



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION POST WTO– ACCESSION

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The Long and Winding Road

- 1946 - USSR rejects to join GATT as CP
- 1978 - request to observe negotiations declined
- 1986 - request to join the Round declined
- 2005, 2008, 2009 - accession stops for 6 months or more

Accession - game without rules

- No rules, including on decision-making
- No appellate body
- No limits of appetite
- No time limits
- Increasing demands for each new accession
- Politics beyond or on the scene
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WTO membership ≠ immediate happiness

	August 1, 2012	August 1, 2015
Antidumping measures	40	39
Administrative measures	15	20
Discriminatory excise duties	3	5
Technical barriers	4	9
Quota restrictions	5	2
Tariff quotas	-	3
Surcharges	2	2
Import Ban	1	3
Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	-	5
Total:	70	88

Implemented regulations: Russia vs other WTO Members

Russia	WTO Members
More than 100 of legislative acts and 1000 of acts by executive authorities 	EU - The agreement on trade in certain steel products USA - Jackson-Vanik amendment (but replaced with Magnitsky Act) Kyrgyzstan - Quotas on alcohol imports from non-WTO members

BUT - the right to challenge a measure

№	Name and date of the dispute
Disputes initiated by Russia	
1	DS474: EU – cost adjustment methodologies and certain anti-dumping measures on imports from Russia (23 December 2014)
2	DS476: EU – certain measures relating to the energy sector (30 April 2014)
3	DS493: Ukraine – anti-dumping measures on ammonium nitrate (7 May 2015)
4	DS494: EU – cost adjustment methodologies and certain anti-dumping measures on imports from Russia (7 May 2015)
Disputes initiated against Russia	
5	DS462: Russia – recycling fee on motor vehicles (9 July 2013)
6	DS463: Russia – recycling fee on motor vehicles (24 July 2013)
7	DS475: Russia – measures on the importation of live pigs, pork and other pig products from the EU (8 April 2014)
8	DS479: Russia – anti-dumping duties on light commercial vehicles from Germany and Italy (21 May 2014)
9	DS485: Russia – tariff treatment of certain agricultural and manufacturing products (31 October 2014)

WTO activities in 2014

№ of Russia's delegates	94
WTO regular and negotiating bodies	76

Industries most concerned: before vs after accession

Industry	Output 2011		Output 2014 (2015 *)	
Poultry	3204,2	thousands, tons	4446	thousands, tons *
Pork	2427,6	thousands, tons	3072	thousands, tons *
Beef	1625,5	thousands, tons	1642	thousands, tons *
Textiles	3609	millions, m2	3907	millions, m2
Civil Aircrafts	5		37	
Automobiles	1,7	millions	1,7	millions
Combine harvester threshers	6515		5675	

* Data from 2015

Other achievements

- Stabilization of the legal system
- Transparency of decision-making
- Predictability of business environment

To conclude...

‘Any Member may withdraw from this Agreement’

Marrakesh Agreement, Article XV:1

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