460.4	1.6	2.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	37.5	Yes	Yes	No	No	16.7
Hong Kong SAR, China	No	No limit	885.3	0.2	1.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	10.3
Hungary	No	60.0	465.9	0.3	3.0	5.0	15.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	21.3
Iceland	No	24.0	2,079.3	0.3	3.0	6.0	0.9	0.8	1.4	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
India (Delhi)	No	No limit	217.6	1.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	15.0
India (Mumbai)	No	No limit	134.1	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	21.0
Indonesia (Jakarta)	Yes	36.0	248.9	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	No	Yes	No	No	12.0
Indonesia (Surabaya)	Yes	36.0	244.5	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	No	Yes	No	No	12.0
Iran, Islamic Rep.	No	No limit	300.8	0.5	1.0	6.0	35.0	40.0	40.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Iraq	Yes	12.0	120.4	0.1	3.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	Yes	No	No	No	23.0
Ireland	No	No limit	1,832.8	0.3	12.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Israel	No	No limit	1,280.4	0.3	n.a.	5.5	0.0	50.0	25.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	18.0
Italy	No	36.0	1,973.7	0.5	2.0	6.0	15.0	30.0	15.0	No	Yes	No	No	26.0
Jamaica	No	No limit	213.7	0.4	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	11.7
Japan (Osaka)	No	No limit	1,329.5	0.3	n.a.	6.0	25.0	35.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	15.3
Japan (Tokyo)	No	No limit	1,403.3	0.3	n.a.	6.0	25.0	35.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	15.3
Jordan	No	No limit	299.4	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.7
Kazakhstan	No	No limit	91.4	0.1	3.0	6.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.0
Kenya	No	No limit	233.2	1.1	12.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Kiribati	No	No limit	173.7	0.5	n.a.	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	30.0
Korea, Rep.	No	24.0	967.7	0.3	3.0	6.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	17.0
Kosovo	No	No limit	150.0	0.3	6.0	6.0	30.0	50.0	30.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Kuwait	No	No limit	198.6	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	No	No	Yes	Yes	30.0

Redundancy rules								Redundancy cost		Job quality							
Dismissal due to redundancy allowed by law?	Third-party notification if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party approval if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party notification if 9 workers are dismissed?	Third-party approval if 9 workers are dismissed?	Retraining or reassignment? <sup>e</sup>	Priority rules for redundancies?	Priority rules for reemployment?	Notice period for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Severance pay for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Gender non-discrimination in hiring?	Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law? <sup>f</sup>	Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days) <sup>g</sup>	Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?	Availability of five fully paid days of sick leave?	Whether an unemployment protection scheme exists after one year of employment <sup>h</sup>	Minimum duration of contribution period (in months) for unemployment protection
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	10.0	11.6	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	3.6	46.2	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	0.0	15.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	119	Yes	No	Yes	4.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	7.2	5.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	27.0	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	5.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	0.0	26.0	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	7.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	91	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	10.1	0.0	No	No	Yes	42	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	7.2	23.1	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	1.4	No	Yes	Yes	70	No	No	Yes	0.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	6.2	7.2	No	Yes	Yes	168	No	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	13.0	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	90	No	Yes	Yes	3.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	11.4	No	Yes	Yes	182	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	11.4	No	Yes	Yes	182	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	0.0	57.8	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	0.0	57.8	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	0.0	23.1	No	No	Yes	270	No	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	0.0	10.7	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	3.7	10.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	182	No	No	No	24.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	23.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.5	0.0	Yes	No	Yes	150	No	No	Yes	3.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.0	10.0	No	No	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	98	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	98	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4.3	0.0	No	No	Yes	70	Yes	Yes	No	36.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	4.3	No	Yes	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	4.3	2.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	3.7	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	4.3	23.1	No	Yes	Yes	90	Yes	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.3	7.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	270	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	13.0	15.1	No	No	Yes	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0

LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Kyrgyz Republic	Yes	60.0	17.4	0.1	3.0	6.0	50.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Lao PDR	No	36.0	105.8	0.4	2.0	6.0	15.0	150.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Latvia	Yes	60.0	434.6	0.2	3.0	5.5	50.0	0.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Lebanon	No	24.0	438.9	0.5	3.0	5.5	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	15.0
Lesotho	No	No limit	140.7	0.8	4.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	25.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	12.0
Liberia	No	No limit	141.4	2.5	3.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	16.5
Libya	No	48.0	323.7	0.5	1.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	30.0
Lithuania	No	60.0	433.5	0.2	3.0	5.5	50.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.7
Luxembourg	Yes	24.0	2,764.4	0.3	6.0	5.5	0.0	70.0	40.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	25.0
Macedonia, FYR	No	60.0	262.5	0.4	6.0	6.0	35.0	50.0	35.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	20.0
Madagascar	Yes	24.0	55.7	0.9	3.0	6.0	30.0	40.0	30.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Malawi	Yes	No limit	27.5	0.5	12.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.0
Malaysia	No	No limit	257.2	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.3
Maldives	No	24.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	30.0
Mali	Yes	72.0	67.4	0.5	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Malta	No	48.0	837.4	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Marshall Islands	No	No limit	517.5	0.8	n.a.	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
Mauritania	No	24.0	90.8	0.6	1.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	18.0
Mauritius	No	24.0	236.8	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	17.0
Mexico (Mexico City)	Yes	No limit	151.7	0.1	1.0	6.0	0.0	25.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Mexico (Monterrey)	Yes	No limit	151.7	0.1	1.0	6.0	0.0	25.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	No	No limit	361.7	0.7	n.a.	7.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
Moldova	Yes	No limit	110.4	0.5	0.5	6.0	50.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20.0
Mongolia	No	No limit	116.9	0.3	3.0	5.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	Yes	16.0
Montenegro	No	24.0	218.9	0.3	6.0	6.0	40.0	0.0	40.0	No	No	No	No	20.7
Morocco	Yes	12.0	268.3	0.8	1.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	19.5
Mozambique	Yes	72.0	103.4	1.3	3.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	24.0
Myanmar	No	No limit	68.3	0.4	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	10.0
Namibia	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	n.a.	5.5	6.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Nepal	Yes	No limit	89.1	0.9	12.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	No	No	No	18.0
Netherlands	No	24.0	931.8	0.2	2.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
New Zealand	No	No limit	1,942.8	0.4	3.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0

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Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	13.0	No	No	Yes	126	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	6.4	27.7	No	No	Yes	105	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	4.3	8.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	112	No	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	8.7	0.0	No	No	Yes	70	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	10.7	Yes	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	21.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	15.2	Yes	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	15.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	No	18.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	17.3	4.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	112	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	8.7	No	Yes	Yes	270	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5.8	8.9	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	12.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	6.7	17.2	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	7.2	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	60	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	9.3	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	7.3	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	No	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	6.1	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	4.3	69.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	0.0	22.0	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	0.0	22.0	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	15.0	No	Yes	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	4.3	No	No	Yes	120	Yes	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	4.3	6.9	Yes	Yes	Yes	45	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7.2	13.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	No	No	36.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	33.2	No	No	Yes	60	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	18.8	No	No	Yes	98	No	Yes	No	36.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	5.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	22.9	No	No	Yes	52	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	7.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	112	Yes	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	n.a.	No	Yes	No	n.a.

