## TRADING ACROSS BORDERS

## What are the details?

The indicators reported here for Eritrea 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: Massawa** 

**City:** Asmara

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 Eritrea

Stages to export	Time (days)	Cost (US\$)
Customs clearance and inspections	6	400
Documents preparation	34	300
Inland transportation and handling	2	650
Ports and terminal handling	8	500
Totals	50	1,850

Stages to import	Time (days)	Cost (US\$)
Customs clearance and inspections	6	450
Documents preparation	43	400
Inland transportation and handling	2	650
Ports and terminal handling	8	500
Totals	59	2,000

Documents to export
Bill of lading
Cargo release order
Certificate of origin
Commercial Invoice
Consular invoice
Customs export declaration
Foreign exchange authorization
Packing List
Pre-shipment inspection clean report of findings
Technical standard/health certificate

Documents to import
Bill of lading
Cargo release order
Certificate of origin
Commercial invoice
Consular invoice
Customs import declaration
Foreign exchange authorisation
Import permit
Packing list
Pre-shipment inspection clean report of findings
Technical standard/health certificate
Terminal handling receipts

Source: Doing Business database.