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**Extrabudgetary project**  
**Strengthening the capacity**  
**of the Kyrgyzstan National Trade Facilitation Council**  
**to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

<b>Project title:</b> Strengthening the capacity of the Kyrgyzstan National Trade Facilitation Council to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> October 2019 - September 2021		
<b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The objective of the project is to strengthen the national capacity of Kyrgyzstan to develop an overall strategy and roadmap for effective implementation of priority measures under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). It is widely recognized that the effective implementation of trade facilitation measures has a direct impact on the countries' trade and economic development. The entry into force of the WTO TFA in February 2017, has proved the effectiveness of these measures, and underscored the need of transition economies to accelerate the implementation of its provisions. The Kyrgyz Republic has ratified the WTO TFA in December 2016 and established its Trade Facilitation Council in July 2017. The activities under this proposed project build on the recommendations and conclusions of national policy makers and experts having participated to the workshops organized under the project E269 "Strengthening the National Capacity of Trade Support Institutions of Kyrgyzstan". The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Customization and translation (from English to Russian) of training material for national trade facilitation council experts of Kyrgyzstan to cover target areas in the TFA for the implementation of WTO TFA provisions related to Articles 1.2 on Information available through internet; Articles 10.1 on formalities and documentary requirements; 10.3 on use of international standards; 10.4 on single window; and 23.2 on national trade facilitation committees. A1.2. Development of a detailed national trade facilitation roadmap, with detailed action plans for priority Category C measures (through coaching and advisory services). A1.3. Organization of two capacity-building workshops for members of national trade facilitation bodies, regulatory agencies and other relevant stakeholders on the WTO TFA measures under category C; and one concluding conference to present the project results. A2.1. Preparation and translation (Russian-Kyrgyz-English) of information related to trade regulations and procedures (all existing sectoral procedures, regulations, documents that are necessary for import – export activities) to be published on the national website of the National Trade Facilitation Council. A2.2. Development of a substantive content and IT platform for national information portal for the National Trade Facilitation Council in Kyrgyzstan and publication of information regarding the activities of the Council.		
<b>Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Enhanced knowledge and technical capacities of policymakers and experts of the National Trade Facilitation Council, regulatory agencies and other relevant stakeholders to effectively implement trade facilitation policies and priority measures under Category C of the WTO TFA. EA2. Improved access of traders to information related to trade regulations and procedures on the National Trade Facilitation Council online portal.		
<b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> The project activities mainly target the members of the National Trade Facilitation Committee, senior government officials, customs officials, members of the trading community and experts from the world of academia and NGO involved in trade facilitation activities. Beneficiary country is Kyrgyzstan.		
<b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project directly contributes to the Expected Accomplishment (a) "Increased consensus on and strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business" of the Subprogramme 6 "Trade" of the UNECE Programme budget for 2018-2019, and the objective of the Subprogramme 6 "Trade" "to enhance trade facilitation, agricultural quality standards and regulatory and trade-related economic cooperation for the transition to sustainable economic growth and sustainable production and consumption in the ECE region and beyond" of the Proposed programme budget for 2020.		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 1 month/RB P4, 2 months/RB P2		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b> Russian Federation	<b>Amount (US\$)</b> 185,000	
<b>Project Manager:</b> Maria Rosaria Ceccarelli  16.09.2019	<b>Section/Division:</b> Economic Cooperation and Trade Division	
<b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Catherine Haswell <b>Chief</b>  16.09.2019	<b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>14.10.2019</b>

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Enhanced knowledge and technical capacities of policymakers and experts of the National Trade Facilitation Council, regulatory agencies and other relevant stakeholders to effectively implement trade facilitation policies and priority measures under Category C of the WTO TFA	A1.1 Customization and translation of training material Staff support/ P1 at 50% rate x \$4,000 x 2 months Contractual services for translation (English to Russian)	11,600 8,000 3,600
	A1.2. Development of a detailed national trade facilitation roadmap through coaching and advisory services Staff support/ P1 at 50% rate x \$4,000 x 2 months Travel of 1 consultant x \$3,000 x 2 missions Travel of 1 staff x \$3,500 x 3 missions	24,500 8,000 6,000 10,500
	A1.3. Organization of two capacity-building workshops and one concluding conference to present the project results Staff support/ P1 at 50% rate x \$4,000 x 2 months Travel of 60 meeting participants x \$150 x 2 workshops Contractual services (conference room, interpretation)	45,000 8,000 18,000 19,000
EA2. Improved access of traders to information related to trade regulations and procedures on the National Trade Facilitation Council online portal	A2.1. Preparation and translation of information on trade regulations & procedures to be published on the national website Staff support/ P1 at 50% rate x \$4,000 x 2 months National consultant x 3 months x \$1,500 Contractual services (translation)	16,100 8,000 4,500 3,600
	A2.2. Development of IT platform for national information and publication of related information Staff support/ P1 at 50% rate x \$4,000 x 1 month National consultant x 6 months x \$1,500 International consultant x 2 months x \$4,000 Professional IT platform developer to develop and publish trade-related procedures and information	66,000 4,000 9,000 8,000 45,000
Budget summary		163,200
13% of Programme Support Costs		21,216
<b>Total (rounded)</b>		<b>185,000</b>