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Location:

21, Kioto Str., Kyiv,
Academic Council Meeting Room
of the Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics.

Note: The participants in the UNECE-MEDT-CLDP-USAID-UNCTAD-ICC Ukraine-IWG Workshop on the Readiness of Ukraine to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement supported the proposal to organize a meeting with international organizations, donors and investors on 19 November 2015, on the platform of the Interagency Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics with high-level support from the relevant Government agencies in Ukraine, at which to present the various reports on the readiness of Ukraine to implement the TFA, including the UNECE/UNCTAD-sponsored Report on the Assessment of the Readiness to implement the TFA, the recommendations of the CLDP Workshop on the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on TFA in Ukraine, and the USAID-sponsored WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Conformity Assessment for Ukraine.

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9:30 Registration

10:00 *Opening: representative of the Government of Ukraine (t.b.a.)*
Volodymyr Shchelkunov, Deputy Chairman, Interagency Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics in Ukraine
Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, UNECE

10:15 – 11:45 Identified needs of the stakeholder agencies in Ukraine for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

Note: The participants in the Workshop on 30 September – 2 October 2015 recommended to the Government of Ukraine to ask the relevant regulatory agencies to assess their needs for additional time and technical assistance and report them to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. The participants noted that some agencies were not yet ready, at the time, to assess and identify their needs in terms of additional time to implement measures categorized as B (according the TFA), and in terms of time and international assistance for measures categorized as C. As for measures already notified as category “A”, they have to be implemented by the entry into force of the TFA for Ukraine if the Agreement by that time is ratified by Ukraine, and several participants in the workshop, as reflected in the Readiness Assessment Report indicated that Ukraine was not ready to implement a number of them. Primary attention should be paid to these measures, including the need for urgent assistance; and a coordinator should be nominated in the Government for this task.

Speaker: Maxim Proskurov, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine (MEDT)

Question and Answer Session

11:45 – 11:10 Presentation of the Assessment Report on the Readiness of Ukraine to Implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

Note: This Readiness Assessment Report was developed by independent consultants in collaboration with UNECE and UNCTAD; it was sponsored by a UNECE-Czech technical cooperation project and followed the UNCTAD methodology for TFA readiness assessment. The work on the survey and report started with an UNECE-UNCTAD seminar and a first interview with the head of the Customs service in December 2014. The work on the assessment continues until now. A high level assessment seminar took place on 28 April 2015 with the participation of Vice Ministers of Economic Development and Trade and Infrastructure of Ukraine and the Executive Secretary of UNECE. The final, validation workshop on the Report took place on 30 September – 2 October 2015. Some amendments were suggested by participants from various agencies and the findings of the report were validated.

Speakers: Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, UNECE

Question and Answer Session

11:10 – 11:30 Presentation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Conformity Assessment for Ukraine

Note: This report was developed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and presented to the Ukrainian stakeholders on 10 September 2015.

Speaker: *Viktor Dovhan, USAID*

Question and Answer Session

11:30 – 11:45 Recommendations of the CLDP Workshop on the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation in Ukraine

Note: CLDP organized a Workshop on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in June 2015, and its recommendations will be presented at this seminar. CLDP also co-organized with UNECE the validation workshop on 30 September – 2 October 2015.

Speaker: *Dmytro Skrynka, CLDP*

11:45 – 11:55 Other relevant documents (t.b.c.)

Speakers: *t.b.c.*

11:55 – 13:00 Discussion with the representatives of the development community on the identified needs of assistance and taking further steps to implement WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement measures in Ukraine

Moderators: *MEDT, UNECE,*

Speakers: *representatives of WTO, ITC, GIZ, USAID, CLDP, UK Customs, EUBAM and others (t.b.c.)*

Note: All development partners will be invited to present their plans and objectives, with regard to the findings of the reports, needs and requirements of the Ukrainian control agencies.

13:00 – 13:30 Conclusions and recommendations on the next steps

13:30 End