IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND NEXT STEPS TO INTRODUCE ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT IN FOREIGN TRADE

The Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic

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Kyrgyz Republic ratified the TFA on November 22, 2016.

The Agreement on Trade Facilitation entered into force on February 22, 2017.

The composition of the NTFC approved through the Prime Minister Order on September 25, 2017.

The composition of NTFC’s Working Groups renewed through the Order of the Ministry of Economy on November 22, 2019.

The Secretariat of the NTFC established on August 30, 2019.

Regulation on Trade Facilitation Council (NTFC) enacted by the Kyrgyz Government on July 18, 2017.

The composition of NTFC’s Working Groups renewed through the Order of the Ministry of Economy on November 22, 2019.

The Secretariat of the NTFC established on August 30, 2019.
The structure of the NTFC

NTFC Council - 26 Members

- Representatives of State bodies – 13 Members
- Chairperson is the Minister of Economy and Commerce
- Co-chair is representative of business community
- Business community representatives – 13 Members
- The Council Secretariat – 7 persons
The TFA implementation plan adopted on December 10, 2018

The TFA implementation plan in the Kyrgyz Republic was revised on the basis of the Decision taken by the NTFC in July 2019.
Relevance of the TFA

COVID-19

Within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of efficient trade processes has become clear as a means of ensuring the rapid and safe movement of goods, including the delivery of life-saving medicines and food to people, as well as mitigating the economic impact of the crisis.

TFARoad Map

At the end of 2020, at the meeting of the National Council for Trade Facilitation, the Roadmap was presented on June 15, 2021, as part of an online event, it was officially launched for trade facilitation for the period of 2021-2025. The roadmap was developed with the support of the European Economic Commission of the United Nations (UNECE).

*The roadmap is based on the UNECE Guidelines for the Development of a National Roadmap for Trade Facilitation, and is available in English and Russian. The Roadmap is synchronized with the Plan for the implementation of the TFA for 2019-2024.
During 2021 through 2025 the government of the Kyrgyz Republic, within the framework of national development concepts, intends to:

1. get rid of paper-based export & import related priority goods document circulation

2. transfer its trade facilitation services to digital technology services to achieve 60% of implementation of digital trade facilitation measures in the UN Global Survey on Digital Trade Facilitation and Sustainable Trade
In order to achieve the above mentioned milestones the government of the Kyrgyz Republic has undertaken or close to undertake the following activities:

1. Adoption of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures”

2. Intends to join the Framework Agreement to Facilitate Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 2022.

3. A Project Proposal to Finance the Implementation of Articles 5.3 and 10.1 of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation, as part of the overall action plan in the Kyrgyz Republic, has been prepared.
Road Map

The Kyrgyz Economic University named after M. Ryskulbekov was selected as a place for Excellence Center for Trade Facilitation. This Center became a first university in the Central Asian region designed to train civil servants, representatives of the business community, undergraduates and bachelors, and also listeners from other neighboring countries to the principles and methods of trade facilitation. The Center was established in accordance with the national trade facilitation Road Map with the support of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

400 experts are to be trained in the area of trade facilitation by 2025.

6 Training Modules

- The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and the role of National Committees on Trade Facilitation;
- Supply chain management;
- Simplification of export & import processes;
- Creation of the Single Window Mechanism;
- Intra-regional and inter-regional cross border trade;
- Transboundary e-commerce
Thank you for your attention!

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