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Legislation - Implementation Agenda

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has submitted the following Agenda for Enacting Laws for WTO Conformity and Adopting Regulations/Instructions.

Agenda for Enacting Laws for WTO Conformity

Law	Agreement(s)	Status of Draft	Expected ¹ Approval Date (Parliament) ²
Amendments to the Law on Trademarks No. 33 of 1952	TRIPS	Approved by Lower House	September 1999
Law on Patents	TRIPS	Being reviewed by Lower House	September 1999
Amendments to the Law on Copyrights No. 22 of 1992	TRIPS	Approved by Parliament (both houses)	September 1999
Amendments to the Law on General Sales Tax No. 6 of 1994	GATT Article III (national treatment with regard to application of sales tax)	Being prepared at the Ministry of Finance; submission to the Council of Ministers (CM) is expected in September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Industrial Design	TRIPS	Being discussed at the CM; submission to the Parliament is expected in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Integrated Circuits	TRIPS	Being discussed at the CM; submission to the Parliament is expected in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Standards and Metrology	TBT	Being finalized at the Institute of Standards and Metrology; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPS (Plant and animal) • TBT(Seeds) • Agreement on Agriculture 	Being finalized at the Ministry of Agriculture; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Geographical Indications	TRIPS	Being finalized at the Ministry of Agriculture; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999

¹ These laws will be on the agenda of Parliament for its Ordinary Session (October 1999-March 2000) with the expectation of securing the approval of Parliament for these laws in October/November 1999

² Royal Ascent is required after the approval of Parliament in order for the law to be enacted

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Amendments to the Customs Law No. 20 of 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs Valuation • Rules of Origin • GATT 1994 (article VIII) • TRIPS (border enforcement of intellectual property rights) 	Being finalized at the Customs Department; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Amendments to the Law on Public Health No. 21 of 1971	SPS (food)	Being prepared at the Ministry of Health; submission to the CM is expected at the end of September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Food safety	SPS (food)	Being prepared at the Ministry of Health; submission to the CM is expected at the end of September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Trade Secrets	TRIPS	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and Trade; submission to the CM is expected at the end of September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Unfair Competition	TRIPS	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and Trade; submission to the CM is expected at the end of September 1999 and to the Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Amendments to the Law on Imports and Exports No. 14 of 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATT 1994 (Article I, III, and XI) • Agreement on Import Licensing 	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and Trade; submission to the CM is expected at the end of September 1999 and to Parliament in October 1999	October/November 1999
Amendments to the Law on Unifying Fees and Taxes No. 7 of 1997	GATT 1994	Being drafted at the Customs Department; submission to the CM and the Parliament at the end of September 1999	October/November 1999
Law on Plant Variety Protection	TRIPS	Being prepared at the Ministry of Agriculture; submission to the CM is expected in October 1999 and to Parliament in November 1999	October/November 1999

Agenda for Adopting Regulations/Instructions for WTO Conformity

Regulations/Instructions	Agreement(s)	Status of Draft	Expected Adoption Date
Regulations on Customs Valuation— Interpretive Notes	Customs Valuation	Being drafted; submission to the CM is expected in November 1999	October 1999
Regulations on Anti-Dumping Measures	Anti-Dumping	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and trade; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999	October 1999
Regulations on Safeguard Measures	Safeguards	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and trade; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999	October 1999
Regulations on Countervailing Measures	Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and trade; submission to the CM is expected in September 1999	November 1999
Regulations on Imports and Exports No. 74 of 1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATT 1994 (Article I, III, and XI) • Agreement on Import Licensing 	Draft being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and Trade; submission to the CM is expected in October 1999	November 1999
Instructions on Import No. 1, 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATT 1994 (Article I, III, and XI) • Agreement on Import Licensing 	Draft being prepared at the Ministry of Industry and Trade	November 1999
Regulations on Inquiry Point for SPS and TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Being drafted; submission to the CM is expected in October 1999	November 1999
Legal measures to conform to Article VIII to the GATT 1994	GATT 1994 Article VIII	Being drafted	November 1999
Instructions regarding the Customs Valuation of Carrier Medium Bearing Software and Interest Charges	Customs Valuation	Being drafted at the Customs Department	December 1999
Regulations on Border Enforcement of Intellectual property Rights	TRIPS	Being drafted; submission to the CM is expected in November 1999	December 1999
Regulations on Copyrights	TRIPS	Being drafted; submission to the CM is expected in November 1999	December 1999

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Regulations on Integrated Circuits	TRIPS	Being drafted; submission to the CM is expected in November 1999	December 1999
