

TRADING ACROSS BORDERS

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 Peru (table 9.1)?

Table 9.1 How has Peru made trading across borders easier—or not?
By *Doing Business* report year from DB2010 to DB2015

DB year	Reform
DB2010	Peru made trading across borders easier by adding cranes at the port of Callao and thereby speeding up port and terminal handling activities.
DB2011	Peru made trading easier by implementing a new web-based electronic data interchange system, risk-based inspections and payment deferrals.

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>.

Source: *Doing Business* database.

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What are the details?

The indicators reported here for Peru are based on a set of specific predefined stages for trading a standard shipment of goods by ocean transport (see the section in this chapter on what the indicators cover). Information on the required documents and the time and cost to complete export and import is collected from local freight forwarders, shipping lines, customs brokers, port officials and banks.

LOCATION OF STANDARDIZED COMPANY

Port Name: Callao

City: Lima

The predefined stages, and the associated time and cost, for exporting and importing a standard shipment of goods are listed in the summary below, along with the required documents.

Table 9.2 Summary of predefined stages and documents for trading across borders in Peru

Stages to export	Time (days)	Cost (US\$)
Customs clearance and inspections	2	130
Documents preparation	5	150
Inland transportation and handling	2	280
Ports and terminal handling	3	330
Totals	12	890

Stages to import	Time (days)	Cost (US\$)
Customs clearance and inspections	3	185
Documents preparation	7	150
Inland transportation and handling	2	280
Ports and terminal handling	5	395
Totals	17	1,010