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IMPLEMENTATION OF WTO PROVISIONS AND BUSINESS AWARENESS OF WTO ACCESSION

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TAJIKISTAN TRANSPORT SERVICES COMMITMENTS AND LIBERALIZATION

Following the training for telecommunications sector conducted two weeks ago, the International Trade Centre (ITC) organizes the similar learning programme for Tajik transport business managers and business experts.

The representatives of the related governmental agencies, transport companies, business associations, international organizations, as well as sector experts will come together today and tomorrow to learn about the WTO rules and regulations applicable to Tajikistan commitments on transport services and to discuss the ways of benefiting from Tajikistan's accession to WTO, and solving the challenges from this membership. **"Making the most of WTO accession: Transport services commitments and liberalization"** training will be held on 19-20 April, 2013 under 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).

Mr. Malcolm McKinnon, ITC international consultant, will tell the training participants about WTO key principles on transport services. Mr. McKinnon will also explain on how liberalization and pro-competitive transportation, including logistics service sector reforms may benefit the users namely through more efficient and reliable services, new technology, expertise. He says: *"We clearly understand the concerns while going through such liberalization together with the measures eventually adopted and their impact. Focusing on the experience of other WTO members, we will describe the complementary measures/reforms which could be enacted so that the increased trade openness stemming from WTO accession can be adequately implemented in the best interest of the country"*.

Mr. Jean-Sebastien Roure, Senior Officer, ITC Business & Trade Policy Section says: *"WTO membership no doubt obliges Member Governments to complete domestic reforms. As it is clearly defined in the WTO Provisions, WTO member countries should give open, fair, and equal access to all types of transport to other WTO member countries. Also, duties on transit should be levied within reasonable limits and should reflect the cost of services provided"*.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations whose goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business. The Republic of Tajikistan has officially entered WTO on March 02 this year.

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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