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## **ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

### Checklist of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Issues in the Accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO

The following Checklist on TBT Issues is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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Check-list of TBT Issues in the Accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to the WTO

Commitments (by the time of accession)	Status of Implementation and Progress
1. Standstill: the introduction of new standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures should be fully compatible with the TBT Agreement	When adopting new standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures National Body for Standardization, Metrology and Conformity Assessment (Tajikstandard) will take into account requirements of the WTO TBT Agreement and keep the WTO Members informed.
2. Submission of Statement on Implementation	In conformity with Article 15.2, Tajikstandard will further be informing the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade about the existing and planned measures to ensure implementation and applying the TBT Agreement.
3. Establishment and operation of a single Contact Point for Information ("inquiry point")	There will be an Information Center established within Tajikstandard (an Enquiry Point) on the basis of the Normative-Technical Documentation Department to answer all reasonable enquiries from WTO Members and interested parties in WTO Members, as well as to provide the relevant documentation, of which the Working Party will be informed.
4. Identification of authority responsible for notifications, publications and other internal procedures to ensure transparency obligations are met on an ongoing basis:	<p>The body responsible for notifications, publications, and other internal procedures ensuring, that the transparency of obligations are met on an ongoing basis is Tajikstandard.</p> <p>The Republic of Tajikistan  734018, Dushanbe city  42/2 N. Karabaev Street  Tel: + (992 372) 33-68-69, 34-08-65  Fax: + (992 372) 34-19-33  E-mail: stndart@tajik.net</p>
(a) identification of publication where notices of proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures will appear;	The first issue of the "Standarty va Siphat" Journal was out at the end of 2003, where notices of information proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures will be published. It is planned that this Journal will be issued on a quarterly basis. In addition, currently web-site of Tajikstandard is being developed, where similar information will also appear.
(b) identification of authority responsible for making notifications to the WTO;	The body responsible for notifications related to the issues of standardization, conformity assessment procedures and technical regulations is Tajikstandard.
(c) guidance/law to ensure regulatory authorities afford non-discriminatory consideration of comments in the preparation of a final regulation;	Tajikistan is planning to develop a new law on technical regulations where this requirement will be taken into account.
(d) guidance/law to ensure regulatory authorities allow a reasonable period of time between the final publication of a technical regulation and conformity assessment procedure and its entry into force so that suppliers can adapt;	Tajikistan is planning to develop a new law on technical regulations where this requirement will be taken into account.

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(e) publication and notification of work programme for standards and non-governmental conformity assessment procedures, including publication of notices of draft standards and an opportunity for public comment.	Article 10 of the Law On Standardization establishes freedom of access to information on standards being developed and existing standards. It is planned that the work programs would be regularly published in the “Standarty va Siphath” Journal. In addition, currently web-site of Tajikstandard is being developed, where similar information will also appear.
5. Development and Application of Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures: Existence of legal and/or administrative underpinnings (or reasonable measures" as appropriate) to ensure ongoing compliance with provisions of the agreement concerning, in particular:	
(a) non-discrimination with respect to the treatment of products;	There is no discrimination of imported goods in the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan. In addition, the new law on technical regulation will contain a provision on non-discrimination irrespective of country or place of origin. The fees for certification of conformity are to limited extent different for domestic and imported products. To the extent that such differences are not justified under Article 5.2.5 of the Agreement on Technical barriers to Trade, they will be adjusted before accession.
(b) the prohibition of unnecessary obstacles to international trade and the consideration of less trade-restrictive alternatives to fulfilling legitimate objectives;	This principle will be taken into account when developing a new law on technical regulation.
(c) the ongoing review of technical regulations to ensure they are appropriate to achieve the desired legitimate objective;	Standards and provisions on technical regulations are being reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure they are appropriate to achieve the desired legitimate objective. CIS Interstate Council On Standardization, Metrology, and Certification adopts three-year plans for review of existing standards and technical regulations.
(d) the consideration of appropriate international standards, guides and recommendations as a basis for technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures;	Consideration of appropriate international standards, guides and recommendations in developing standards is current practice. In addition, the requirement on consideration of appropriate international standards, guides and recommendations as a basis for technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures will be taken into account in developing new law on technical regulations.
(e) the consideration of equivalent technical regulations of other Members;	This principle will be taken into account when developing a new law on technical regulation.
(f) the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted by bodies in an exporting Member country;	Tajikstandard will ensure, where possible, acceptance of the results of the conformity assessment of the other Members in case of an agreement on mutual acceptance is signed. Tajikstandard will favorably consider requests from other Members to enter into negotiations for the conclusion of the agreements on mutual recognition of results of conformity assessment procedures.
(g) non-discriminatory and cost-based fee structure.	In respect of fees, refer to point 5 (a)

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6. Development and Application of Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures: Existence of legal and/or administrative underpinnings (or "reasonable measures" as appropriate) to ensure ongoing compliance with provisions of the agreement concerning, in particular:	
(a) non-discrimination with respect to the treatment of products;	There is no discrimination of imported goods in the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan. In addition, the new law on technical regulation will contain a provision on non-discrimination irrespective of country or place of origin. In respect of fees, refer to point 5 (a)
(b) the prohibition of unnecessary obstacles to international trade;	This principle will be taken into account when developing a new law on technical regulation.
(c) the consideration of appropriate international standards, guides and recommendations as a basis for standards;	Use of international standards, guides and recommendations in developing standards is current practice. In addition, the requirement on consideration of appropriate international standards, guides and recommendations as a basis for developing new standards will be taken into account in developing new law on technical regulations.
(d) non-discriminatory and cost-based fee structure.	In respect of fees, refer to point 5 (a)

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