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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND AZERBAIJAN (GOODS)

QUESTIONS AND REPLIES

The following communication, dated 14 March 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegations of the Russian Federation and Azerbaijan.

Question from the delegation of Japan

1.1. The Russian Federation is a member country of the Eurasian Economic Union. How does the bilateral agreement between the Russian Federation and Azerbaijan work under such circumstances? Should it not be replaced by a possible FTA between the EAEU and Azerbaijan?

According to the paragraph 1 of the Article 102 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union on 29 May 2014: "…Member-States are eligible to grant tariff preferences in trade with third countries unilaterally based on international treaty of the Member-State with the third country concluded before 1 January 2015, or international treaty concluded by all Member-States. Member-States shall unify treaties based on which tariff preferences are granted".

There are bilateral FTAs between Azerbaijan and all countries of the EAEU, except Armenia.

Currently, Azerbaijan is not considering conclusion of FTA with the EAEU.

Question from the delegation of Ukraine

1.2. If there are no provisions on some aspects of trade in the Agreement (such as tariff rate quotas, SPS, TBT, anti-dumping and countervailing measures, government procurement, intellectual property rights etc.), how do the parties of the Agreement regulate these spheres?

The Parties of the Agreement regulate abovementioned spheres according to the provisions of national legislation, as well as by different legislative documents in the framework of CIS.