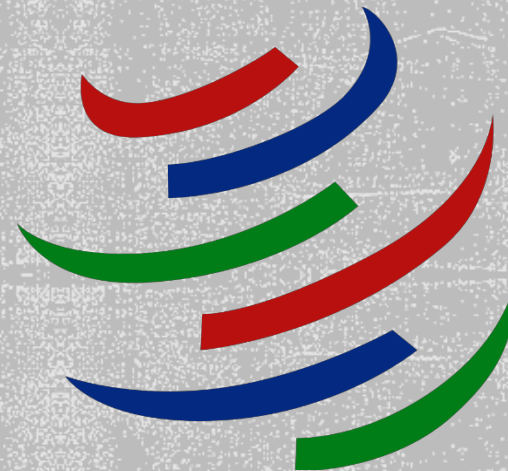


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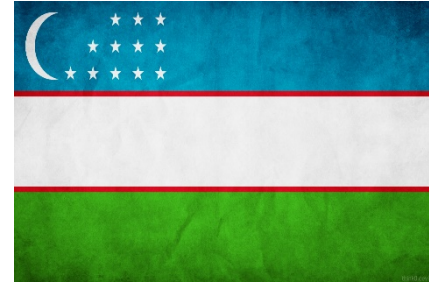


WTO ACCESSION OF UZBEKISTAN





WTO ACCESSION PROCESS



- A statement of Uzbekistan's intention to join the WTO as a full member was filed in December 1994 and Working Party on accession of Uzbekistan to the WTO has been established;
- The Working Party met three times (in 2002, 2004, 2005), as well as a number of plurilateral and bilateral meetings were held;
- The Working Party was chaired by Ambassador Seokyoung CHOI (the Republic of Korea).



SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS



- Memorandum on Foreign Trade Regime
- Initial Market Access Offers for Goods and Services
- Checklist on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Checklist on Technical Barriers to Trade
- Checklist on Trade aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, as well as measures to support agriculture
- Action Plan for the adaptation of national legislation in accordance with the provisions of WTO agreements/norms



ACCESSION PROCESS

- Since 2007, active works on the accession process and correspondence with WTO Secretariat have been temporarily suspended
- At the same time, over the past period the Republic of Uzbekistan has carried out significant work on bringing the national legislation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the international trading system.
- For reference, revised Customs and Tax Codes of the Republic of Uzbekistan were adopted, laws “On Technical Regulation”, “On Safeguards, Anti-dumping and Countervailing Measures”, “On Copyright and Related Rights” and so on.



FACTORS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE WTO ACCESSION



- Uzbekistan's Development Strategy for 2017-2021
- Treaty on the Establishment of a Free Trade Zone within the Commonwealth of Independent States





- Uzbekistan's Development Strategy for 2017-2021, initiated by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- One of the priorities of the Strategy is named "Further Development and Liberalization of the Economy", which drastic measures were taken on fundamental reformation of currency regulation, liberalization of foreign trade regime, customs and tax legislation, adaptation of national legislation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the WTO.
- At the same time, further integration into the world trading system and, in particular, accession of Uzbekistan to the WTO as a full member and participant of the world trading system is defined as one of the primary directions of the implementation of the Strategy.



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PROCEDURES OF ACCESSION

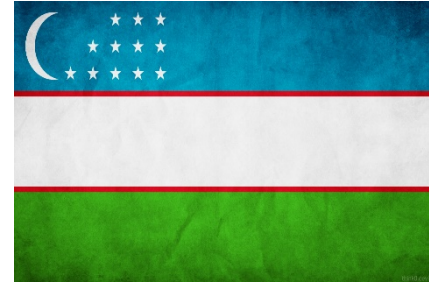
- Action Plan (Roadmap) on the accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the WTO was adopted by the Government of Uzbekistan, which included more than 30 activities.
- In accordance with the Action Plan, a letter on the resumption of the WTO accession process of Uzbekistan was sent to the Director-General of the WTO Azevedo.
- Director-General in his letter gave full support of the activation of the accession process by the Government of Uzbekistan.



ACTIVE WORK UNDERWAY :

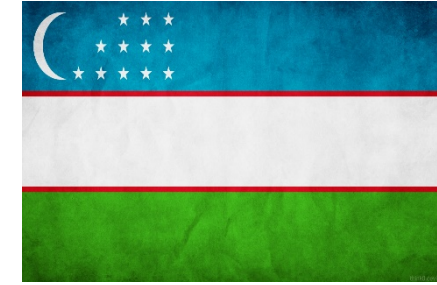
To update previously submitted documents to the WTO, including:

- - Memorandum on foreign trade regime;
- - List of tariff concessions for goods;
- - List of obligations for access to the services market;
- - Measures of state support in agriculture;
- - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
- - Trade aspects of intellectual property rights;
- - Action Plan for the adaptation of national legislation in accordance with the provisions of WTO agreements
- - Notification of industrial subsidies;
- - Texts of legislative acts in the sphere of foreign trade;
- - Notification of state trading enterprises.



THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED:

- illustrative list of sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
- illustrative list of technical barriers to trade;
- illustrative list of trade aspects of intellectual property rights;
- action plan for the adaptation of national legislation to WTO Agreements;
- legislative acts and implementation rules adopted after the last meeting of the Working Group in 2005.



THANK YOU!