

Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan On Additional Measures to Strengthen Incentives for Exporting Enterprises and Expand Export Deliveries of Competitive Products

It is noted that a comprehensive system of benefits and preferences has been established to stimulate the increase in production of export products and support domestic exporting enterprises amid the global financial and economic crisis. As a result, despite significant fluctuations in global market conditions, the export of products has increased by 1.67 times over the past five years, with the share of finished products accounting for over 68.5% of the total export volume.

The procedures for processing export deliveries have been significantly simplified and made less costly. A mechanism for customs clearance of export transactions based on the "single window" principle is being gradually introduced, enabling simultaneous customs clearance, declaration, certification, sanitary-epidemiological supervision, and other customs procedures.

Specialized structures have been created to assist exporting enterprises, particularly small businesses, with standardization, certification, and promotion of their products in foreign markets.

However, it must be acknowledged that industries such as construction materials, food, leather and footwear, textiles, porcelain and ceramics, pharmaceuticals, furniture, and electrical engineering have not seen an increase in export volumes. Some enterprises continue to operate without engaging in the production of export-oriented products.

This is primarily due to the limited mindset and inadequacy of many enterprise managers, the lack of plans for upgrading and modernizing production, significant improvements in product quality, standardization, certification, and market exploration.

Ultimately, this is a result of insufficient attention from the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Finance, and the State Committee for De-monopolization and Competition Development to the issues of fostering real competition and the proper use of the system of benefits and customs preferences.

To expand the volume and range of export deliveries, stimulate enterprises producing competitive, export-oriented products, and assist them in promoting their products in new global and regional markets amid the ongoing global financial and economic crisis:

2. The Cabinet of Ministers shall, within one week, establish, with the involvement of specialists from the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments, and Trade, the Ministry of Finance, and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for De-monopolization and Competition Development, a Special Expert Commission headed by Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan U.U. Rozukulov.

The Special Expert Commission (U.U. Rozukulov) shall, within three months, review the list of economic entities that do not engage in the production and export of products, assess their reserves and capabilities in this regard, and submit relevant proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers for consideration.

The Cabinet of Ministers shall discuss these issues at its meeting and take effective measures to fundamentally improve the situation in the Republic regarding the expansion of the volume and range of products supplied for export.

Consider the increase in the production volume of export products as one of the most important criteria for evaluating the performance of enterprise managers.

3. Consider the widespread adoption of modern quality management systems and product certification in accordance with international standards as a key task for enterprises to increase the production of products intended for export.

The heads of the Cabinet of Ministers' Complexes, together with the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments, and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Agency "Uzstandard," shall, within three months, thoroughly review the list of products manufactured by enterprises and the extent to which they are certified in accordance with international standards, and, based on the results of this analysis, submit specific proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers to increase the number of certified product types.

4. Grant the Special Expert Commission (U.U. Rozukulov) the authority, upon submission from the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to consider issues related to permitting manufacturing enterprises and foreign trade organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments, and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan to export products at prices prevailing in the global market, including below cost, and submit their proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers for consideration.
5. Grant domestic enterprises the right to:
 - Participate in international tenders for projects implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan funded by international financial institutions, donor countries, foreign governments, or other non-residents, on equal terms with foreign participants, including with the subsequent conclusion of contracts in foreign currency for the supply of their own goods (works, services);
 - Conclude contracts with non-residents in foreign currency on the basis of direct contracts for the supply of goods (works, services) they own, intended for use in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

It is established that the contracts specified in this clause are equivalent to export contracts, with data entered into the Unified Electronic Information System for Foreign Trade Operations.

8. Recommend that commercial banks expand the volume of factoring services for export operations, increasing the maximum term for factoring services for export operations from 60 to 90 days.
9. The Ministry of Economy, together with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments, and Trade, the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and other interested ministries and agencies, shall, within one month, submit proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers on amendments and additions to legislation arising from this resolution.
10. Assign responsibility for the implementation of this resolution to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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