

STRENGTHENING EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS OF SMES IN THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SECTOR AND ENHANCING TRADE SUPPORT INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES IN TAJIKISTAN

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RUSSIAN BUSINESSMEN VISIT TAJIKISTAN TO FAMILIARIZE WITH TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SECTOR

A group of Russian businessmen and light industry specialists visits Tajikistan on 18 to 23 April 2016 to familiarize with Tajik textile and clothing companies and discuss cooperation questions.

The business-tour is organized under the International Trade Centre (ITC)'s project funded by the Government of Switzerland within its Trade Cooperation Program (TCP) in Tajikistan in cooperation with "Textileexpo" exhibition company and "RIA Moda" information agency.

The Russian delegation includes owners of factories with interest in purchasing cotton yarns and knitted fabrics; representatives of wholesale companies and retail networks, interested in production outsourcing; textile equipment providers; as well as "Textileexpo" and "RIA Moda" reps.

The tour starts in Khujand, where the delegation visits "Ortex", "Rahimov A.A.", "Leader", "RBT Tojikiston", "Firuz", and "Nassoji Khujand". Visiting "Nohid" in Istaravshan, "Olim Textile" in Mastchoh, «Khima-Textile», and "Vahdat" in Yovon, as well as "Nafisa", "Guliston", and "Yokut-2000" in Dushanbe is also in the program. During visits to the companies, the delegation familiarizes with production and working conditions. The tour program also includes meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. On April 22 an extended business meeting of textile and clothing circles of Tajikistan and the Russian Federation is planned in Dushanbe.

The business-tour is organized upon huge interest showed by Russian entrepreneurs to Tajik producers during the Tajikistan/Kyrgyzstan – Russia Light Industry Business Forum held in Moscow on 16 February 2016 in the frame of "Textillegprom" fair.

The present project is component FOUR of the Trade Cooperation Program (TCP) in Tajikistan and aims to increase the export competitiveness of the textile and clothing (T&C) sector, by providing sector specific support to SMEs and relevant trade support institutions (TSIs), as well as supporting respective stakeholders in taking a strategic approach to the sector's development. It will also explore the challenges and development potential of the tourism and handicraft sectors in Tajikistan, outlining relevant trade related technical assistance priorities.

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

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