

Post Accession Action Plan: Case of Tajikistan



TAJIKISTAN

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Process of Post WTO accession of the Republic of Tajikistan

- 2 March 2013 - The Republic of Tajikistan has become 159th member of the WTO.
- Government Decree dated October 31, 2014, №691 «On Program of Adjustment of the Economy of the Republic of Tajikistan Related to the Membership in the World Trade Organization»

Consists of:

- 9 sections
- 75 paragraphs
- In 3 Languages
 1. Tajik (National Language)
 2. Russian
 3. English

Introduction

- Trade – General Framework
- Commitments
- Technical Barriers to Trade
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Services
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Sector specific Measures
- Such as: Agriculture and Industry
- Improvement of WTO Public Awareness
- Education

The Need for the Program

- Use of the benefits of the membership
- Preparation of the country's economy to a healthy competition
- Harmonizing its economy
- Protection of the economic interests of domestic manufacturers
- Progressive development of foreign economic relations

Objective of the Program

- Creating a favorable environment for the development of small and medium enterprises
- Attracting foreign investment
- Strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the WTO members
- Providing the advantages of the WTO membership for the business community, by taking the necessary measures
- To accelerate reforms in various sectors
- Creation of appropriate conditions for the new jobs
- Reducing unemployment
- Reducing poverty and raising living standards of the population

Goals of the Program

- To eliminate the any negative effects in respect of foreign economic relations
- Organize effective foreign trade system
- Gradual liberalization of foreign trade
- Simplifying the customs administration
- Increased integration of the economy into the global economy
- Ensuring appropriate participation in the distribution of international labor market and the world trade
- Export promotion and investment
- Regular participation in the development of international trade rules
- Achievement of sustainable development

Priorities of the Program

- To use the existing WTO membership privileges
- To establish optimal conditions for bilateral mutually beneficial cooperation
- Attracting foreign investment
- Transparency and equity in trade and economic relations
- Lead to the improvement of the image of the country before the member countries

Results of the Program



- Non-discriminatory access of domestic products to the world market
- Creation of favorable conditions for attracting foreign investment
- Adaptation of the legislation of the RT to the WTO rules
- Creating conditions for improving the quality and competitiveness of domestic products with the increasing imports of foreign products, services and investment in the domestic market

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- Participation in the system of settlement of trade disputes at the international level
- Participation in the development of international trade rules, taking into account to national interests
- Use of a system of trade information, which creates favorable conditions for the realization of economic and trade policies

Implementing Undertaken Commitments

- Observer Status in the Agreement on Government Procurement after 1 year of membership June 2014
- Application for Accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement (Initial Offer of the Republic of Tajikistan) February 2015
- Resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Ratification of the Trade Facilitation Agreement”



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