

Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan



Country Report: National Committee for Trade Facilitation in Tajikistan

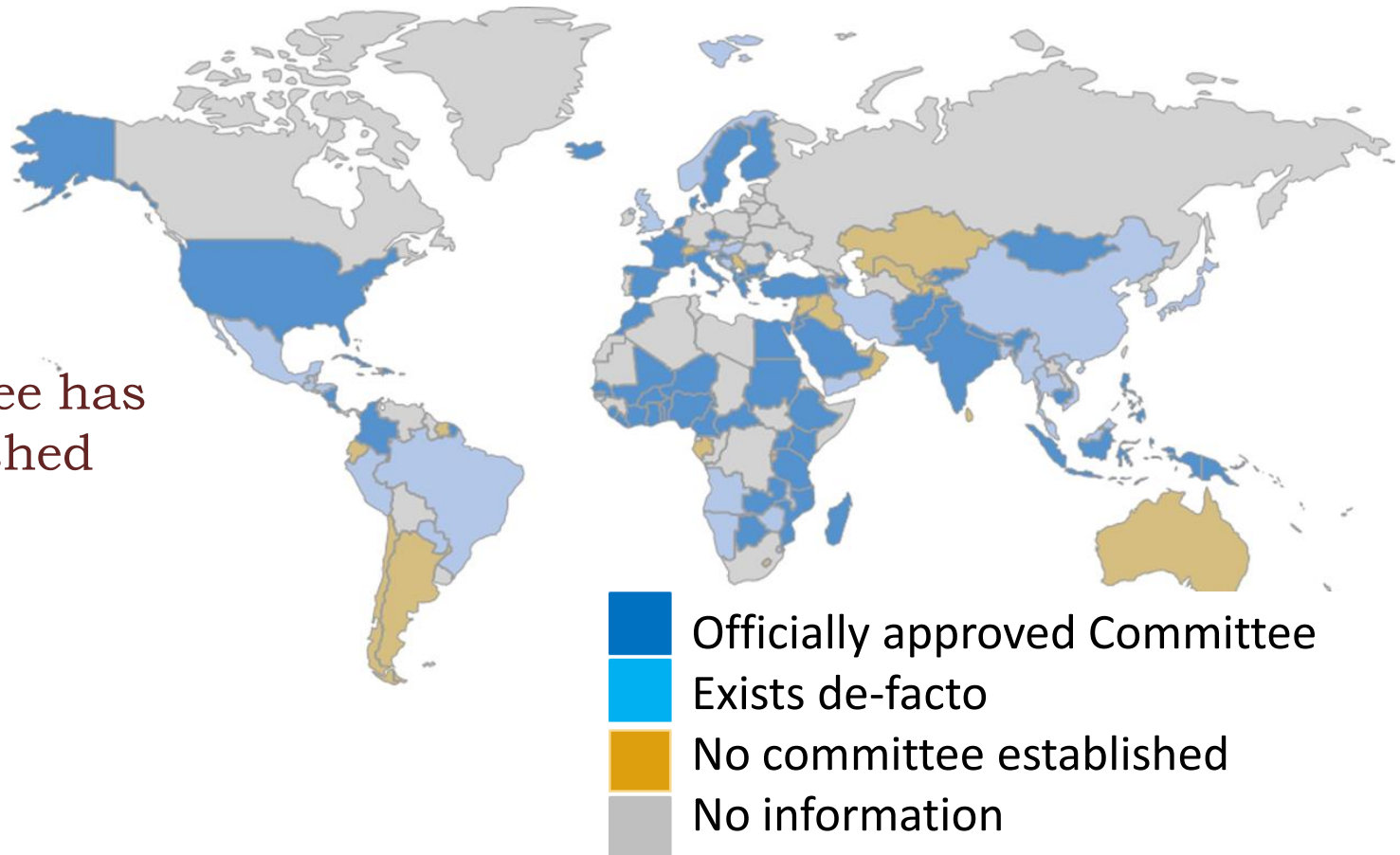


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According to some international organizations – there is no current information on establishment of the Committee in Tajikistan

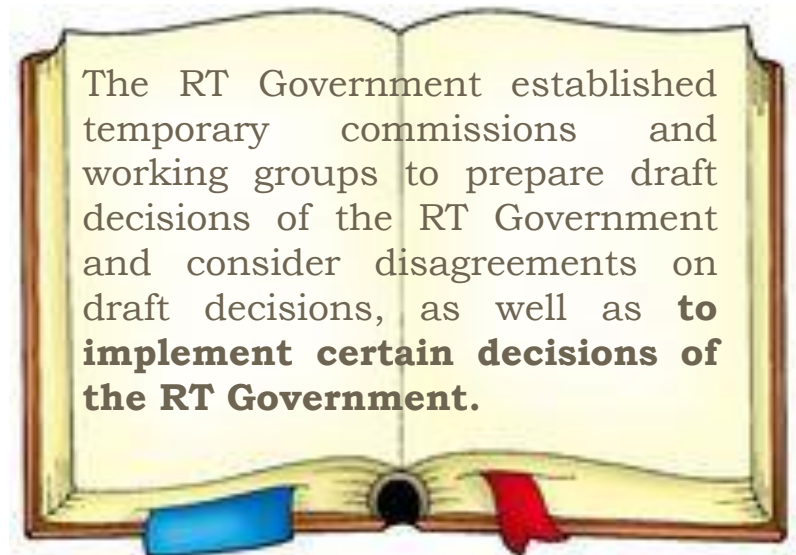
However,
the Committee has
been established





