

NATIONAL COORDINATION BODY FOR TRADE FACILITATION (NTFC)

ACTION PLAN FOR 2022 AND 2023

II EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS AND MEASURES WITH EQUAL EFFECT IN TRADE

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The Expert Working Group on Technical Barriers and Measures with Equal Effects in Trade deals with issues and proposes initiatives that contribute to the promotion and facilitation of foreign trade in industrial (non-food) products (including, among others, cosmetic products and other items for general use, medicines, medical devices, chemicals, mechanical and technical products of various kinds, toys, etc.). Within the matters and the initiatives considered, the expert working group shall ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are enacted and implemented without constituting unnecessary obstacles to trade.

	Planned activity	Measures for implementation of activities	Competent institutions	Result indicator
1.	Establishment of an efficient risk analysis and management system by the Sanitary Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of risk analysis models for imports of industrial non-food products in order to establish an efficient risk analysis system, reduce barriers and facilitate imports to companies that have good business practices, goods compliant with regulatory requirements and developed internal safety and quality control• Identification of criteria for risk analysis and needs analysis• Development of a plan for the implementation of risk	Sanitary Inspection of the Ministry of Health	Functional risk assessment at the arrival of each import shipment, and based on that, sampling decision

		<p>analysis in the process of controlling the import of goods with the necessary resources (financial, human, IT, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption and implementation of measures necessary for the implementation of risk analysis 		
2.	Further harmonization of technical regulations with EU legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of a complete list of Serbian standards (EU list) in the field of construction products, ie a list of standards that will accompany the legal act on construction products • In the field of products of general use - adoption and regular updating of regulations in accordance with amendments to EU legislation, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting bylaws for materials and objects in contact with food, in accordance with EU legislation - Drafting of bylaws regulating the import regime of detergents, biocides, etc. in accordance with EU legislation • Abolition of the obligation to obtain a certificate of conformity (for the purpose of placing products on the Serbian market), issued by the appointed TOU for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX) • Transposition of the new EU Directive on Radio Equipment (RED), up-to-date publication of the list of Serbian standards in the field of radio equipment (and 	<p>Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure</p> <p>Sanitary Inspection of the Ministry of Health</p> <p>Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications</p> <p>MTTT - Market Inspection</p>	<p>List of standards that "follow" the Law on Construction Products</p> <p>Adopted Rulebooks based on the Law on Products of General Use</p> <p>Amended regulations (Rulebooks on equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres)</p> <p>Amended</p>

		telecommunications terminal equipment), revision of the validity of the certificate of conformity, with the aim of abolishing it		<p>legislation - publication of the Rulebook on radio equipment (withdrawal of the Rulebook on radio and telecommunications terminal equipment)</p> <p>An up-to-date list of Serbian standards in the field of radio equipment (and telecommunications terminal equipment) published</p>
3.	Acceptance of foreign certificates of conformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further promote: the procedure for recognition of foreign certificates of conformity conducted by the competent ministries; conditions and methods for issuing a domestic certificate of conformity without re-conducting the conformity assessment for a product that accompanies a foreign certificate (certificate) of conformity; meaning and significance of the status of the 	<p>Ministry of Economy, Accreditation Body of Serbia, NTFC member institutions</p>	<p>Number of trainings held and number of participants attending the trainings</p>

		<p>Accreditation Body of Serbia as a signatory of the EA MLA agreement with the European Organization for Accreditation (EA) for certain areas (Bearing in mind that the test report is not the only condition for placing non-food industrial products on the market, but is only a part of the technical documentation on the basis of which the manufacturer makes a declaration of conformity, ie on the basis of which the body or designated conformity assessment body issues a certificate or other document.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing international agreements / memorandums on cooperation and acceptance of documents issued by accredited laboratories • Brochures and trainings for all stakeholders on the acceptance of foreign certificates of conformity or test results, as well as on the legal possibility of compiling and issuing appropriate domestic certificates of conformity for the product in question based on foreign certificates of conformity, with the support of civil society (projects, organizations, associations, etc.) 		<p>Published brochures</p> <p>Number of concluded agreements / memoranda on acceptance of foreign certificates of conformity</p>
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4.	<p>Revocation of licenses for hazardous chemicals and licenses for the use of hazardous chemicals for individuals</p> <p>Amendments to the Law on Chemicals ("Official Gazette of RS" No. 36/09, 88/10, 92/11, 93/12 and 25/15)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal of the provision of Art. 63-72 <p>The provisions stipulate that the placing on the market of certain hazardous chemicals may be performed only by legal entities or entrepreneurs who have a license to carry out the activity of trade in those chemicals; further, the procedure for submitting a permit application and the conditions that must be met in order to obtain a permit are prescribed. In addition, the obligation to submit an application for a permit for the use of certain hazardous chemicals for individuals is prescribed.</p> <p>These provisions of the Law have been identified as an obstacle to the free movement of goods, and will be repealed by the adoption of the new Law on Chemicals. The deadline for adopting the new law is the fourth quarter of 2023.</p>	<p>Ministry of Environmental Protection</p>	<p>The adoption of the Law on Amendments to the Law on Chemicals.</p>
5.	<p>Eliminate delays in issuing registrations, renewing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of an electronic platform for the submission and processing of documentation for 	<p>Medicines and Medical Devices Agency of Serbia (ALIMS), Ministry of Health</p>	<p>Issuance of registration for medicines, renewal of registration,</p>

	<p>registrations, approving variations and promotional materials for medicines in accordance with the legal deadline</p>	<p>medicines (according to the procedures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of semi-annual reports of ALIMS on the average duration of resolving individual requests for registration, renewal, approval of variations and issuance of promotional material with an indication of whether there has been a breach of legal deadlines 		<p>approval of variations and promotional materials within the legal deadline</p> <p>Establishing of an electronic platform for submitting documentation for medicines</p> <p>Annual reports in 2022 and 2023 with statistics on the average duration of the procedure in accordance with the legal deadlines</p>
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