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IMPLEMENTATION OF WTO PROVISIONS AND BUSINESS AWARENESS OF WTO ACCESSION

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WTO SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES WORKSHOP FOR TAJIKISTAN

Dushanbe city will host a two-day workshop of the International Trade Centre titled “The WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS): A Business Perspective” on June 25-26, 2013.

The event is 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).

The workshop brings together private and public sector representatives and aims to raise their awareness about the WTO Agreement on SPS. The workshop will be conducted by the ITC international consultants – Mr. Shyam Kumar Gujadhur and Mr. Edil Kalashev. Mr. Gujadhur says the main objective of this workshop is *“to inform the public and private sectors’ representatives about the steps taken by members of the WTO in encouraging free and fair trade at international level, and minimizing the implementation of SPS measures by countries that could act as arbitrary or unjustified trade barriers. These steps were formalized in the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), which is the main topic for discussion during the workshop. Participants will also discuss how they can cooperate to use the Agreement to enhance market access for exports”*.

The participants will be introduced to the main principles and rules of the WTO Agreement on SPS, organizations that develop the international norms referenced by the Agreement, practical implementation of the Agreement, etc.

Tajikistan’s public and private sectors were introduced to the WTO Agreement on TBT last year under this project and during today’s event the participants will learn how to distinguish SPS measures from TBT measures.

The International Trade Centre (ITC), through its on-going technical assistance project, is committed to support the 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 enhanced so that they understand the business implications of WTO accession and trade policy.

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