

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT, CEFTA 2006**

**Decision No 5/2007
Adopted on 28 September 2007**

**Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee on
Technical Barriers to Trade and Non-Tariff Barriers**

1. The task of the Sub-committee is to identify, review and propose measures for elimination of technical barriers to trade and non-tariff barriers among the Parties.
2. To this end, the Sub-committee on Technical Barriers to Trade and Non-Tariff Barriers will:
 - (i) Exchange information on a regular basis to identify and review complaints in each Party concerning NTBs and propose appropriate procedures to eliminate barriers to trade. It will base its activities on the NTB-related work carried out to date under the Stability Pact Trade Working Group. It will:
 - identify and discuss common problems and make recommendations to deal with them;
 - propose which NTBs to eliminate first and timetables for their elimination;
 - exchange views on a systematic basis on appropriate domestic institutional arrangements to eliminate NTBs in each Party in order to ensure the adoption of best practices.
 - (ii) Identify and oversee the elimination of unnecessary technical barriers to trade in accordance with Article 13.2 of the Agreement. It will:
 - encourage harmonisation of technical regulations, standards and mandatory conformity assessment procedures with WTO rules and procedures;
 - encourage harmonisation, where appropriate, of technical regulations, standards and procedures for assessment of conformity with those of the European Union;
 - encourage recognition of conformity assessment documents made by the accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies;
 - encourage negotiations to conclude plurilateral agreements among the Parties on the above.
 - (iii) Prepare and present an annual report on identifying, reviewing and proposing measures for eliminating TBTs and NTBs, based on the individual reports prepared by the Parties in accordance with a common structure/template. The annual report shall be publicly available and serve the Parties as a basis for regular exchange of views with the business community.

3. Members of the Sub-committee will be senior civil servants responsible for dealing with these issues in respective administrations.
4. The Sub-committee will communicate on a regular basis with the Sub-committee on Agriculture including Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues and the Sub-committee on Customs and Rules of Origin in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
5. The Sub-committee shall meet as necessary but at least once per year and shall report to the Joint Committee.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Ohrid on 28 September 2007 in the presence of representatives of

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244