

Welcome words....

Georgia continue implementation of broad reforms in accordance with Association Agreement between Georgia and EU (AA), which was signed in 2013 and entered into force gradually. Part of the AA, Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area was entered into force from September 2014, followed by September 2016, when other part of the AA was entered into force.

Based on AA Georgia committed to implement comprehensive reforms in all trade related areas including customs, technical regulations, standardization, metrology, accreditation and market surveillance etc.

Annual actions plans in DCFTA field, developed by government of Georgia, covers all actions related to legislative approximation of the relevant Georgia's legislation to the EU aquis in above mentioned fields.

Currently Georgia totally changed its system of standardization and already adopted around 10000 International and European standards as a Georgian ones. In 2014, first time in region Georgian Institute of metrology was recognized internationally and now provides internationally recognized services not only Georgian but also Azerbaijani and Armenian companies.

In accreditation Georgian accreditation body already implement all recommendations provided by EA (European Accreditation) and during this year we are waiting official recognition.

Well advanced custom system benefit Georgia to propose diversified online services to the all interested parties and through this dramatically reduce cost and the time of the custom procedures.

All above mentioned reforms and the reforms in other areas makes country competitive which also reflected on the Georgia's position in relevant international ratings, for example in 2017 Georgia is 16th in Doing Business and 13th in Heritage Foundation rankings.

Government of Georgia grants special attention to the diversification of the Countries export market and due to this actively continuous negotiations on Free Trade Agreement with its trade partners. Currently Georgia already enjoys FTA with EU, Turkey, CIS countries, Following to this during this year FTA with EFTA countries, Peoples republic China and the FTA with Hong – Kong special administrative region of the Peoples Republic of China will entered into force.

All above mentioned reforms and plans for further diversification of the Georgia's export market motivated us to conduct study and further assess the Non – Tariff Measures in Georgia through the AA.