

Post-Accession Benefits of the WTO Membership



TAJIKISTAN

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Process of accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO

- 10 December 2012 – The Protocol on accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO was adopted by General Council.
- 2 March 2013 - The Republic of Tajikistan has become 159th member of the WTO.
- May 2001 – The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has submitted its application on membership to the WTO
- July 2001 – The General Council has adopted a decision on establishment of a Working Group on accession of Tajikistan to the WTO

Process of accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO

- Bringing in Line the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan into compliance with WTO rules
- More than 100 laws and regulations have been either amended or replaced
- Full harmonization of the national trade related legal system with WTO rules and disciplines
- Transparency and predictability of the market and trade and economic policies

Tajikistan's WTO membership

- Actively contributes to the process of integration into the global economy
- Important role in the training of highly qualified specialists
- Improvement and strengthening of the international rating of the country
- Increases the competitiveness in the domestic market

Use of the benefits of the membership

- Preparation of the country's economy to a healthy competition
- Protection of the economic interests of domestic manufacturers
- Development of foreign economic relations
- Removal of inconsistencies of the national legislation with the national treatment and most favored nation treatment principles

Post Accession Plans

- Program of Adjustment of the Economy of the Republic of Tajikistan Related to the Membership in the World Trade Organization
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the WTO members
- Reducing unemployment through the creation of appropriate conditions for the new jobs
- Creating a favorable environment for the development of small and medium enterprises

Post Accession Plans

- Taking necessary steps to improve institutional framework and continue reforms in various WTO related areas, most notably customs, TBT, SPS and TRIPS
- Ratification of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention)
- Creating favorable conditions for improvement of competitiveness and development of the services sector
- Taking part in the policy making activities and WTO meeting on development of international trade rules

9th WTO Ministerial Conference, Bali

- Approval of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Reduce the expenditure on trade deals related to customs procedures on imports and exports
- Resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Ratification of the Trade Facilitation Agreement”
- The Republic of Tajikistan soon will Deposit Instrument of Acceptance of ratification of the Trade Facilitation Agreement to the WTO Secretariat

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