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**Kyrgyzstan and WTO  
Membership in WTO –  
opportunities for the Kyrgyz  
Republic**

**Ministry of Economy  
of the Kyrgyz Republic**



# Statistical data on trade in the Kyrgyz Republic

**Foreign trade turnover** of the Kyrgyz Republic in 2014 amounted to **7 612,3 million USD**:

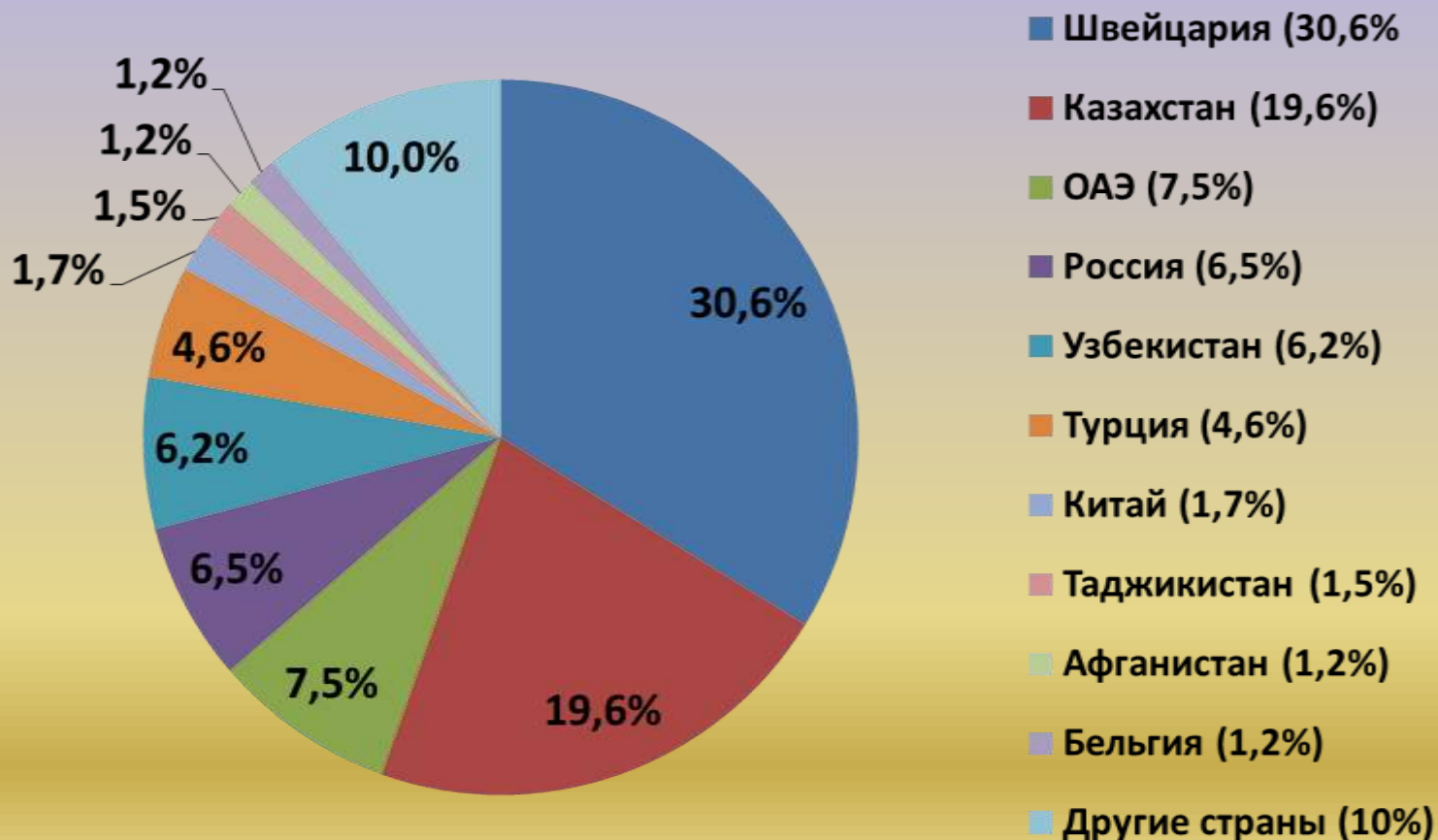
- **import – 5 732,4 million USD,**
- **export – 1 879,9 million USD.**

