TRADING ACROSS BORDERS

What are the details?

The indicators reported here for Haiti 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: Port-au-Prince

City: Port au Prince

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 Haiti

| Stages to export | Time (days) | Cost (US\$) |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Customs clearance and inspections | 4 | 200 |
| Documents preparation | 17 | 350 |
| Inland transportation and handling | 2 | 250 |
| Ports and terminal handling | 5 | 400 |
| Totals | 28 | 1,200 |

| Stages to import | Time (days) | Cost (US\$) |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Customs clearance and inspections | 5 | 285 |
| Documents preparation | 14 | 340 |
| Inland transportation and handling | 2 | 230 |
| Ports and terminal handling | 5 | 700 |
| Totals | 26 | 1,555 |

| Documents to export |
|---------------------------------------|
| Bill of Lading |
| Cargo release order |
| Certificate of origin |
| Commercial invoice |
| Customs export declaration |
| Export license |
| Tax certificate (Quittus) |
| Technical standard/health certificate |

| Documents to import |
|---------------------------------------|
| Bill of lading |
| Cargo release order |
| Commercial invoice |
| Customs import declaration |
| Import license (DPI) |
| Inspection report (SGS) |
| Tax certificate |
| Technical standard/health certificate |
| Terminal handling receipts |

Source: Doing Business database.