



Information about the current status of accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the World Trade Organization

Accession process

- Uzbekistan's letter of intent to join the WTO as a full-fledged member was filed in December 1994;
- The Working Party for Uzbekistan's accession was established in 1994;
- Three meetings of the Working Party took place (July 2002, June 2004 and October 2005)
- In 2007 all active efforts under the accession process were suspended;
- In December 2017 President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his address to Oliy Majlis announced the renewal of WTO accession negotiations.

Renewal of accession negotiations

- Plan of practical actions (Roadmap) for Uzbekistan's accession to the WTO (approved by the Cabinet of Ministers No 25 dated 26.02.2018)
- Inter-agency commission to work with the WTO headed by the Minister of investments and foreign trade, approved by the Decree of the cabinet of ministers No 1040 dated 24.12.2018;
- Negotiation team for the accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the WTO comprising management-level representatives of responsible ministries and agencies;

Renewal of accession negotiations

- Established:
 - Position of the Deputy minister of IFT - head of the Negotiation team for Uzbekistan's accession to the WTO;
 - Division of coordination of cooperation with the WTO under the MIFT;
 - Positions of advisor-representative of Uzbekistan in the WTO and first secretary of WTO affairs in Uzbekistan's permanent representative office in the UN and other international organizations in Geneva;
- By a decision of the WTO General Council in July 2018 the permanent representative of the Republic of Korea under the UN office in Geneva Ms. Ji-ah Paik was approved as Chairperson of the Working Party for Uzbekistan's accession to the WTO

Renewal of accession negotiations

- 8 thematic groups comprising responsible representatives of involved ministries and agencies in the areas of:
 - preparation of materials on domestic support and export subsidies in agriculture;
 - trade in services;
 - sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
 - technical barriers to trade;
 - intellectual property rights;
 - tariff concessions;
 - customs issues;
 - evaluating the accession implications.

Renewal of accession negotiations

- February 2019 - visit of Deputy WTO director general A. Wolf to Uzbekistan;
- March 2019 - visit of the Chairperson of the Working party on Uzbekistan's WTO accession Ji-ah Paik;
- Engaging technical assistance of international organizations and donors in Uzbekistan's WTO accession process: German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), USAID, UNDP, EU, WB, ADB, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), International Trade Center (ITC) and others.