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Kyrgyz Republic in the light of accession to the International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures

According to political and social-economic reforms in the Kyrgyz Republic (KR), the development of new conceptual approaches and principles of legal regulation of customs is carried out as follows:


- Harmonization of legal and political foreign trade environment with WTO accession and accession to the other agreements;
- Harmonization of customs rules procedures with the standard rules of the 1999 International Convention « On Simplification and Harmonization of customs procedures » (Kyoto Convention).

The result of this work is adoption of the Kyrgyz Republic Customs Development Concept for 2002-2010 (Decree of the government of the Kyrgyz Republic, 6/25/2002 # 403), aimed on reforming and improving of the customs legislation up to the world standards level.

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Within the limits of the Kyrgyz Republic Customs Development Concept for 2002-2010, the following was determined:

- integration of Kyrgyzstan in the world economic community, in international trade;
- harmonization of foreign trade regulations with international obligations made by Kyrgyzstan;
- accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the 1999 International Convention “On simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention)”




Since 2000, the Customs Service has carried out some activities of organizational, procedural and substantial nature for both, reforming and improving of the customs legislation, and for accession to Kyoto Convention..

Some of the aspects in this regard are:

- development and adoption in 2004 of the new Customs Code of the Kyrgyz Republic based on Standard Rules of Kyoto Convention;
- development of a view point with regards to the scope of accession to the General and Special Annexes of Kyoto Convention..

Customs Code of the Kyrgyz Republic provides for the following basic principles of Kyoto Convention:

- aspiration of Customs bodies to make their work transparent and predictable for the participants of foreign trade activities in all spheres of international trade;
- maximal effective use in customs procedures of information systems and technologies;
- carrying out of customs control based on Risk Managements of system and methods of audit;
- use of electronic databases and electronic ways of information exchange for customs procedures;
- providing all stakeholders with the necessary information about customs regulations;
- cooperation with both, authorities and business community as well as with customs of other countries.




❑ KR Customs began the work with the issues related to accession to Kyoto Convention in 2008, according to the Lawmaking Plan of the KR Government (Decree of the Government, 2/13/2008 # 46)

by the Decree of the Government dated 4/7/2009 # 220, the bill of the Kyrgyz Republic «On accession to the International Convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention), in editions of 1999, has been brought to the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic consideration and adoption.

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Bill of the Kyrgyz Republic «On accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the International Convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention), provided for the accession to:

- General Annex;
- Special Annexes A, B, C, D, E (except for the Chapter 3), F, G, H, J, K of the Kyoto Convention.

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In connection with a necessity of additional considerations, the bill of the «On accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the International Convention on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention) was withdrawn from the KR Parliament (governmental order dated 7/9/2009 N 439).

Reasons for withdrawal of the Bill

1) Copy of the official text of Kyoto Convention required for internal procedure, was received by the Customs Service of the Kyrgyz Republic only in February 2009;

2) The work of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation related to translation from English into Russian of the official text of the Convention, because

- Kyrgyz Republic has obligations for harmonization and unification of customs procedures with the countries participants to CIS, EuroSec with regards to coordinated approaches to accession to the Convention related to the scope, uniformed terminology, provisions in the text of the Convention;
- according to the decisions of SRTS, the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation was appointed the coordinating authority for the countries members of the EuroSec and CIS with regards to the work related to the accession to Kyoto Convention.



Thank you very much!