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TRADE BARRIERS FOR AGRICLUTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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The Kyrgyz Republic complies with the norms and rules of the Agreement on Application of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures

- ◆ the World Trade Organization,
- ◆ the International Convention on Plants Protection,
- ◆ the European and Mediterranean Organization of Plants Quarantine (Protection),
- ◆ the International Epizootic Bureau,
- ◆ the World Health Organization.



The conditions for import and sales of goods subject to control in the customs territory of the Kyrgyz Republic are:

- ◆ **a veterinary certificate issued by the state veterinary body of the exporting country;**
- ◆ **a permission of the head of the central veterinary service or his deputy (animal products and other cargoes subject to state veterinary control) of the importing country;**
- ◆ **a quarantine permit for import of products subject to quarantine issues by the state inspectorate of the importing country;**
- ◆ **a phyto-sanitary certificate issued by a relevant state (phyto-sanitary) service of the exporter's country.**



State Supervision

- ◆ the Department of State Veterinary under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry is responsible for ensuring biological safety of animal products, veterinary preparations, fodder and fodder supplements, as well as products of plant origin sold in the markets;
- ◆ the State Department of Chemicalization, Plants Protection and Quarantine of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic is responsible for compliance with mandatory requirements to environmental and chemical safety of chemicalization and plants protection preparations, biological safety of vegetables, melon crops, fruit, edible roots and tuber crops, seeds and planting materials, agricultural, forest and decorative species, as well as other products, which can be transmitters of quarantine objects, cultures of living fungi, bacteria, viruses, round worms, ticks and insects, causative agents of plant diseases and samples of damages caused by them, as well as herbaria and collections of seeds.



Interdepartmental working group on simplification of export and import procedures in the Kyrgyz Republic

Group composition:

- ◆ ministries and agencies,
- ◆ certification bodies regulating external economic activities,
- ◆ as well s representatives of business associations, consulting companies and customs brokers.

