

The Republican Centre of State Sanitary and Epidemiologic Supervision of the Health Ministry of Tajikistan adopts new inspection rules developed in partnership with IFC

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Dushanbe, August 6, 2007 – The Republican Centre of State Sanitary and Epidemiologic Supervision of the Health Ministry of Tajikistan (SES) last month adopted new inspections rules for Tajikistan's inspection officials. SES was the first of 22 inspecting agencies of Tajikistan to adopt the new rules, which were drafted in accordance with The Law of RT on Inspections of Economic Entities in Tajikistan. Developed in partnership with IFC, the new rules were included in an Inspections Rules Manual and presented to SES by IFC at a formal ceremony in Dushanbe on August 6.

Considered as a document that puts the Inspections Law into daily practice for SES inspectors, the manual includes everything inspectors need to know during inspections – the new rules, samples of all the required forms, and the law on inspections. “This is what inspecting agencies lacked in the past,” explained IFC's Eugenia Mardenskaya.

“We are thankful to IFC for the technical support provided in the development of the manual...The manual will become an essential ‘pocket book’ for our inspectors and will be distributed during the 25 trainings on new inspections procedures that we plan to run in autumn of 2007,” said Samariddin Aliev, Head of SES.

The new rules are a product of SES and IFC collaboration, formalized by the action plan signed in February, 2007 to foster implementation of the Inspections Law. SES is one of the three pilot agencies working with IFC on implementation of the new law. Other pilot agencies are the Central Department of Fire Service under the Ministry of Interior and the Tax Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

“By adopting the new Inspections Law the Government of Tajikistan demonstrated a great effort to support small and medium entrepreneurship development. However, this initiative would lose its importance if not followed by thorough implementation by inspecting bodies,” said Andrea Dall'Olio, IFC Project Manager in Tajikistan

Providing technical support in developing regulatory documents is a part of a broader commitment by IFC and the Swiss government to assist the Government of Tajikistan in the implementation of the new law. In addition, IFC works to raise inspectors' and entrepreneurs' awareness about the new law. The project provides ongoing training for entrepreneurs, directly and through partner organizations. As part of this effort, IFC recently had launched the broadcast of four Public Service Announcements focused on main provisions of the Inspection Law on Tajik national TV Channel 1.

About IFC

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, fosters sustainable economic growth in developing countries by financing private sector investment, mobilizing capital in the international financial markets, and providing advisory services to businesses and governments. IFC's vision is that poor people have the opportunity to escape poverty and improve their lives. In FY06, IFC committed \$8.3 billion, including syndications, to 284 investments in 66 developing countries. For more information, please visit www.ifc.org.

About IFC Business-Enabling Environment - SME Policy Project

Launched in 2003, the project is financed by Switzerland's State Secretariat for Economic Affairs. In addition to monitoring the business environment by conducting regular surveys, the project is helping implement the new inspections law, conducting preliminary analysis for the permits reform, and raising awareness of small and medium enterprises through training and events. For more information, please visit www.ifc.org/tajikistan/sme.

About SECO

The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs is the Swiss Confederation's competence center for all the core issues related to economic policy. Its aim is to create basic regulatory and economic policy conditions to enable business to flourish and benefit all. SECO also represents Switzerland in the large multilateral trade organizations and international negotiations, and is involved in efforts to reduce poverty and help developing countries with transition economies build sustainable democratic societies and viable market economies. Each year, Switzerland spends about 1.9 billion francs on development cooperation and transition assistance to countries.

About SES

The Republican Centre of Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision is a service working under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan. Its mission is to control invigoration of labor and life conditions of the population of Tajikistan, as well as implementation of required sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiologic rules by institutions, enterprises, and individuals.