


A man and a child are standing in front of a large, dark, textured wall. The child is standing on the man's shoulders, and they are both using white chalk to draw a large globe on the wall. The globe is a simple outline with some internal lines representing continents and oceans. The man is wearing a dark t-shirt and the child is wearing a light blue shirt and patterned pants. The background is a dark, textured wall, possibly made of stone or concrete.


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How are customs audits changing in Asia-Pacific?

Technology and big data are changing customs audits in Asia-Pacific, and companies in the region need to take account of these developments.

Increasingly, customs authorities are combining sector data with details obtained from individual importers' declarations. This is allowing authorities to select audit targets more effectively, perform their work more efficiently and use their findings to identify further issues and targets.

Businesses active in the region need to start matching customs' capabilities. They should perform their own trade data analytics aimed at improving their internal processes and identifying weaknesses. To do this effectively, they will likely need to draw on a wide range of information. Some importers may even need to obtain historic data from the customs authorities themselves. Customs authorities are moving quickly in this space and businesses need to keep pace.

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