



TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMME IN TAJIKISTAN

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TAJK DELEGATION WILL VISIT THAILAND

Representatives of relevant ministries and agencies dealing with issues related to the WTO Agreements on sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) and technical barriers to trade (TBT) will visit Thailand to acquaint themselves with the activities and experience of Thai SPS and TBT related bodies from October 26 to November 04, 2012.

The representatives of the National Notification Authority (NNA) and National Enquiry Points (NEPs) for TBT and SPS, the Association of Exporters of Tajikistan, as well as the ITC national trainers on TBT and SPS and ITC project team member, in total 7 persons, will be provided with on-the-job training on actual operations, best practices and management techniques of NNA and NEPs for TBT and SPS and private bodies dealing with dissemination of information on current and proposed standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and SPS measures.

The study tour is organized under the Trade Promotion Program in Tajikistan, implemented by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and funded by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO).

Mr. Shyam Kumar Gujadhur, ITC International Consultant on TBT and SPS, says, the study tour aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of the NNA and NEPs for TBT and SPS and enhance the capability of private organisations, working in partnership with these bodies, to fulfil their obligations under the transparency provisions of the WTO Agreements on TBT and SPS. Mr. Gujadhur says, *“The delegation will visit the Thai Industrial Standards Institute (NNA for TBT and NEP for industrial products), the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (NNA for SPS, NEP for TBT for food and agricultural products, NEP for SPS for food and agricultural products) and some private bodies dealing with dissemination of information on current and proposed standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and SPS measures”*.

According to Mr. Gujadhur, Thailand was chosen due to the fact that its NNA and NEPs are fully operational, their structure can be a good model and they already have experience in hosting similar training. He says: *“During the visit Thai officials will show and explain to the visitors from Tajikistan their daily practice, i.e. on how to make notifications, to track notifications from other WTO Members, to answer enquiries, to communicate and promote their activities”*.

The overall objective of the Trade Promotion Programme in Tajikistan is to contribute to the sustainable expansion and diversification of SMEs' exports in Tajikistan, by increasing the competitiveness of the textile and clothing industry and improving the quality management infrastructure of the country. This project is funded by the Government of Switzerland through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

We are very thankful that you have read this press release. We will be very grateful if you could inform your audience about this event, if you consider it as interesting useful news. Contact us for additional materials, information and pictures:

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