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Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Nicaragua	No	No limit	227.3	0.9	1.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30.0
Niger	Yes	48.0	52.6	0.8	6.0	6.0	37.5	0.0	10.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Nigeria (Kano)	No	No limit	81.8	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	6.0
Nigeria (Lagos)	No	No limit	81.8	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	6.0
Norway	No	48.0	3,286.3	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	21.0
Oman <sup>b</sup>	No	No limit	845.3	0.5	3.0	5.0	50.0	100.0	25.0	Yes	No	No	Yes	22.0
Pakistan (Karachi)	Yes	9.0	129.8	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	No	Yes	No	14.0
Pakistan (Lahore)	Yes	9.0	129.8	0.6	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	No	Yes	No	14.0
Palau	No	No limit	693.5	0.5	n.a.	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
Panama	Yes	12.0	558.8	0.4	3.0	6.0	13.0	50.0	50.0	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	22.0
Papua New Guinea	No	No limit	213.0	0.6	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	11.0
Paraguay	Yes	No limit	365.0	0.7	1.0	6.0	30.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	20.0
Peru	Yes	60.0	258.3	0.3	3.0	6.0	35.0	100.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.0
Philippines	No	No limit	293.5	0.6	6.0	6.0	10.0	30.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	5.0
Poland	No	33.0	540.2	0.4	3.0	5.5	20.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Portugal	Yes	36.0	735.2	0.3	3.0	6.0	25.0	50.0	31.3	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Puerto Rico (U.S.)	No	No limit	1,256.7	0.3	9.0	7.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	11.0
Qatar	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	22.0
Romania	Yes	60.0	365.7	0.3	3.0	5.0	25.0	100.0	75.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Russian Federation (Moscow)	Yes	60.0	299.0	0.3	3.0	6.0	20.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Russian Federation (St. Petersburg)	Yes	60.0	272.5	0.2	3.0	6.0	20.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	22.0
Rwanda	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	19.3
Samoa	No	No limit	207.6	0.4	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	10.0
San Marino	Yes	18.0	2,147.1	0.4	1.6	6.0	35.0	0.0	26.3	No	Yes	No	No	26.0
São Tomé and Príncipe	Yes	36.0	71.0	0.3	1.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	37.5	No	No	Yes	No	26.0
Saudi Arabia	No	48.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	No	No	Yes	No	23.3
Senegal	Yes	24.0	160.9	1.1	2.0	6.0	38.0	0.0	10.0	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	24.3
Serbia	Yes	24.0	212.0	0.3	6.0	6.0	26.0	110.0	26.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Seychelles	No	No limit	575.5	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Sierra Leone	Yes	No limit	84.5	1.1	6.0	5.5	15.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	23.0
Singapore	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	10.7

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Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	14.9	No	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.3	9.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	3.2	0.0	No	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	3.2	0.0	No	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	8.7	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	343	No	Yes	Yes	0.0
No	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	Yes	50	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	22.9	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	22.9	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	0.0	18.1	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	3.3	9.2	No	No	Yes	0	n.a.	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	10.8	18.6	Yes	No	Yes	126	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	0.0	11.4	Yes	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	4.3	23.1	Yes	No	Yes	60	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	10.1	8.7	No	Yes	Yes	140	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	7.9	9.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	120	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	7.2	16.0	No	No	Yes	50	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.0	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	126	No	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	8.7	No	Yes	Yes	140	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	8.7	No	Yes	Yes	140	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	4.3	8.7	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	3.3	0.0	Yes	No	Yes	28	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	0.0	0.0	No	No	Yes	630	No	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4.3	26.0	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	8.6	15.2	No	No	Yes	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	10.5	No	No	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	0.0	7.7	Yes	Yes	Yes	135	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	4.3	7.6	No	No	Yes	98	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13.0	62.5	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	3.0	0.0	No	No	Yes	105	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.

LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
Slovak Republic	No	24.0	502.1	0.3	3.0	6.0	20.0	0.0	25.0	No	Yes	No	No	25.0
Slovenia	Yes	24.0	919.8	0.3	6.0	6.0	75.0	100.0	30.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Solomon Islands	No	No limit	114.5	0.4	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	No	No	No	15.0
Somalia	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	No	No	No	No	80.0
South Africa	Yes	No limit	285.5	0.4	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	18.3
South Sudan	No	48.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	No	No	No	23.3
Spain	Yes	48.0	1,005.9	0.3	6.0	5.5	6.6	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0
Sri Lanka	No	No limit	75.1	0.2	n.a.	5.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	Yes	No	No	No	14.0
St. Kitts and Nevis	No	No limit	563.3	0.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	14.0
St. Lucia	No	24.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	No	No limit	311.9	0.4	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	18.7
Sudan	No	48.0	67.1	0.2	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	No	No	No	23.3
Suriname	No	No limit	215.4	0.2	2.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	16.0
Swaziland	No	No limit	130.5	0.3	3.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Sweden	No	24.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	25.0
Switzerland	No	120.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	25.0	50.0	25.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20.0
Syrian Arab Republic	No	60.0	35.2	0.2	3.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	37.5	No	No	Yes	No	21.7
Taiwan, China	Yes	No limit	649.8	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	33.0	No	Yes	No	No	12.7
Tajikistan	Yes	No limit	60.4	0.4	3.0	6.0	50.0	100.0	100.0	Yes	Yes	No	No	18.0
Tanzania	Yes	No limit	54.5	0.4	6.0	6.0	5.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	20.0
Thailand	Yes	No limit	229.4	0.3	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	6.0
Timor-Leste	Yes	36.0	115.0	0.4	1.0	6.0	25.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	12.0
Togo	Yes	48.0	92.0	1.1	2.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	No	Yes	No	No	30.0
Tonga <sup>b</sup>	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	No	0.0
Trinidad and Tobago	No	No limit	411.9	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	10.0
Tunisia	No	48.0	243.4	0.5	6.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	25.0	No	No	No	No	19.0
Turkey	Yes	No limit	616.3	0.4	2.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	Yes	No	No	No	18.0
Uganda	No	No limit	1.9	0.0	12.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Ukraine	Yes	No limit	133.8	0.5	3.0	5.5	20.0	100.0	100.0	No	No	Yes	Yes	18.0
United Arab Emirates	No	No limit	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	No	No	Yes	No	26.0
United Kingdom	No	No limit	1,409.2	0.3	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	No	No	28.0



Redundancy rules								Redundancy cost		Job quality							
Dismissal due to redundancy allowed by law?	Third-party notification if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party approval if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party notification if 9 workers are dismissed?	Third-party approval if 9 workers are dismissed?	Retraining or reassignment? <sup>e</sup>	Priority rules for redundancies?	Priority rules for reemployment?	Notice period for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Severance pay for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Gender non-discrimination in hiring?	Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law? <sup>f</sup>	Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days) <sup>g</sup>	Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?	Availability of five fully paid days of sick leave?	Whether an unemployment protection scheme exists after one year of employment <sup>h</sup>	Minimum duration of contribution period (in months) for unemployment protection
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	11.6	7.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	238	No	No	No	24.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	5.3	5.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	105	Yes	Yes	Yes	9.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	10.7	No	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	23.1	No	No	Yes	98	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	4.0	5.3	Yes	No	Yes	120	No	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	4.3	21.7	No	No	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	2.1	15.2	Yes	No	Yes	112	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	4.3	54.2	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	8.7	0.0	No	No	Yes	91	No	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	3.7	9.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	91	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	4.0	10.0	No	No	Yes	91	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	4.3	21.7	No	No	Yes	56	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	0.0	8.8	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	5.9	8.7	No	No	Yes	14	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	14.4	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	480	No	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	10.1	0.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	No	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	8.7	0.0	No	No	Yes	120	Yes	No	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	3.8	11.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	56	Yes	No	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	13.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	140	Yes	No	No	18.0
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4.0	5.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	31.7	No	No	Yes	90	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	3.6	0.0	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	4.3	8.8	Yes	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	No	n.a.	n.a.	No	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	6.4	14.1	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.3	17.2	No	No	Yes	30	No	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	6.7	23.1	Yes	Yes	Yes	112	No	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	8.7	0.0	Yes	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	8.7	4.3	No	Yes	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	4.3	0.0	No	No	Yes	45	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	5.3	4.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	No	No	Yes	0.0

