

IMPLEMENTATION OF CEFTA – FREE MOVEMENT AND BARRIERS ON TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS

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- **The aim of CEFTA 2006**

- To unite into one agreement the existing level of liberalization from the concluded bilateral agreements;
- To improve conditions to encourage investments in the region;
- Growth of trade in goods and services through fair, clear and stable rules;
- To lift the barriers and problems in trade, to facilitate the movement of goods in transit;
- To ensure fair conditions of competition and gradually to open their markets to the public;
- Right protection of intellectual property in accordance with international standards;
- To provide efficient procedures for implementing the Agreement

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**Various Barriers
(obstacle to trade expansion)**

-protectionist measures-

Most common non-tariff barriers in the region



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CHARACTERISTICS OF NCB

- Very unfavorable effect of high duty
- Are introduced mostly as an opportunity to balance the reduced level of protection by reduced or repealed duty;
- increase the trade;t
- bring instability in the mutual exchange and in management of the companies;
- not transparent, difficult to detect in the network of national regulations adopted in full, for them, justified purpose

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- Evidence of NCB

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE BUSINESSMEN FOR THE EVIDENCE OF NCB

The aim of the questionnaire:

- Data of the type of non-tariff barriers faced by trade with CEFTA countries of the region ;
- Initiative towards according to Governments to remove the identified NCB.

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MAIN FINDINGS FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The biggest trade obstacles in the region:

- Mutual not recognizing certificate for compliance;
- Not harmonized customs procedures
- Less knowledge than required in firms for the procedures for the implementation of CEFTA

The proper implementation of CEFTA is hampered because of:

- Diversity in the application of standards and regulations of the EU, by the members of CEFTA;
- Lack of trust in organizations that issue certificates of conformity assessment;
- Lack of timely information on changing on the regulations and procedures among the signatories of CEFTA

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THE MOST OFTEN BARRIERS:

- Complicated procedures in protocol of goods and bottleneck at border crossing ;
- Lack of internationally recognized accreditations and certification bodies and insufficient number of accredited laboratories and institutions;
- Not admitted certifications for quality, phytosanitary, sanitary and veterinary documents;
- Not admitted international standards and technical regulations;
- Not appropriate infrastructure.

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CEFTA I NCB

EXCERPT FROM MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

taken at the signing of CEFTA 2006

„Continuously will identify, examine and
eliminate non-tariff trade barriers within the
CEFTA 2006”

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- What is achieved by elimination of the NCB
- Maximum effects of CEFTA 2006;
- Strengthening of the regional cooperation and balance development in the region;
- Increasing the degree of harmonization and transparency of regulations and procedures;
- Attracting direct foreign investments
- Faster regional preparation for EU entry
- (предворје за ЕУ)

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Activities of Chamber of Commerce in applying the CEFTA agreement

- **Forum of Chamber of Commerce from the members counties in CEFTA**
-With the support of EUROCHAMBRES in April 2007. –
- **WORKING GROUPS FORMED**
 - customs and accumulation of origin of goods;
 - non-tariff barriers on technical regulations;
 - agriculture, phytosanitary and veterinary control
- **THE AIM:**
 - the economy support of the region in implementation of CEFTA;
 - maximizing the effects of the implementation of CEFTA

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THE CEFTA FORUM WORK

TOPICS DISCUSSED :

- **The initial effects of the implementation of CEFTA**
- **Education and seminars of the CEFTA members**
- **Regional meetings for sectoral connectivity;**
- **Non-tariff barriers in regional trade;**
- **Solving the problems related to non-recognition of certificates of quality ;**
- **Proposed initiative for the environment protection within the implementation of CEFTA**

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- **Next activities of Chambers of Commerce in implementation of CEFTA and developing cooperation in the region**
 - Sectoral connectivity on the economy and formation of the regional sectoral association;
 - Intensification of the activities in evidences, analysis and removal of non-tariff barriers (by ours surveys- questionnaires)
 - Formation of regional clusters, including the Chamber of Commerce and organize their part of third markets
 - Comulation of origin of goods, whereas on insufficient use of the same, will continue to holding seminars for CEFTA members

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Next activities of Chamber of Commerce in implementation of CEFTA and the development of regional cooperation

- Intensification of cooperation with state subcommittees of CEFTA
- Providing wider institutional dialogue from the current in respect with all barriers to proper implementation of the CEFTA Agreement;
- **Intensification of activities in preparation of regional project for joint third markets**
- **Full and consistent implementation of CEFTA Agreement**

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Next activities of Chamber of Commerce in implementation of CEFTA and the development of regional cooperation

Actions will be taken on:

- Liberalization in trade services;
- Substantial opening of markets for public procurement;
- Harmonization of technical regulations, transfer of EU directives into national legislation
- The development of regional cooperation in environmental protection in the counties in the region

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THE BENEFITS OF CEFTA

- The possibility of applying diagonal accumulation of goods in trade, between the countries in the region;
- Introduction of gradual liberalization of trade in services
- Equalization of the conditions for investments;
- Opening the markets in CEFTA-region and equal treatment of the public procurement;
- Protection of intellectual property;
- CEFTA region will be significantly more attractive for foreign investments
- Linking and promoting the regional cooperation for faster and more functional regional approach in EU

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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