Establishment of the National Body on Trade Facilitation

- ❑ The National Committee on Trade Facilitation in Tajikistan was established based on Resolution of the RT Government dated 24.12.2016, №529 and was assigned with the status as **the Coordination Committee on Trade Facilitation**
- ❑ The Committee's status - **a government commission** (the status of commissions is specified in the Law on the RT Government, Article 28)





Committee's membership

What are our goals...?

- ❑ The Committee members are all key parties involved in trade: **government agencies** regulating trade **and private sector**
- ❑ The key goal - **to align** government goals in the area of trade facilitation with the private sector's goals





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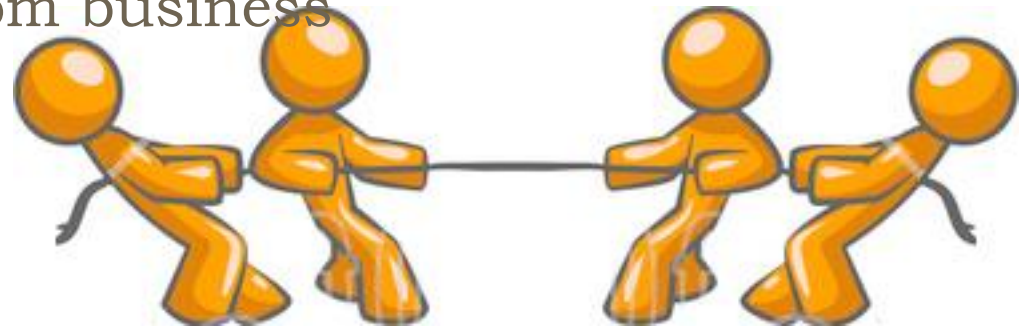
- ❑ **The membership rotation** arrangement was adopted for wide engagement of private sector representatives in the Committee and ensuring consistency of its operations
- ❑ Rotation is a phased renewal of the Committee's composition represented by businesses, so that everyone has a possibility to participate
- ❑ **Rotation Rules** have been approved by the first Committee meeting





... How to engage everyone ..?

- Two business representatives to one representative from ministries and agencies
- Voluntary participation
- Openness
- Rotation frequency – at least in every 3 meetings
- Total from the public sector – 12 members and 12 members from business





Allocation of seats for businesses

- ❑ **One third** are representatives from public associations and non-profit organizations (associations and unions)
- ❑ **One third** are individual entrepreneurs
- ❑ **One third** are representatives from branch enterprises



Rotation Procedure

- ❑ Rotation of Committee members from associations and unions is based on their internal agreements achieved at separate meetings
- ❑ Each quarter, the meetings, once the reports have been considered, shall elect a new composition of the Committee through open voting by all meeting on each proposed nominee
- ❑ The meeting shall set up specific tasks to the elected members of the Committee.





Rotation Procedure

Individual entrepreneurs and legal entities:

- ❑ can participate in the Committee's work when interested
- ❑ to be admitted as Committee members, an **Application** (both paper-based and in an electronic format) shall be submitted)
- ❑ when considering the application, the experience, business reputation and the ability to present experts' opinions on Committee's issues are taken into account



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Composition of Committee's Management

- ❑ The Committee is headed by **the chairman** – the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the RT
- ❑ **The deputy Chairman** – the head of the Customs Service under the RT Government
- ❑ **The Executive Secretary** – the head of the WTO Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the RT





Key Functions of the Committee

- ❑ Raise issues for discussion and solutions to them
- ❑ Make decisions within the competence of the Committee
- ❑ Submit draft laws and resolutions to the Government for consideration
- ❑ Monitor decisions





Committee's Rules of Procedure

- ❑ Openness of discussions, consideration of parties' views
- ❑ Committee meetings shall be held as needed to achieve the goals, but at least once a quarter
- ❑ If needed, the Committee shall establish working groups on specific priority issues





Results ... 2 meetings held

The first meeting: **January 1, 2017**

- ❑ Organizational issues – the business membership and the rotation rules approved

The second meeting: **April 5, 2017**

- ❑ Topic issues:
 - Business made proposals on the work plan
 - The draft Work Plan of the Committee approved
 - The SW Working Group approved
 - Business submitted the review on Article 1 of the WTO trade Facilitation Agreement for discussion



Next Step...

- ❑ Prioritization of the Committee's work plan in terms of deadlines, implementation priority and availability of funding
- ❑ Capacity building for implementation of the Plan due to lack of required experience
- ❑ Evaluation of each component



Thank you for your attention!

