

Ordinance of the President of Georgia

June 1998, Tbilisi

“on some measures for the implementation of requirements for the accession of Georgia to WTO”

For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of WTO Agreement on "Technical Barriers to Trade", which is the necessary step for Georgia's accession to the World Trade Organization, following shall be done:

1. The Secretariat of the State Chancellery:
 - All the documents, governmental decisions and other normative acts provided to the government and are related to the products or services shall be checked with the State Department of Standardization, certification and Metrology with respect to the terms and definitions used in the latter.
 - Draft laws, which stipulate the production characteristics and related processes shall be sent to Sakstandart for checking their compliance with requirements of European Union and other international standards.
 - Decisions of the government, which have the normative character with respect to the products shall be promulgated.
2. The State Department of Standardization, Certification and Metrology shall implement the necessary organizational and technical measures for bringing its agencies (structural elements) in line with the requirements of WTO.
3. The action plan of fulfilling the requirement of the WTO TBT Agreement, provided by Sakstandart shall be approved. (Annex 1)
4. Plan of the measures on the consecutive planning of the requirements of International standards, sanitary, veterinary, phytosanitary and ecological norms shall be approved (Annex 2).
5. Ministries, agencies and other respective governmental institution, which are responsible for execution of these decisions shall:
 - Assure in 1998-1999 elaboration of the draft legal acts in line with the directives of the European Union, which will enable the step by step implementation of the sanitary, phytosanitary, veterinary, and environmental norms in accordance with European and international standards;
 - Implement in 1998-2000 only the standards, which are harmonized with the European and International norms;
6. Ministry of Finance of Georgia and the Ministry of Economy of Georgia shall assure the budgetary means for the financing of the action program;
7. The responsibility of action coordination shall be upon the governmental commission on accession to WTO and Sakstandart;

8. The governmental commission on accession to WTO together with other ministries shall assure the international technical financial assistance from EU for the purpose of implementation of the action plan;
9. The ministry of Finance shall provide from September 1998 and afterwards annually with the budgetary financial means for contracting the high qualified professionals with scientific degree, so that the work in the field of Standardization, Certification and Metrology will be executed on a high scientific level and in accordance with the international standards.

Additional salary for the employees of Sakstandard who have a scientific degree shall be determined as follows: 50% additional for "doctors", 30% additional for "Candidates";

10. In accordance with the requirements of the WTO TBT Agreement Sakstandard shall establish an enquiry point, which will provide informational service to the WTO Member States and other international standardizing organizations. The information on the establishment of this enquiry point shall be sent to the WTO and ISO Secretariats;
11. Ministries, other governmental agencies, legal and natural persons that are involved in the production of services and products shall systematically provide the enquiry point with the information on: produced goods and rendered services; standards and normative acts, according to which they execute their activities; measurement instruments they use; activities, which are related to the Standardization, Certification and metrology and represents the field of the WTO.