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## **The Tajikistan's Ministry of Health and IFC partner to improve the sanitary supervision procedures**

A joint Action Plan was signed today between the National Center of State Sanitary and Epidemiologic Supervision of the Ministry of Health of the RT (SES) and the IFC Tajikistan Business Enabling Environment/SME Policy Project to promote cooperation between the two organizations. SES and IFC will work together to improve sanitary supervision procedures in Tajikistan in accordance with the Inspections Law adopted by the Tajik Government in summer 2006.

“With the signing of this action plan we confirm our Ministry's commitment to working with IFC to comply with the sanitary regulations with the new Inspections Law,” said Mr. Samariddin Aliev, Head of SES. “The National Center of State Sanitary and Epidemiologic Supervision is dedicated to inspections reform, in particular, to make each inspection more thorough and effective, and as a result improve sanitary conditions at the economic entities of the country. The main emphasis at this stage of our cooperation with IFC will be development of the inspections check-lists that will make sanitary requirements clear and open for entrepreneurs and, as a result, provide the latest with an opportunity to comply with them”.

Signing of the Action Plan is the next step in the two year collaboration between the SES and IFC's Business Enabling Environment / Small and Medium Enterprises Policy Project, financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). In the past, activities were focused on (1) facilitation of an open dialogue between the sanitary inspection's officials and entrepreneurs aimed at achieving understanding of the requirements and challenges faced by each side and (2) on the development of solutions favorable for both. More than 10 joint events – focus-groups, seminars and round tables – were organized in Dushanbe – with SES decision makers, and two pilot regions - Vakhdat and Yavon – with the sanitary inspection's practitioners. The main result of this collaboration was the development and adoption by the Government of the Inspections Law.

IFC Project Manager Andrea Dall'Olio anticipates that the development and dissemination of checklists to support the inspection process will result in a better understanding of sanitary rules among entrepreneurs, and will ultimately increase the transparency of the inspections. "Our collaboration with SES in the field of inspections should increase compliance with sanitary requirements, while at the same time reduce the burden for entrepreneurs", he explained.

The plan contains a detailed list of actions to be undertaken by both parties in the year 2007, in the areas of (1) setting-up of risk categories for the economic entities, elaboration of general inspection rules and specific checklists for each category of entities inspected by SES; (2) sanitary inspectors capacity building via trainings; and (3) ongoing informational campaign on new sanitary rules and regulations.

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