

NATIONAL COORDINATION BODY FOR TRADE FACILITATION (NTFC)
ACTION PLAN FOR 2022 AND 2023

IV – EXPERT WORKING GROUP FOR COORDINATION OF TRADE FACILITATION ACTIVITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

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The Expert Working Group for Coordination of Trade Facilitation Activities under International and Regional Trade Agreements provides support to the structures envisaged by these agreements for coordination and prioritization of trade facilitation activities at the national level, with the goal to comply with good international and regional practices and to reduce the costs incurred by the private sector due to inefficient procedures.

	Planned activity	Measures for implementation of activities	Competent institutions	Result indicator
1.	Coordination and monitoring of the implementation of obligations in the field of trade facilitation arising from the free trade agreement and cooperation with international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring the implementation of free trade agreements in the context of trade facilitation under the SAA, CEFTA, EFTA, EAEU, UK and Turkey• Coordination of the implementation of the measures of the WTO	NTFC Secretariat - MTT / NTFC Members	Assessment of Serbia's progress based on the Report of the European Commission and other relevant international organizations, including independent research on compliance with the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation - UN Global Review of Digital and Sustainable Trade

		<p>Agreement on Trade Facilitation and preparation of notifications in accordance with the dynamics of Serbia's accession to this organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with the competent institutions regarding the notification procedure in the field of trade facilitation in accordance with the obligations from the CEFTA Additional Protocol 5 • Monitoring the implementation of the Open Balkan - Memorandum to Facilitate the Import, Export and Movement of Goods concluded between Serbia, North Macedonia and Albania 		<p>Facilitation and / or World Bank Tracking Tool</p>

2.	<p>Accelerate the flow of goods at border crossings through integrated border management, harmonization of working hours of border agencies and improvement of infrastructure</p> <p>Extension of the Green Corridors mechanism to EU border crossings for medicines and medical equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation with the Coordination Body for Border Crossing Points in order to solve the problem of long retention of trucks at border crossings to Hungary, Croatia and Bulgaria, as well as further optimization of border services in order to speed up the flow of goods at selected railway border crossings. states • Activities aimed at the competent directorates of the European Commission and the Transport Community • Coordination of agreed activities within CEFTA and the Open Balkan in order to accelerate the flow of goods 	<p>NTFC, Coordination Body for Border Crossing Points, CEFTA Trade Facilitation Committee, EU Subcommittee on Industry, Trade, Customs and Taxation</p>	<p>Accelerated flow of goods at the border and reduced retention time of trucks at border crossings (Progress mechanism based on Time Release Study and Trading Across Border Indicator on Doing Business List of the World Bank)</p>

3	<p>Coordination of the preparation of the program of mutual recognition of documents submitted during the import and export of goods provided for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional Protocol 5 to the 2006 CEFTA Agreement and - Memorandum on Facilitation of Import, Export and Movement of Goods within the Open Balkan Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of work within the CEFTA authorities and the Open Balkan initiative in order to reach agreements on the recognition of mutual documents • Monitoring the implementation of agreed programs 	NTFC members	<p>Positive assessment of the CEFTA Subcommittee on Trade Facilitation</p> <p>Trade growth in the region</p>
4	<p>Establishing cooperation with the Trade Facilitation Committee at the bilateral and multilateral level</p>	<p>Organizing joint activities, conferences, seminars in order to exchange experiences</p>	NTFC Secretariat - MTTT	<p>NTFC Annual Report with indicators on the number of implemented joint activities</p>
5	<p>Coordination of the development of answers to inquiries from research in the field of trade facilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of answers to questionnaires and surveys of international institutions: 	NTFC Secretariat MTTT / NTFC Member Institutions	<p>Assessment of Serbia's progress based on reports from relevant international organizations</p>

	conducted by international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation - Other questionnaires (UNCTAD, UNECE, World Bank) 		
6	Informing the public and business representatives about the implementation of unilateral measures to facilitate trade, as well as those arising from the implementation of international agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of seminars, round tables and conferences for representatives of the business community and administration • Participation in workshops organized by international organizations • Regular updating of the NTFC website in order to timely and accurately inform the interested and 	NTFC Secretariat - MTTT / NTFC Members	<p>Number of activities held and number of participants attending the seminars and workshops</p> <p>Number of new publications on the NTFC website and growth in the number of visitors to the NTFC website</p>

		<p>professional public in accordance with the principle of transparency and accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing donor support for the implementation of these activities		
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