

**Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
On Additional Measures to Support Domestic Exporters of Fruit and
Vegetable Products, Grapes, Melons, Legumes, and Dried Vegetables and
Fruits**

To further liberalize foreign economic activities, create favorable conditions for increasing the volume and expanding the range of exported fresh fruit and vegetable products, grapes, melons, legumes, and dried vegetables and fruits (hereinafter — fruit and vegetable products), and enhance the competitiveness of domestic fruit and vegetable products in foreign markets:

1. Accept the proposals of JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding," the Ministry of Economy, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan on:
 - a) Granting economic entities the right to export fruit and vegetable products without concluding an export contract (agreement) on the basis of an invoice, subject to the following conditions:
 - Receipt of 100 percent prepayment in foreign currency from non-residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan to accounts in authorized commercial banks of the Republic of Uzbekistan, including through bank transfers, payments via international bank cards, and deposits of cash in national currency acquired at exchange offices of commercial banks;
 - Entry of data on the export delivery into the Unified Electronic Information System for Foreign Trade Operations (UEISFTO).
(The second paragraph of subclause "a" of clause 1 was excluded by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 22, 2019, No. UP-5668 — National Legislative Database, February 23, 2019, No. 06/19/5668/2652)
 - b) Adjusting the invoice value of exported fruit and vegetable products within the limits of natural loss norms established by legislation for their storage, transportation, and sale.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, together with the Ministry of Finance, the State Customs Committee, and the Agency "Uzstandard," shall, within ten days, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan a draft government decision establishing the norms of natural loss for exported fruit and vegetable products and the procedure for adjusting their invoice value.

2. Establish that:
 - When business entities purchase fruit and vegetable products from individuals for further export, the exemption from personal income tax applies without requiring individuals to provide documentation confirming that the sold products were produced on land allocated to them or their family members;
(The second paragraph of clause 2 as amended by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 9, 2022, No.

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- In cases where signs of violation of customs legislation are identified, the processing of a cargo customs declaration for the export of fruit and vegetable products is carried out after the preparation of an inspection report, and the processing of a cargo customs declaration for the export of grape, wine, and cognac products is carried out after obtaining permission for the export of goods — within no more than 3 hours.
(The third paragraph of clause 2 as amended by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 3, 2024, No. UP-84 — National Legislative Database, June 5, 2024, No. 06/24/84/0400)
3. The State Customs Committee, together with the Central Bank, the State Tax Committee, the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding," shall, by November 15, 2017, ensure the improvement of the Unified Electronic Information System for Foreign Trade Operations in accordance with the requirements of clause 1 of this resolution.
 4. The Ministry of Foreign Trade, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and other interested ministries and agencies, shall, within two weeks, ensure:
 - Conducting an inventory of international agreements of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of trade and export of fruit and vegetable products;
 - A critical review of existing rates of import customs duties, excises, and fees, as well as sanitary norms and rules for the storage, transportation, and sale of fruit and vegetable products in foreign countries — potential importers of fruit and vegetable products.
 5. The Ministry of Foreign Trade, based on the results of the inventory and critical review, shall, by December 1, 2017, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan:
 - Proposals for concluding new international agreements and amending existing ones in the field of trade and export of fruit and vegetable products;
 - A draft program of measures to revise existing regulatory documents, sanitary norms and rules, and phytosanitary requirements, taking into account international standards and the requirements of foreign countries — potential importers of domestic fruit and vegetable products.
 6. The Agency "Uzstandard" shall:

- Together with the Committee for Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers and other interested ministries and agencies, within twenty days, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan a Program of Measures for the introduction and further application in the Republic of international standards, including "ISO 22000" and "Halal";
- Take measures to ensure the recognition of conformity certificates issued in the Republic of Uzbekistan in countries that are the main consumers of domestic fruit and vegetable products, including through the conclusion of bilateral and multilateral agreements and the modernization of laboratories.

7. The Agency for Quarantine and Plant Protection under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, together with interested ministries and agencies, shall ensure the issuance of certificates for the export of fruit and vegetable and perishable products within no more than one working day from the moment the exporter provides the necessary documents.

(Clause 7 as amended by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 16, 2024, No. UP-36 — National Legislative Database, February 16, 2024, No. 06/24/36/0130)

8. The Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding" shall ensure:

- Continuous in-depth study of current and prospective global market conditions for the main range of export deliveries of fruit and vegetable products;
- Identification of new promising directions for the export of fruit and vegetable products and expansion of their range by determining demand for domestic fruit and vegetable products based on type and variety.

9. JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding," together with the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Investments, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, and the khokimiyats of regions and the city of Tashkent, shall, within two months, based on a thorough study of actual needs and transportation routes for fruit and vegetable products, prepare and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers a Program for the creation of logistics centers for the processing, storage, and transportation of fruit and vegetable products.

In doing so, identify a specific list of projects, paying special attention to the optimal and rational placement of centers, their creation timelines, and the attraction of foreign investments, including funds from international and foreign financial institutions.

10. Establish a working group to improve customs procedures and export-import operations (hereinafter — the working group) as per the appendix.

The working group shall, by February 1, 2018, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposals for improving, in

accordance with international practice, the legislation regulating customs procedures and export-import operations.

11. Recommend that commercial banks ensure the issuance of cash funds from deposit accounts of economic entities — exporters of fruit and vegetable products and procurement organizations — based on their requests for the purchase of fruit and vegetable products.
12. JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding" shall ensure the maintenance of a unified information portal for importers and exporters, including information on products manufactured by domestic producers, their varieties, and prices, as well as requests for the purchase of fruit and vegetable products by foreign buyers.
13. JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding," together with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and other interested agencies, shall, within ten days, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposals on amendments and additions to legislation arising from this resolution.
14. Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan N.S. Otazhonov shall, within two days, form a special group comprising heads and specialists of relevant ministries and agencies to ensure effective control over the implementation of the requirements of this resolution, systematic monitoring of the achievement of approved export parameters for fruit and vegetable products, and prompt resolution of identified issues, submitting justified proposals, if necessary, for decision-making by the Cabinet of Ministers and the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
15. Assign responsibility for the implementation of this resolution to Deputy Prime Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan D.A. Kuchkarov, N.S. Otazhonov, and Z.T. Mirzaev, Chairman of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan M.B. Nurmuratov, and Chairman of JSC "Uzbekozikovkatholding" T.A. Zhalilov.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Sh. Mirziyoyev

Tashkent,

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APPENDIX

to the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 6, 2017, No. PP-3377

COMPOSITION

of the working group to improve customs procedures and export-import operations

1. Kuchkarov D.A. — Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, head of the working group
2. Ganiev E.M. — Minister of Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan
3. Khodjaev B.A. — Minister of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan
4. Saidova G.K. — Minister of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan
5. Shermatov Sh.Kh. — Acting Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan
6. Tokhiriy M.V. — Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan
7. Parpiev B.R. — Chairman of the State Tax Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan
8. Ishmetov T.A. — First Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan
9. Ikramov A.I. — Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan
10. Sotiboldiev Zh.K. — Head of the Department of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan
11. Kadyrov F.A. — Head of the Information and Analytical Department of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, secretary of the working group

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