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Extrabudgetary Project
Removing Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)

1. Project title/number: Removing Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan					
2. Expected timing/ duration: October 2014 – October 2015					
<p>3. Objective and brief summary of the project:</p> <p>The overall objective of this project is to support the removal of regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan in a manner that contributes to the successful implementation of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development (NSSD) for 2013-2017. This objective will be achieved by developing action-oriented recommendations for: (i) removing behind and at-the-border regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in manufactured goods as well as in major agricultural products; and, (ii) deepening Kyrgyzstan's integration into regional and global value chains. The recommendations will be developed on the basis of rigorous analysis of regulatory and procedural measures governing trade in Kyrgyzstan using the ECE evaluation methodology and Business Process Analysis. The recommendations will be presented to the Government of Kyrgyzstan and shared with ECE member States at the Committee on Trade annual session, as well as during international conferences on regional integration and the Aid for Trade global review. In particular, the project objective will be achieved through the following strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan. 2. A Business Process Analysis of trade in agricultural products in Kyrgyzstan. 3. Validation workshop of the study and the business process analysis (the workshop will be held in in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) 4. A technical paper on deepening Kyrgyzstan's integration into regional value chains (English and Russian). 5. A technical paper on increasing the utilization of the EU Generalized System of Preferences (English and Russian) 6. Validation workshop of the technical papers (the workshop will be held in in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) <p>A roundtable on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan, which will be organized in Geneva, Switzerland as part of the annual session of the Sectoral Committee on Trade.</p>					
<p>4. Expected results of the project:</p> <p>The project aims to achieve the following results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for improving regulatory cooperation, standardization policies and trade facilitation conditions in Kyrgyzstan. 2. Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for deepening Kyrgyzstan's integration into regional and global value chains. 3. Improved exchange of national experiences on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the ECE region. 					
<p>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</p> <p>The target group includes relevant line ministries (e.g., line ministries of Economy, Ministry of Energy and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration, Ministry of Transport and Communications and Ministry of Foreign Affairs); specialized agencies (State Customs Service, National Statistical Office, State Enterprise Single Window); and, enterprise support institutions of Kyrgyzstan.</p>					
<p>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</p> <p>The study and related activities have been requested by the Kyrgyz Government in its letter to the ECE dated 25 April 2014. The project is directly linked to expected accomplishment (d) "Enhanced national capacity of member States for trade policy development and implementation" of subprogramme 6, Trade, in the ECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015.</p>					
<p>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</p> <p>Four months of RB staff (P5 1, P3 2, GS 1) time</p>					
<p>8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources:</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>Donors</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Amount (US\$)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100,000</td> </tr> </table>		<i>Donors</i>	Amount (US\$)	Russian Federation	100,000
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<p>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Zamira Eshmambetova</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17.06.2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>Chief of PMU</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>Date</i></td> </tr> </table>	Zamira Eshmambetova	17.06.2014	<i>Chief of PMU</i>	<i>Date</i>	<p>12. Approved by EXCOM¹:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Date</i></p>
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¹ EXCOM is the responsible Committee for further decision making, reporting and oversight.

Annex

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project “Removing Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan”

Part I. Planning <i>(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)</i>			Part II. Implementation <i>(to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time)^{1,2}</i>	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities ³	Actual expenditures ⁴ (US\$)
E.A.1 - Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for improving regulatory cooperation, standardization policies and trade facilitation conditions in Kyrgyzstan	A.1.1 A study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Kyrgyzstan, including action-oriented recommendations and a strategic framework for guiding implementation	30,000		
	A.1.2 A Business Process Analysis of trade in agricultural products in Kyrgyzstan, including action-oriented recommendations and a strategic framework for guiding implementation	15,000		
	A.1.3 Translation of the study and the business process analysis from English into Russian	7,000		
	A.1.4 Validation workshop of the study and the business process analysis (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)	6,500		
	A.1.5 Publication of the study and the business process analysis in one book	9,000		
E.A.2 - Increased understanding among relevant public and private sector stakeholders of best practices for deepening Kyrgyzstan’s integration into regional and global value chains.	A.2.1 A technical paper on deepening Kyrgyzstan’s integration into regional value chains.	7,000		
	A.2.2 A technical paper on increasing the utilization of the EU Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).	6,000		

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation;

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat;

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) *For an advisory service* (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) *For a workshop/conference/training* organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) *For a consultancy*: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.

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	A.2.3 Translation of the technical papers from English into Russian	6,000		
	A.2.4 Validation workshop of the technical papers (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)	6,500		
E.A.3 - Improved exchange of national experiences on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the ECE region.	A.3.1 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)	7,000		
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		100,000		