

## TRADING ACROSS BORDERS

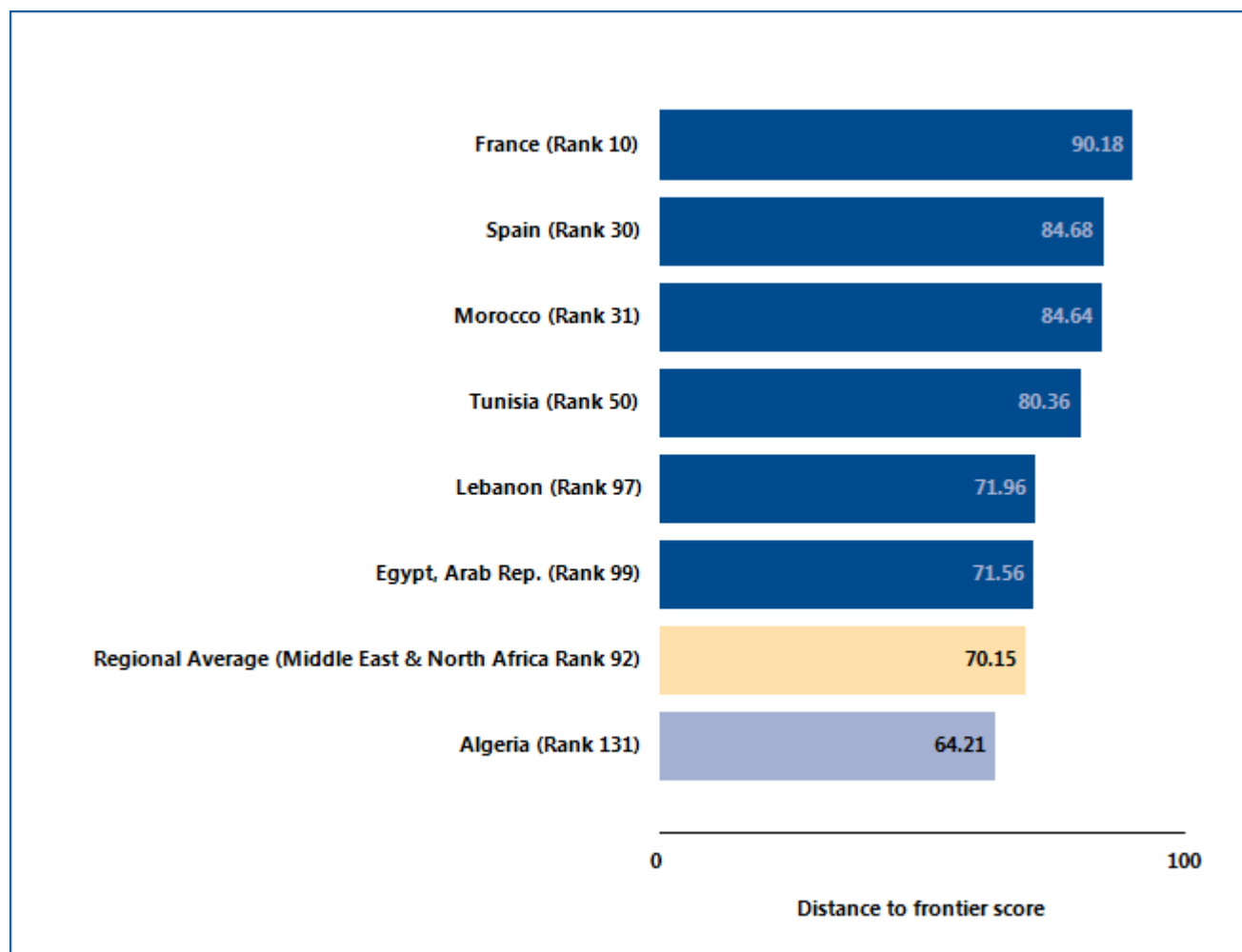
### Where does the economy stand today?

What does it take to export or import in Algeria? According to data collected by *Doing Business*, exporting a standard container of goods requires 8 documents, takes 17.0 days and costs \$1270.0. Importing the same container of goods requires 9 documents, takes 26.0 days and costs \$1330.0 (see the summary of four predefined stages and documents at the end of this chapter for details). Most indicator sets refer to a case scenario in the largest business city of an economy, except for 11 economies for which the data are a

population-weighted average of the 2 largest business cities. See the chapter on distance to frontier and ease of doing business ranking at the end of this profile for more details.

Globally, Algeria stands at 131 in the ranking of 189 economies on the ease of trading across borders (figure 9.1). The rankings for comparator economies and the regional average ranking provide other useful information for assessing how easy it is for a business in Algeria to export and import goods.

Figure 9.1 How Algeria and comparator economies rank on the ease of trading across borders



Source: *Doing Business* database.

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In economies around the world, trading across borders as measured by *Doing Business* has become faster and easier over the years. Governments have introduced tools to facilitate trade—including single windows, risk-based inspections and electronic data interchange

systems. These changes help improve the trading environment and boost firms' international competitiveness. What trade reforms has *Doing Business* recorded in Algeria (table 9.1)?

Table 9.1 How has Algeria made trading across borders easier—or not?

By *Doing Business* report year from DB2010 to DB2015

DB year	Reform
DB2015	Algeria made trading across borders easier by upgrading infrastructure at the port of Algiers.

*Note:* For information on reforms in earlier years (back to DB2006), see the *Doing Business* reports for these years, available at <http://www.doingbusiness.org>.

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