

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project title	Removing Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan/E219
Project duration	1 October 2014 – 1 October 2015
Reporting period covered	1 October 2014 – 1 February 2015
Financial implementation rate	70 %
Summary of impact/outcomes	<i>A study was launched to support the removal of regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan. A national consultation process was also established to ensure the broadest possible participation of relevant public and private sector stakeholders in the assessment. Within the context of this national consultation process, UNECE was requested to prepare detailed recommendations to address the identified barriers and propose proper sequencing of the recommendations to guide implementation.</i>
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT	
Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1)	<i>Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for improving regulatory cooperation, standardization policies and trade facilitation conditions in Kyrgyzstan</i>
Main Activity A.1.1 <i>A study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan, including action-oriented recommendations and a strategic framework for guiding implementation</i>	A survey of Kyrgyz traders engaged in priority sectors identified by the Government is underway. The face-to-face interviews with relevant State agencies involved in trade facilitation and regulatory cooperation as well as market support institutions were completed.
Main Activity A.1.2 <i>A Business Process Analysis of trade in agricultural products in Kyrgyzstan, including action-oriented recommendations and a strategic framework for guiding implementation</i>	The field work for preparing a Business Process Analysis of regulatory and procedural measures underpinning the exports of beans and dried apricot is underway.
Main Activity A.1.3 <i>Translation of the study and the business process analysis from English into Russian</i>	Scheduled for the second quarter of 2015
Main Activity A.1.4 <i>Validation workshop of the study and the business process analysis (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)</i>	It was decided in consultation with the Government to organize only one validation workshop during the third quarter of 2015 to present the results of the face-to-face interviews and the business process analysis undertaken under activities A.1.1; A1.2 and A.2.1.
Main Activity A.1.5 <i>Publication of the study and the business process</i>	Scheduled for the last quarter of 2015

<i>analysis in one book</i>	
Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2)	<i>Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for deepening Kyrgyzstan's integration into regional and global value chains.</i>
Main Activity A.2.1 <i>A technical paper on deepening Kyrgyzstan's integration into regional value chains.</i>	The research work for preparing the technical paper is underway. Following consultations with the Government, the paper will be used as a background note and its main findings will be integrated into the study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan , carried out under activity A.1.1
Main Activity A.2.2 <i>A technical paper on increasing the utilization of the EU Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).</i>	The research work for preparing the technical paper is underway. Following consultations with the Government, the paper will be used as a background note and its main findings will be integrated into the study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan , carried out under activity A.1.1
Main Activity A.2.3 <i>Translation of the technical papers from English into Russian</i>	Scheduled for second quarter of 2015
Main Activity A.2.4 <i>Validation workshop of the technical papers (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)</i>	Scheduled for second quarter of 2015
Expected Accomplishment 3 (EA3)	<i>Improved exchange of national experiences on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the ECE region.</i>
Main Activity A.3.1 <i>A roundtable on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan as part of the annual session of the Sectoral Committee responsible for this area of work (Geneva, Switzerland)</i>	Scheduled for the third quarter of 2015.
COMMENTS	
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