



IMPLEMENTATION OF WTO PROVISIONS AND BUSINESS AWARENESS OF WTO ACCESSION

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ENHANCING TAJIK TRAINERS' POTENTIAL ON WTO SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY MEASURES

Eleven potential national trainers trained on the WTO Agreement on sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures (SPS) during a 4-day TOT program (training the trainers) held from July 02 to July 05, 2013 in Dushanbe and eight have been selected as national trainers to conduct workshops in different regions of Tajikistan later during the year.

The ITC Train-the-Trainer Programme was organized under the ITC project on "Implementation of WTO provisions and business awareness of WTO Accession" funded by the Government of Switzerland through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). This workshop aimed to build the skills and knowledge on the WTO Agreement on SPS from the business perspective of the local trainers.

Tajik trainers were tutored by the experienced international experts on SPS and TBT from the International Trade Centre - Shyam Kumar Gujadhur and Edil Kalashev.

The training focused on strengthening the participants' understanding of the nuances of the WTO Agreement on SPS through working on a case study exercise, participating in discussions, and learning how to customize the Training Pack for a specific sector and the country's needs. According to Mr. Gujadhur, *"the local trainers have become familiar with the WTO Agreement on SPS and ITC's relevant methodology, improved their skills as a trainer, and received certification of successful completion of the course"*.

The national trainers also attended a workshop on "The WTO Agreement on SPS: A Business Perspective" on June 26-27. Now they will be divided into sub-groups and will conduct 5 workshops on the SPS Agreement during August-October 2013 in different regions of Tajikistan using the customized training pack. Last year eight Tajik trainers were trained on "the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)" with further conduct of national workshops for the private sector throughout Tajikistan.

The International Trade Centre (ITC), through its on-going technical assistance project, is committed to support Tajikistan private sector in strengthening its knowledge of the opportunities and challenges from the WTO membership. To achieve this, the awareness of the private sector in the targeted sectors of agro industrial products, textiles, and financial, telecommunications, transport and energy services will be increased so that they understand the business implications of WTO accession and trade policy.

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