On Creation of the Single Enquiry Point for Interaction with Members of the World Trade Organization on Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

To assist prompt interaction with the Members of the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as the WTO) on Technical Barriers to Trade (hereinafter referred to as the TBT), application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (hereinafter referred to as the SPS measures), and on the issues of standardization, metrology, certification and accreditation and application of the SPS measures, in accordance with Article 4 paragraph 17 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Standardization" of 16 July 1999, Resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No.715 of 29 July 1998 "On the Concept of the Common Informational Space of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Its Implementation Measures", Resolution No.148 of 6 February 2004 "On Confirmation of the Program for Development of the National Standardization and Certification Systems in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2004-2006", the Journals of the Inter-Departmental Commission on Customs-Tariff Policy and Participation in International Organizations Issues No.22-14/1157 of 18 February 2004, WE ORDER:

1. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan to create the Single Enquiry Point for interaction with the Members of the World Trade Organization on the technical barriers on trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures (hereinafter referred to as the Enquiry Point) on the basis of the Information Center for interaction with the WTO on accreditation, standardization, metrology and certification issues at "Kazakhstani Standardization and Certification Institute" National State Enterprise (KazInst) of the Standardization, Metrology and Certification Committee at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the Institute).

2. The work of the Enquiry Point since 2005 shall be financed in the framework of the following:
   - the national budget program 1, subprogram 101 "Development of the Single Enquiry Point for Interaction with Members of the World Trade Organization on Technical Barriers on Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures";
   - the national budget program 001, subprogram 101 "Maintenance of the Single Enquiry Point for Interruption with Members of the World Trade Organization on Technical Barriers on Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures".

3. The Enquiry Point shall be assigned the following functions:
   - interaction with the WTO Secretariat, WTO Members, international and regional organizations, ministries and agencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
technical committees and other legal entities and persons on the issues of ensuring sharing information on TBT and SPS measures application;

- collection, registration, analysis and summarizing the information from the WTO Secretariat, WTO Members, international and regional organizations, ministries and agencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, technical committees and other legal entities and persons that develop regulatory documents pertaining to the issues of the TBT and SPS measures application;

- ensuring publication of the information in the official periodicals and (or) publishing it on the web site www.memst.kz.

4. To pass the following attached documents:

- Regulations of the Single Enquiry Point on interaction with the Members of the World Trade Organization on technical barriers on trade, sanitary and phyto sanitary measures (attached);

- Instruction on the Work of the Enquiry Point for Interaction with the WTO, with the WTO Secretariat, with the WTO Members, international and regional organizations, ministries and agencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, technical committees and other legal entities and persons on the TBT and SPS measures application (attached).

5. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall:

- ensure collection, registration, analysis and summarizing the information from the Enquiry Point;

- submit to the Enquiry Point notifications and texts of the drafts/passed regulations, comments (reviews) on the notifications and drafts of regulations of the WTO Members and other information on TBT and SPS measures application for sending them to the WTO Secretariat, to the WTO Members, international and regional organizations and other parties involved, as well as for publishing it on the web site www.memst.kz and in the periodicals.

6. The following shall be responsible for the implementation of the SPS measures application information sharing procedures with the Enquiry Point:

- Joint Stock Company "Kazagromarketing" (upon agreement) on the behalf of the Ministry of the Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

- State Enterprise "Kazakh National Sanitary-Epidemiological Station" of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan (upon agreement) on the behalf of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

7. The order, terms, and procedures for development and submission of notifications and comments on the notifications of the WTO Members on the TBT and SPS measures application shall be defined in accordance with ST RK 1.39-2003 "Rules and Procedures for Preparation of Notifications on Draft/Passing Technical Regulations and Standards".

8. The Standardization, Metrology, and Certification Committee of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall pass the legally stipulated measures on making corresponding amendments and addenda pertaining to the extension of the tasks and functions of the Institutes.

10. The Ministry of the Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall ensure passing the corresponding departmental legal documents on sharing information on TBT and SPS measures with the Enquiry Point before 1 February 2005.

11. The Vice-Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan Zhanar S. Aitzhanova., the Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan Lylyia S. Musina and the Vice Minister of Health, Chief State Health Officer of the the Republic of Kazakhstan Anatoliy A. Belonog shall be in charge for the implementation of this Order.

12. This Order shall become effective on 1 January 2005.

Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Signed
A. Dzhaksybekov

Acting As the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Signed
A. Myrzahmetov

Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Signed
Ye. Dosayev