***Information about the results of the meeting of the Trade Facilitation Working Group of the International Trade Council
(June 7, 2019)***

On June 7, 2019, the ordinary meeting of the Trade Facilitation Working Group of the International Trade Council (hereinafter – the TFWG) was held under the direction of its head V.A. Tsymbal.

According to the agenda of the event, the following issues were considered:

1. Current state of affairs regarding implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (hereinafter – the TFA):
* approval and implementation of the Action Plan for implementation of the TFA;
* the condition of implementation of the TFA under category B;
* measures taken to attract technical assistance necessary for implementation (and determination of final dates of implementation) of the TFA notified under category C;
1. Recommendations of the meeting of the Public Council at the Ministry of Economic Development (May 23, 2019);
2. Information about the results of the UN/CEFACT Plenary (April 8-9, 2019, Geneva); International Trade and Transport Week 2019 (May 28-31, 2019, Odesa); recommendations based on the results of workshops held jointly with CLDP.
3. Discussion of an appeal of SE “Administration of Sea Ports of Ukraine” – an issue of expediency of establishment of the Trade Facilitation Working Group on sea transport at the International Trade Council;
4. Other issues.

Based on the results of the meeting, the following main decisions were adopted:

* for the purpose of preparing a notification of the progress in implementation of measures notified under category C (indicating final dates of implementation) and an application to the WTO regarding the possibility of obtaining technical support in implementation of the provisions under this category, to send relevant requests to central executive authorities for updating and detailing the information regarding the needs of technical assistance for implementation of the provisions under category C;
* to focus on an issue of attracting additional donors within the framework of implementation of the TFA;
* to support an appeal to the International Trade Council regarding consideration at its ordinary meeting of an issue on implementation of the Maritime Single Window in Ukraine, a single window for international trade and similar systems, such as the Port Community System and their interaction;
* to support an appeal to the International Trade Council regarding the urgency of an issue of transfer of the integral property complex of SI “Laboratory Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine on Water Transport” under the jurisdiction of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection;
* for possible consideration at the next meeting of the TFWG, to study in detail an issue of regulation of organic production, circulation and labeling of organic products in Ukraine;
* to recommend SE “Administration of Sea Ports of Ukraine” preparing an appeal to the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding an issue of establishment of the Trade Facilitation Working Group of the International Trade Council;
* to recommend the Ministry of Infrastructure initiating an issue of the possibility of assigning the functions of relevant National Committee to the Coordination Council of Logistics at the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The next meeting of the TFWG is scheduled for 2020.