



Progress in Implementing the Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan in Tajikistan

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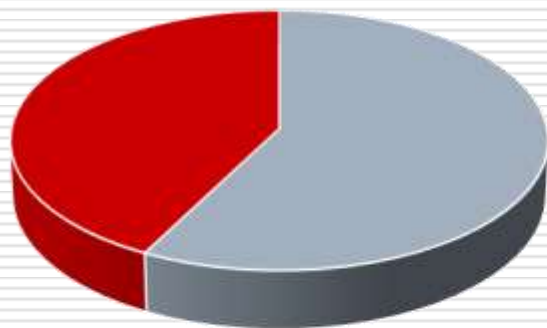
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On 2 March 2013, the Republic of Tajikistan was recognized as a full member of the WTO

- The Republic of Tajikistan attaches great importance to the trade, economic and customs cooperation under CAREC. More than 42% of the total foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Tajikistan accounts for the CAREC countries;
 - The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly works to bring the country out of the communication deadlock and expand the country's transit potential
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Share of the CAREC countries in the foreign trade structure of the RT

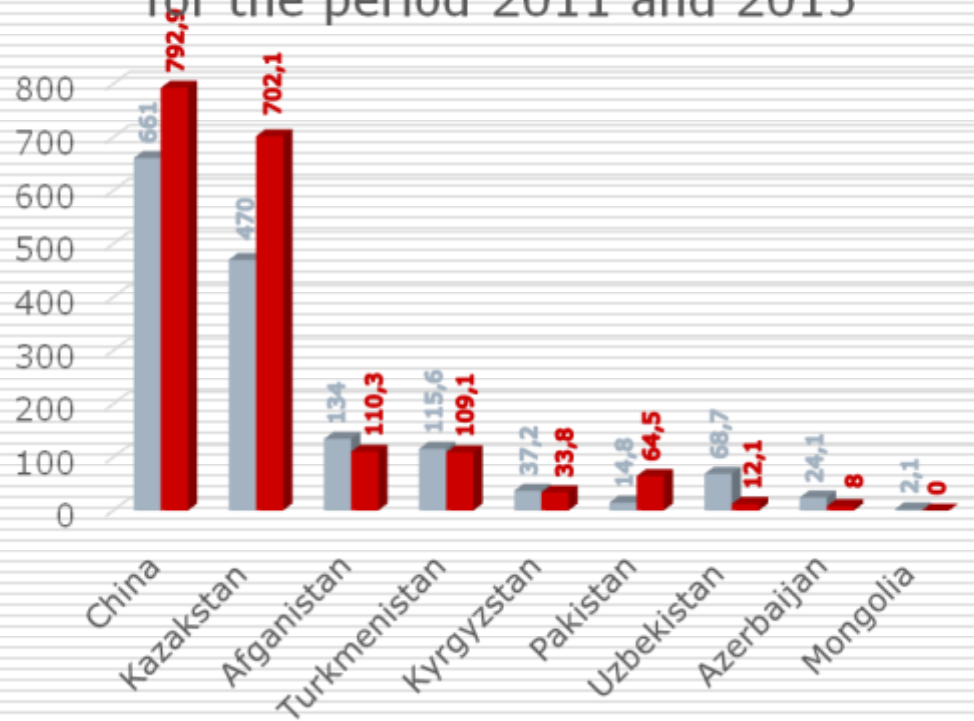
Foreign trade turnover of Tajikistan in 2015
4,325.5 mln USD



Other countries

RT's foreign trade with CAREC countries ratio

for the period 2011 and 2015



Transit corridors of the Republic of Tajikistan for the development of cargo transportation between CAREC countries



- CAREC-Corridor3 (Kyr-Taj-Uzb-Afg)
 — CAREC-Corridor 5 (China-Kyr-Taj-Afg)
 — CAREC-Corridor 6 (Uzb-Taj-Afg)
- Eastern North-South Corridor (Kyr/China-Taj-Afg)
 — Internal West-East Corridor (Dushanbe-Khorugh)

Key objectives of the trade policy of the Republic of Tajikistan

- ❑ Finding by Tajikistan of sustainable niches in the global market for goods, for the production of which the country has favorable natural and economic conditions;
 - ❑ Achieving high competitiveness of domestic products in both domestic and foreign markets;
 - ❑ Ensuring full economic security of the country;
 - ❑ Achieving sustainable level of gold and forex reserves as a sound monetary basis for economic and political sovereignty of the country;
 - ❑ Achieving positive foreign trade and payment balance
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Trade liberalization in Tajikistan

Measures to liberalize and improve foreign trade relations:

➤ **Legislative acts:**

- ✓ Decision on liberalization of foreign trade in the Republic of Tajikistan dated 27 June 1995;
- ✓ Liberalization of the currency and export operations, dated 24 February 1996 and others;
- ✓ The Law on Foreign Trade dated 3 July 2012;
- ✓ The Law on Food Safety dated 1 August 2012;
- ✓ The Law on Cryptography dated 3 July 2012;
- ✓ The Law on Export Control of 2014

➤ **Administrative restrictions:**

- ✓ Safeguard measures have been gradually abolished and trade regime is now fully liberalized;
- ✓ Tajikistan's foreign trade policy is focused on the development of the country's export potential;
- ✓ Export duties were abolished;
- ✓ Differentiated rates of import duties were adopted.

➤ **Integration into the international trading system:**

- On 2 March 2013, the Republic of Tajikistan became the 159th full member of the WTO;
 - RT Government Resolution “On Adaptation of the RT’s Economy to Membership in the WTO” (provides for more than 70 measures to implement the country’s commitments before WTO, and elimination of barriers to trade, including bringing of the issued certificates in compliance with international standards)
 - RT’s Parliament ratified the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation
 - The National Trade Facilitation Committee was created
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“Single Window”

- ❑ The Asian Development Bank is an active participant in the implementation of the “single window” system for export-import and transit procedures.
 - ❑ The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan approved the Program for implementation of “single window” system implementation.
 - ❑ The Program for implementation of “single window” defines the main activities of the Government of Tajikistan in the medium-term period to simplify and improve the effectiveness of administrative procedures in foreign trade through the introduction and use of electronic processing and transmission of information between the interested government agencies and importers/exporters.
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ORGANIZATION OF THE SINGLE WINDOW IN TAJIKISTAN

- ▶ In 2010, the Government of Tajikistan approved the Program for implementation of Single Window for export-import and transit operations

- ▶ In 2011, the Government of Tajikistan established the State Unitary Enterprise “Single Window Center”



Conclusion

1. Tajikistan welcomes all initiatives on enhancing trade and economic ties and trade liberalization in the region;
2. **Tajikistan intends to consistently find its niche in the international trade** in Central Asia, in the central point of trade relations North-South and East-West, which grow dynamically;
3. Despite many difficulties and landlocked position, Tajikistan **has sufficient funds for supporting normal development of the foreign trade**;

In general, the Government of Tajikistan is fully **committed to modernization of the economy and supporting long-term economic development of the country** and believes that the development of foreign trade is a key tool for achieving economic growth

Thank you for attention

