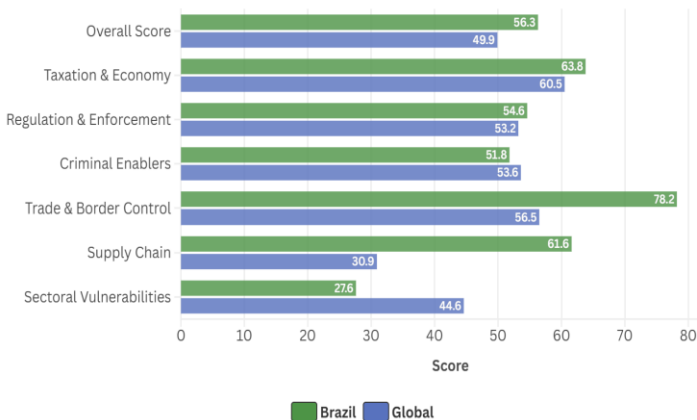




Illicit trade remains one of the most pressing threats to Brazil's economic stability and growth. While efforts have led to positive change, the scale of the challenge demands sustained political commitment and comprehensive strategies to tackle its root causes. Confronting this issue directly would allow Brazil to recover lost tax revenues and advance its broader economic and development objectives.



## OVERVIEW



## KEY INSIGHTS



## GLOBAL RANKING

42<sup>nd</sup> out of 158 countries



## REGIONAL RANKING (LATIN AMERICA)

3<sup>rd</sup> out of 27 countries



## OVERALL SCORE

56.3 / 100



## TOP PERFORMING CATEGORY

Trade, Customs and Borders (78.2)



## LOWEST-PERFORMING CATEGORY

Sectoral Illicit Trade (27.6)



## RISK METER



## PRIORITY ACTIONS

- **Enhance enforcement controls** to crack down on illicit trade in counterfeits, consumer goods, pharmaceuticals, tobacco and alcohol.
- **Strengthen regulatory frameworks** to close loopholes and bridge inconsistencies and increase the severity of penalties.
- **Tighten controls** in free trade zones, e-commerce, and postal networks to limit illicit flows.
- **Raise public awareness and build public-private partnerships** to boost education and support joint enforcement initiatives.
- **Expand efforts to formalize the economy** to close off informal markets for illicit products.
- **Strengthen border controls and intelligence agencies** by improving operational efficiency.



## STRENGTHS

- + **Strong customs and border enforcement frameworks** provide a strong legal basis for seizing counterfeit goods.
- + **Brazil is currently ranked 10th in the world for GDP** and is placed 7th in OECD rankings of economic growth.
- + **Increased international cooperation and the creation of a specialized federal force** has led to more effective raids and seizures.
- + **Ratification of major international agreements** strengthens efforts to combat illicit trade.
- + **Utilization of advanced technologies** has given authorities new ways to trace illicit goods and activities, even in remote areas of the Amazon.

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