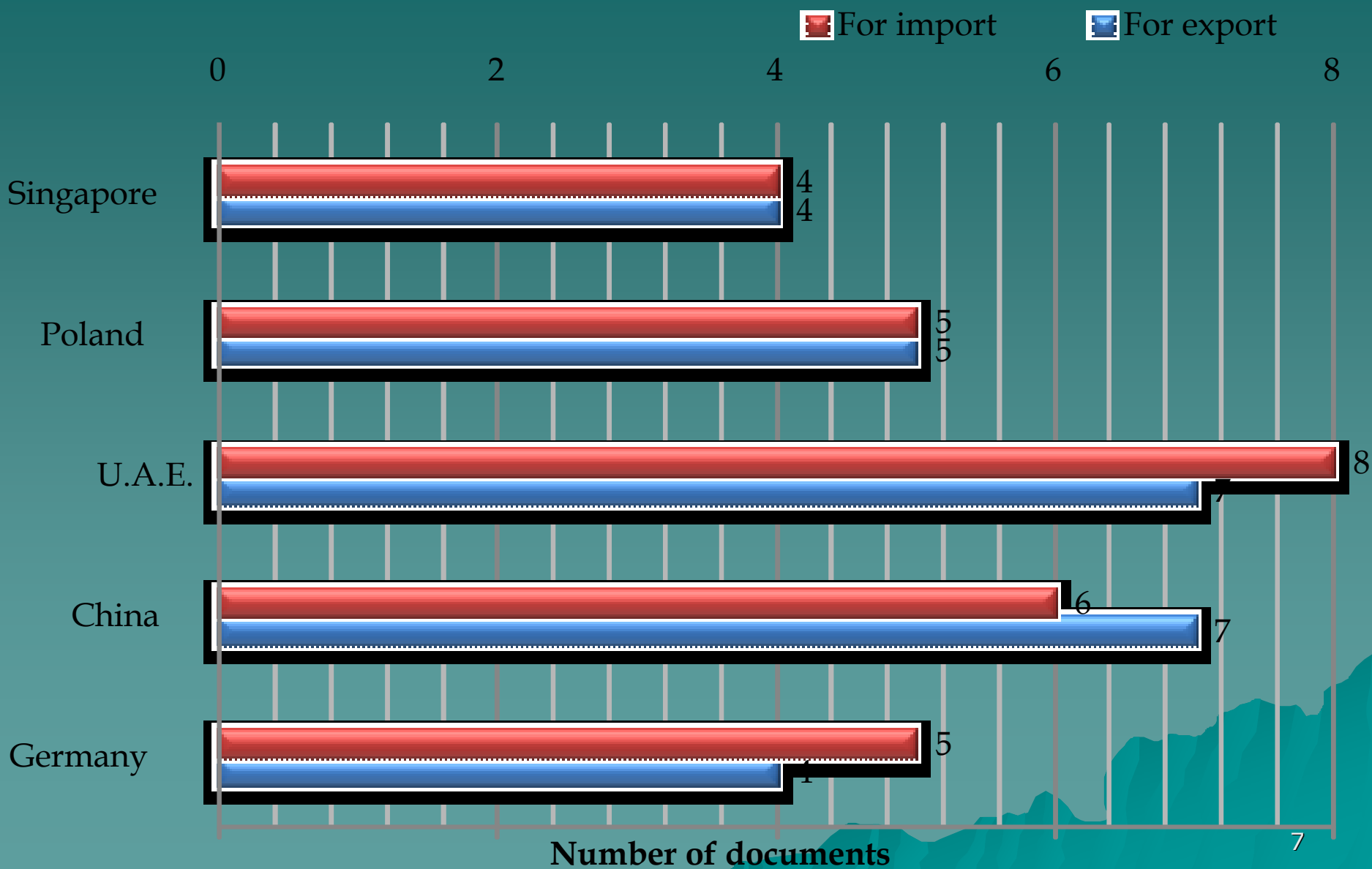


Problems and barriers in trade:

- ◆ export and import operations costs in the Kyrgyz Republic are prohibitively high in terms of the number of required documents (23 – for import, 21 – for export), signatures and time;
- ◆ a multi-step system of control and overlapping of functions by state authorities and certification bodies;
- ◆ state controlling bodies and certification bodies are not customer-oriented;
- ◆ lack of information with entrepreneurs on procedures of external economic activities, procedures are complex for understanding, lack of transparency, frequent amendments of legal and regulatory acts (LRA);
- ◆ development of cross-border trade requires the establishment of relevant infrastructure and improvement of roads, financing;
- ◆ lack of LRA regulating e-commerce;
- ◆ lack of staffing units to represent the country's interests abroad;
- ◆ problems of inconsistency in statistical data with key trade partners (China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan);
- ◆ lack of legal frameworks for stock trading.



