



“Customs reforms, including the new Customs code, and the WTO accession progress update”





Customs reforms, including the new Customs code



- Ensuring transparency and accessibility of state services in the area of foreign trade**
- balance of import and export operations taking into account the country's economic interests**
- drastic improvement of the activities of the customs authorities and the customs administration system on the basis of generally accepted international norms and standards**
- creation of favorable conditions for the active and accelerated development of entrepreneurship and tourism**



Decree of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On fundamental improvement of the activities of the agencies of the state customs service of the Republic of Uzbekistan”

first - clear definition and delineation of tasks and functions of the customs bodies at all levels, strengthening the coordinating role and the methodological assistance of the relevant units of central and territorial administrations of the customs bodies in the organization of their effective functioning

second - development of intolerance towards corruption in the system of customs authorities, strengthening public trust and improving the image of the state customs service, improving the material incentives and social protection of officers

third - fundamental improvement of the system of training, selection and placement of staff with high professional skills

fourth - a shift from the “total” customs control to a risk management system enabling the reduction of administrative barriers for traders

fifth - reducing the time necessary to clear customs procedures at the border crossing points by introducing modern customs control forms, methods and technical tools

sixth - broad introduction of modern information and communication technologies aimed at improving the effectiveness of the activities of all units of customs authorities and inter-agency information exchange

seventh - further expansion of cooperation with the customs authorities of foreign countries and international organizations, systemic review and implementation of the best practices, international norms and standards in the customs area



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issuance of permits during the placement of goods under customs procedures was canceled, as well as permissions

customs clearance of identical products under one foreign trade agreement (contract) shall take place through the provision of periodic declarations

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introduction of the practice of advance declaration of imported goods before their actual arrival at the customs territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan

on the basis of the methodology of leading international organizations, the customs authorities are implementing the mechanism of regular and systemic reviews of average release time of goods and publishing their findings



Draft of the new version of the Customs code

- liberalization of the customs legislation, customs procedure transparency and simplification, common interpretation of the norms and elimination of room for different interpretation;**
- creation of an incentive mechanism to ensure traders' compliance with the customs legislation;**
- implementation of the provisions of the international treaties of the Republic of Uzbekistan, generally accepted principles of international law, recommendations and standards of international organizations;**
- experience of developed countries in the area of customs administration, including tariff regulation and customs control administration**



Information on the process of accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the World Customs organization

- renewed composition of the Inter-agency commission on WTO affairs was approved**
- working groups in specific areas established**
- negotiation group for multilateral and bilateral WTO accession negotiations established**
- intra-agency working groups established in the involved ministries and agencies to study the norms and requirements during WTO accession by specific areas**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!