LABOR MARKET REGULATION DATA														
Economy	Hiring					Working hours								
	Fixed-term contracts prohibited for permanent tasks?	Maximum length of fixed-term contracts (months) <sup>a</sup>	Minimum wage for a cashier, age 19, with one year of work experience (US\$/month) <sup>b</sup>	Ratio of minimum wage to value added per worker	Maximum length of probationary period (months) <sup>c</sup>	Maximum number of working days per week	Premium for night work (% of hourly pay)	Premium for work on weekly rest day (% of hourly pay)	Premium for overtime work (% of hourly pay)	Restrictions on night work?	Whether non-pregnant and non-nursing women can work the same night hours as men	Restrictions on weekly holiday work?	Restrictions on overtime work?	Paid annual leave (working days) <sup>d</sup>
United States (Los Angeles)	No	No limit	1,762.1	0.2	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
United States (New York City)	No	No limit	1,846.0	0.3	n.a.	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	0.0
Uruguay	No	No limit	628.1	0.3	n.a.	6.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	21.0
Uzbekistan	Yes	60.0	129.2	0.5	3.0	6.0	50.0	100.0	100.0	No	Yes	No	No	15.0
Vanuatu	No	No limit	271.5	0.7	6.0	6.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	No	No	No	No	17.0
Venezuela, RB <sup>e</sup>	Yes	24.0	1,217.0	6.0	1.0	5.0	30.0	50.0	50.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	19.3
Vietnam	No	72.0	168.4	0.7	1.0	6.0	30.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	13.0
West Bank and Gaza	No	24.0	371.3	0.8	6.0	6.0	0.0	150.0	50.0	Yes	No	Yes	No	12.0
Yemen, Rep.	No	No limit	75.7	0.5	6.0	6.0	15.0	100.0	50.0	No	No	No	No	30.0
Zambia	Yes	No limit	176.4	0.8	n.a.	6.0	4.3	100.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	24.0
Zimbabwe	No	No limit	304.5	2.2	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	No	Yes	No	No	22.0

a. Including renewals.

b. Economies for which 0.0 is shown have no minimum wage in the private sector.

c. Some answers are not applicable (n.a.) for economies in which there is no statutory provision for a probationary period.

d. Average for workers with 1, 5 and 10 years of tenure.

e. Whether the law requires the employer to reassign or retrain a worker before making the worker redundant.

f. If no maternity leave is mandated by law, parental leave is measured if applicable.

g. The minimum number of days that legally have to be paid by the government, the employer or both.

h. Some answers are not applicable (n.a.) for economies where dismissal due to redundancy is disallowed.

i. Some answers are not applicable (n.a.) for economies that do not have an unemployment protection scheme.

The following data were collected jointly with the World Bank Group's *Women, Business and the Law* team:

- Can non-pregnant and non-nursing women work the same night hours as men?
- Equal remuneration for work of equal value?
- Gender non-discrimination in hiring?
- Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law?
- Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days)?
- Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?

Redundancy rules								Redundancy cost		Job quality							
Dismissal due to redundancy allowed by law?	Third-party notification if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party approval if 1 worker is dismissed?	Third-party notification if 9 workers are dismissed?	Third-party approval if 9 workers are dismissed?	Retraining or reassignment? <sup>e</sup>	Priority rules for redundancies?	Priority rules for reemployment?	Notice period for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Severance pay for redundancy dismissal (weeks of salary) <sup>d</sup>	Equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Gender non-discrimination in hiring?	Paid/unpaid maternity leave mandated by law? <sup>f</sup>	Minimum length of maternity leave (calendar days) <sup>g</sup>	Receive 100% of wages on maternity leave?	Availability of five fully paid days of sick leave?	Whether an unemployment protection scheme exists after one year of employment <sup>h</sup>	Minimum duration of contribution period (in months) for unemployment protection
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	0	n.a.	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	0.0	No	Yes	Yes	0	n.a.	Yes	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	0.0	20.8	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	No	Yes	6.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	8.7	8.7	No	No	Yes	126	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.0
Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	9.3	23.1	No	No	Yes	84	No	Yes	No	n.a.
No	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	No	Yes	Yes	182	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	0.0	24.6	Yes	Yes	Yes	180	Yes	Yes	Yes	12.0
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	23.1	No	No	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	4.3	23.1	No	No	Yes	70	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	4.3	46.2	Yes	Yes	Yes	84	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	13.0	12.3	No	Yes	Yes	98	Yes	Yes	No	n.a.



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