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## **ACCESSION OF CROATIA**

### Implementation of Croatian Legislation with WTO Agreements

The Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Croatia has submitted the following information regarding the implementation of Croatian legislation with WTO Agreements.

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Draft Laws, Amendments, or Decisions of the Croatian Government	Relevance of the Law or Decision to WTO Compliance, by Agreement	Date of Implementation
Agreement on Agriculture		
Croatia is in compliance with the Agreement on Agriculture. No additional changes in laws or decisions of the Croatian Government are required for Croatia to be in compliance with WTO Agreement on Agriculture		
Agreements on TBT and SPS		
1. The Law on State Inspectorate 2. Government Regulation defining a list of items subject to control of documentation relevant with quality requirements 3. Government regulation defining the structure of inspection fees 4. Government Regulation on methods and procedures for issuing technical regulations prescribing quality and health requirements 5. Regulation Amending the Regulation on Standard Quality of Liquid Fuels	1. – 5. To be in compliance with SPS and TBT	1. Early October 1999 2. 31 October 1999 3. 31 October 1999 4. 10 June 1999  5. Adopted in June and implementation will start with date of accession to WTO.
Agreement of Textiles and Clothing		
Croatia is in compliance with the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing	There are no laws or decisions being drafted amended	Not applicable
Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994		
“Customs Code” 2. Customs code provision on conditions and methods of determining customs valuation	The Customs Code defines Croatia’s customs procedures and specifically provisions which are in compliance with customs valuation procedures from Article VII of the GATT 1994	1. January 2000 2. October 1999
Agreement on Rules of Origin		
Government Decree on Rules of Origin and the Procedure for Issue of Certificate on Origin	To be in compliance with Rules of Origin	July 1999

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Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures		
Government Decision Determining the Goods Imported and Exported on the Basis of Licences adopted on 12 July 1996. The amendments of the Decision were adopted in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.	To be in compliance with the WTO import licensing procedures	Last amendments abolishing import licences for the machinery for cleaning and drying bottles and dishwashing machines were implemented in July 1999
Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures		
Croatia is in compliance with the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. No additional changes in laws or decisions of the Croatian Government are required for Croatia to be in compliance with the part of Agreement dealing with subsidies. Concerning countervailing measures, the basic principles of those measures are contained in Law on Trade (Articles 50 and 51 of the Law) and detailed Regulation concerning the procedure and the way of determination of countervailing duty will be adopted by the Croatian Government after Croatia's accession to the WTO.	The drafting of the Regulation concerning imposing countervailing measures is in the process of preparation. Once adopted, this Regulation will ensure full compliance with the WTO ASCM.	Spring 2000
Agreement on Safeguards		
The basic provisions concerning safeguard measures are contained in the last Amendments of the Law on Trade (in force since July 1999.) Full implementation of safeguard measures will be ensured by the Regulation on the Implementation of Safeguard Measures which will be adopted by the Croatian Government.	The drafting of the Regulation on the Implementation of Safeguard Measures is in the process of preparation. Once adopted this Regulation will ensure full compliance with WTO Agreement on Safeguards in Croatia.	Spring 2000

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Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994		
The basic provisions concerning antidumping measures are contained in the last Amendments of the Law on Trade (in force since July 1999). Full implementation of antidumping measures will be ensured by the Regulation on the Implementation of Antidumping Measures which will be adopted by the Croatian Government.	The drafting of Regulation on the Implementation of Antidumping Measures is in the process of preparation. Once adopted this Regulation will ensure full compliance with the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994.	Spring 2000
Agreement on Trade - Related Investment Measures (TRIMS)		
Croatia is in compliance with the Agreement on Trade – Related Investment measures.	There are no laws or decisions being drafted or amended	Not applicable
Agreement on Trade – Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights		
Croatia is in compliance with TRIPS. The following have been substantive changes in legislation to be in compliance. The following laws have been adopted: 1. Trademark Law 2. Law on Geographical Indications 3. Patent Law 4. Law on Industrial Design 5. Amendments to the Copyright Law	Compliance with TRIPS	1. – 4. 30 November 1999  Mid July 1999
Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft		
Croatia is in compliance with the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. No additional changes in laws or decisions of the Croatian Government are required for the WTO compliance.	There are no laws or decisions being drafted or amended.	Not applicable.

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General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade		
Law on Trade	Article 15 of the Law on Trade eliminates the possibilities to introduce quantitative restrictions on import and export which are not in compliance with WTO rules.	Mid July 1999
General Agreement on Trade in Services		
The Law Amending the Law on Insurance	Eliminate the market access restriction.	Date of accession.
Export restrictions		
Government Decision abolishing the export quota	Brings trade policy measures into conformity with the WTO.	1. January 1999.
Other legislation		
The following laws and regulations have been adopted and amended: 1. Law on Tobacco 2. The Law Amending the Law on Excise Taxes on Tobacco and Tobacco Products 3. Decree Amending the Administrative Taxes Amounts of the Law on Administrative Taxes.	1.Sets the characteristics and classification of tobacco products. 2. Eliminates discriminating excise taxes for imported tobacco products 3. Eliminates different fees for the import and export of waste	1.- 2. 1 July 1999  3. July 1999