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## ITC CONTINUES INTRODUCING TAJIKISTAN WITH THE WTO TRADE-DEFENSE INSTRUMENTS

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A two-day advanced course on the trade-defense instruments under the WTO framework for the Tajikistan public and private sectors started today, on October 28 in Dushanbe city.

The training 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 procedural aspects of the trade-defense instruments available under the WTO legal framework. The training agenda includes subjects such as the procedure of submitting anti-dumping and/or anti-subsidies complaint applications, initiating and conducting trade investigation, implementing new trade defense instruments and notification about them, and etc. Examples applied in some CIS countries, such as Ukraine and in the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, will also be brought to ease the learning process.

Mr. Yuriy Rudyuk, ITC international consultant on trade-defense instruments under the WTO and this workshop 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"*.

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 159<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.swisscoop.tj), [www.deza.admin.ch](http://www.deza.admin.ch), [www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch](http://www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch)

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