

ACTION PLAN OF THE NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION BODY FOR 2020 and 2021

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 implementation of commitments in the field of trade facilitation arising from the free trade agreements and cooperation with international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring implementation of free trade agreements in the context of trade facilitation, specifically in relation to the SAA, CEFTA, EFTA, EEA and Turkey• Coordination of the preparation of notifications under the CEFTA Additional Protocol 5• Participation in the WTO negotiations related to the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and drafting of notifications according to the dynamics of Serbia's accession to this organization	Secretariat of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation - MTT Member Institutions of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation	Assessment of Serbia's progress on the basis of the European Commission Report and reports of other relevant international organizations, including independent studies on compliance with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement - UN Global Review on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation and / or the World Bank's Tracking Tool

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2.	Acceleration of the flow of goods at border crossings through integrated border management, harmonization of working hours of border agencies and improvement of the infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation with the Border Crossings Coordination Body in order to resolve the problem of long retention of trucks at border crossings with Hungary and Croatia • Cooperation with the competent European Commission Directorate in order to secure more active role of the EU in resolving this problem, • Cooperation with the competent institutions of the CEFTA parties 	National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation, Border Crossings Coordination Body, Serbian - Hungarian Joint Border Control Commission; Working Group on Infrastructure Extension at the Horgos Border Crossing	Accelerated flow of goods at the border and reduced retention time of trucks at border crossings (progress verification mechanism based on the Time Release Study and <i>Trading Across Border Indicator</i> of the World Bank's <i>Doing Business</i> List)
3.	Coordinating preparation of the Program of Mutual Recognition of documents submitted when importing and exporting goods stipulated by the Additional Protocol 5 of the CEFTA 2006 Agreement, as well as other trade facilitation initiatives under CEFTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of work within the competent authorities of CEFTA on reaching the regional agreement on mutual recognition of documents • Monitoring implementation of agreed programs (mutual recognition of AEO program, joint risk management and development of risk profiles) • Monitoring implementation of the Decision on Facilitating Trade in Fruit and Vegetables in the CEFTA region 	Member Institutions of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation	Positive assessment of the CEFTA Subcommittee on Trade Facilitation Trade growth in the region

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of activities with regard to the possible extension of the scope of the Decision on Facilitating Trade in Fruits and Vegetables to all agricultural products 		
4.	Establishing cooperation with the Committees on Trade Facilitation at bilateral and multilateral levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of joint activities, conferences, seminars for the purpose of experience sharing 	Secretariat of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation - MTTT	Annual Report of the Secretariat of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation Body with indicators on the number of joint activities implemented
5.	Coordination of the preparation of responses to trade facilitation research inquiries conducted by international organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of responses to the questionnaires and surveys of international institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation - Other questionnaires (UNCTAD, UNECE, World Bank) 	Secretariat of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation - MTTT/Member Institutions of the National Trade Facilitation Body	Assessment of Serbia's progress on the basis of the reports of relevant international organizations
6.	Informing the public and business representatives about the implementation of unilateral trade facilitation measures as well as those arising from the international agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of seminars, roundtables and conferences for representatives of the business community and administration • Participation in workshops organized by international organizations • Regular updating of the website of the National Coordination 	Secretariat of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation - MTTT/Member Institutions of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation -	<p>Number of activities held and number of participants at seminars and workshops</p> <p>The number of new posts on the website of the National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation and the increase in the number of visitors of the website of the</p>

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		<p>Body for Trade Facilitation -in order to inform interested and professional public in a timely and accurate manner in accordance with the principles of transparency and availability of information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring donor support for implementation of these activities 		National Coordination Body for Trade Facilitation