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TAJIKISTAN WILL BE INTRODUCED WITH THE WTO TRADE-DEFENSE INSTRUMENTS

Tajikistan public and private sectors will be introduced to the trade-defense instruments under the WTO framework during a seminar to be conducted on May 6-7, 2014 in Dushanbe city.

The seminar is organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC) under the project on supporting Tajikistan's public and private sector in strengthening their knowledge of the opportunities and challenges stemming from the WTO membership. This project is financed by the Government of Switzerland within its Trade Cooperation Program (TCP) in Tajikistan.

The participants will be introduced to the trade-defense instruments available under the WTO legal framework, such as anti-dumping, anti-subsidies and safeguards. Main substantive concepts and procedural aspects of the trade-defense instruments and investigations will be discussed with the focus on examples applied in some CIS countries, such as Ukraine and in the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia.

Mr. Yuriy Rudyuk, ITC international consultant on trade-defense instruments under the WTO and this seminar trainer, comments: *"While discussing the case studies, we will focus on lessons already learned and on-going developments of the trade-defense instruments systems in the selected CIS countries. We will also talk about the legal framework of the European Union in the sphere of trade-defense with a focus on a case study in the EU TDI proceedings involving aluminum imports"*.

The WTO is an international organization established in 1995 regulating trade among its Members. The WTO is primarily concerned with the creation of an open, free and fair trade environment where all Members have equal access to wealth gains. With its accession on 2 March 2013, Tajikistan has become the 159th Member of the organization.

The ITC, through this technical assistance project, is committed to support Tajikistan's public and private sector in strengthening their knowledge of the opportunities and challenges stemming from the WTO membership.

About Swiss support: Within its Cooperation Strategy for 2012-2015 Switzerland focuses on the four sectors in Tajikistan, such as Health, Rule of Law, Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation, and Private Sector Development. The overall goal of the Swiss Cooperation in Tajikistan is to support the transition process in the country through contributing to the economic development and by helping build institutions and systems which are responsive to the population's needs. For more information: www.swisscoop.tj, www.deza.admin.ch, www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch

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