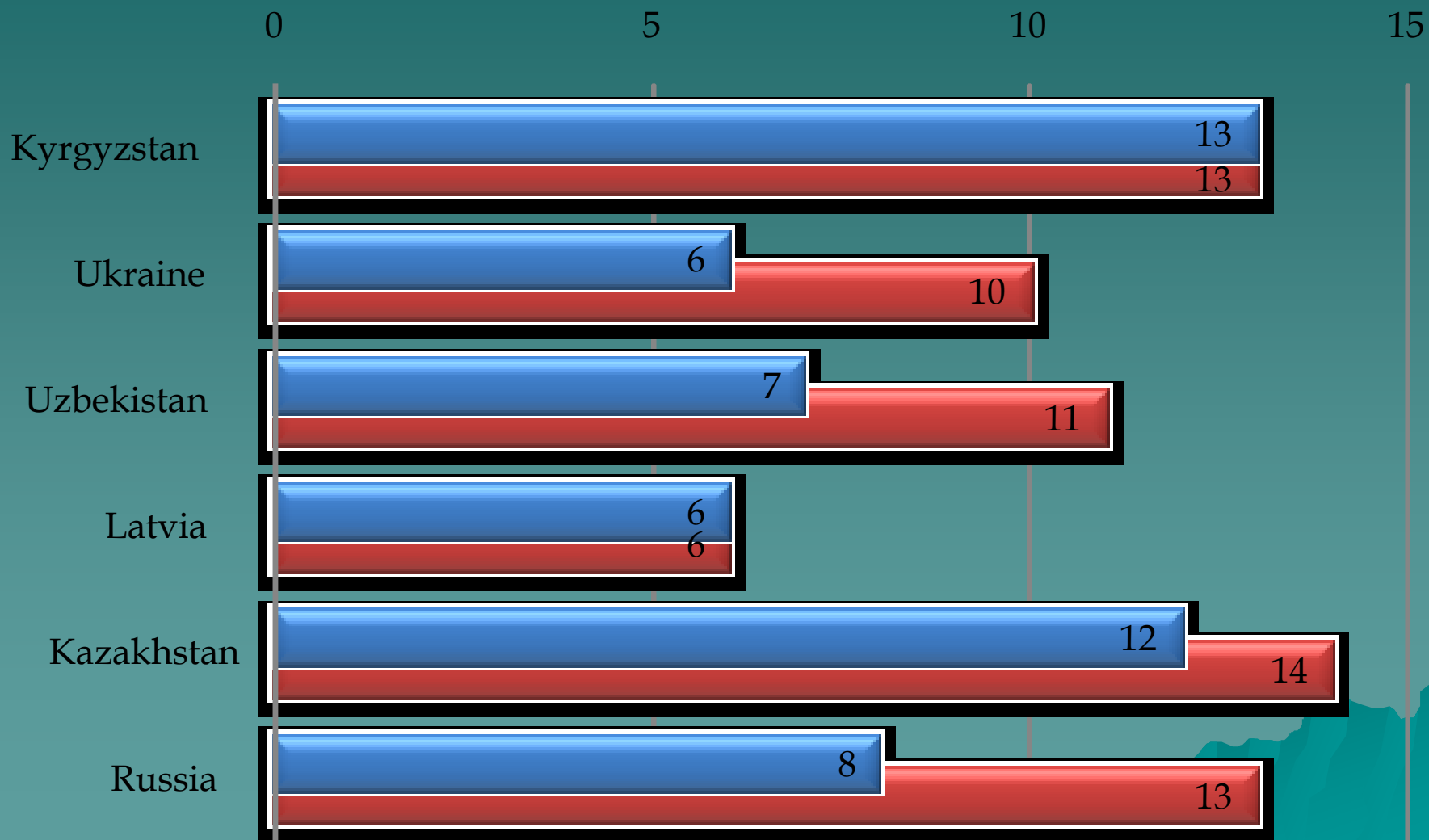
Number of documents for export and import operations – *non-CIS countries*





Number of documents for export-import operations – CIS and Baltic states

■ For export ■ For import





Benefits from introducing the single window

- ◆ Provision of actual and transparent information on volumes of external trade, number of traders, movement of goods.
- ◆ Reduction in the time and costs for undergoing trade procedures for entrepreneurs.
- ◆ Ensuring transparency and increasing the quality of governance, excluding the possibility for corruption.
- ◆ Access to all legal information regulating foreign trade, at one location.
- ◆ Tightening control and responsibility of agencies responsible for security of the state through optimization of state functions.



Measures to reduce barriers:

- ◆ Decree №464 of the President of the KR “On Developing the State Policy in the Sphere of External Trade and Measures for Improvement of Export and Import Procedures” issued as of October 23, 2007
- ◆ Resolution of the KRG № 72 dated 05.03.2008 “On Introducing Amendments and Addenda to Some Decisions of the KRG”
- ◆ Decision №15 of the Chamber of Commerce dated 19.02.2008
- ◆ Resolution №29 of the KRG “On the National Council for Trade Facilitation and Transport” dated January 29, 2008
- ◆ The Concept for introduction of the single window



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