The Kyrgyz Republic had commercial and economic relations **with 149 countries** in 2014 (in 2013 – with 140 countries):

**when importing – 143 countries,**  
**when exporting – 89 countries.**

# Statistical data on trade in the Kyrgyz Republic

Доли стран основных торговых партнеров в экспорте КР  
в 2014г.



# Structure of external trade of the Kyrgyz Republic

- Key trade partners in geographical structure of external trade of the Kyrgyz Republic are:
- From CIS countries - Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- From WTO countries— China, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Turkey, USA, France, Korea and etc.

## **Liberalization of trade regime**

The Kyrgyz Republic uses the following trade regimes:

- CIS countries – free trade regime (exempt from duties)
- WTO countries – most favored nation regime (in accordance with WTO obligations)
- Least developed countries – preferential regime (exempt from duties).

# Programs, projects in the area of trade simplification

## Implementation of provisions of Bali Agreement on Trade Facilitation (WTO) .

Activities on familiarization of government bodies with this Agreement were conducted by the Ministry of Economy of the KR jointly with USAID ATAR Project. Analysis of conformity of provision of the Agreement to the norms of legislation of the KR and current practice was conducted in the framework of this Project. Based on the findings of the analysis, the Ministry developed notification on the part of the Agreement which has been already implemented in the KR notably provisions of Category A sent to the WTO.

### **Next steps:**

- other provisions of the Agreement which are legally binding
- to establish the Committee for simplification of trade
- to develop an action plan for their implementation
- to determine each body's responsibilities for specific measures.

# **Kyrgyzstan is in WTO during 16 years**

**Over a period of 16 years of membership in this organization, Kyrgyzstan was able to:**

- gain invaluable experience at the level of world trade
- take an active part in activities conducted in the framework of WTO (meetings of WTO committees, sessions, meetings of Working Groups on admission of new countries as well as meetings of the General Council and Ministerial conferences)

**Moreover, the Kyrgyz Republic also participates in activities of the following negotiation groups in the WTO:**

- Asian Developing Members Group; - Recently Acceding Members Group (RAMs)
- Low-Income Economies in Transition Group

# Kyrgyzstan and WTO

- The geography of trade expanded due to the fact that Kyrgyz exports enjoy a most-favored-nation (MFN) regime in all 161 countries – WTO members, i.e. there is no necessity of conclusion of bilateral agreements with trade partners for getting MFN.
- Kyrgyzstan goods fall under the national regime after passing through the customs procedure in an importing WTO country.
- Before accession to the WTO (1996) share of WTO member countries in total trade turnover of the KR made 30%, export – 12.3%, import – 40.5%. At the present time, total share of WTO member countries makes more than 50%.
- As compared with 1998 the volume of foreign direct investments grew 4.8 times in 2014.
- Systematic alignment of legislation to international norms



# Kyrgyzstan in WTO

- ☀ The first Trade Policy Review of the Kyrgyz Republic was conducted in 2006.
- ☀ The second Trade Policy Review of the Kyrgyz Republic was conducted in November 2013.

The Review consisted of the report of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on applied policy in the area of trade (including economic aspects, agriculture, social development, foreign trade regime, trading of goods and services, investment policy and etc.) and more detailed Report of WTO Secretariat on TPR.

# Bilateral negotiation in the framework of WTO

Bilateral negotiations on accession to the WTO were conducted with 14 countries:

- Georgia
  - Moldova
  - Estonia
  - Croatia
  - Albania
  - Oman
  - Jordan
  - China
  - Lithuania
  - Russia and Kazakhstan – 2003
  - Saudi Arabia - 2004
  - Belarus - 2006
  - Ukraine – 2007
- 1999 -2001
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# **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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