

## Country: Ukraine

### Background:

**Year of establishment:** 01/07/2017 00:00:00

**Motivation for its establishment:** For the purpose of internal coordination between the central executive authorities responsible for the implementation of the TFA. The WGTF carries out the functions of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (according to the Article 23.2 of TFA).

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** Yes

**Former multi-agency group/committee:** No

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** Running

### Institutional Framework:

**Degree of institutionalisation:** Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 455 of 04.07.2017 on Establishment of the Council of International Trade. The WGTF's decisions are approved by the International Trade Council, which consists of the high level representatives of all relevant bodies

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** The WGTF operates as permanent group

**Coordinating agency:** The International Trade Council

**Scope/mandate:** The WGTF operates as an advisory board for coordination of the TFA's implementation

**Terms of reference:** The main function is an internal coordination between the central executive authorities responsible for the implementation of the TFA

**Working structure of the group:** Chair, Deputy Chair, members of WGTF

**Permanent technical secretariat:** No

### Funding:

**Budget:** No

### Objectives / Focus:

**Objectives:** To fulfil the tasks according to the mandate

**Working plan:** Yes

**Monitoring and evaluation:** The progress in implementing the working plan is monitored by the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture through the annual reporting to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

**Reporting form and supervisory authority:** WGTF reports to the International Trade Council in a

form of adopted proposals and recommendations as a result of its meetings

## **Membership / Composition:**

**Public or quasi-public agencies:** The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, the State Customs Service of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection, the State Enterprise Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority, etc.

**Private associations or entities:** International and internal business associations

**Level of seniority of participants:** It depends on situation – usually the advisers to the ministers, high level staff of the ministries, members of the board of the private associations

## **Participation:**

**Frequency of meetings:** The WGTF meets 3 times a year

**Level of participation:** Approximately 75 per cent of members attend the meetings

**Meetings format:** Seminars, workshops

## **Gender:**

**Percentage of female in the committee:** No information is available due to reorganization processes.

**Chairman / President / Vice-president is female:** No information is available due to reorganization processes.

## **Promotion / Communication:**

**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** Through official correspondence, by e-mail, placing information on the web-site or meetings

**Interface with other working groups/committees on similar issues:** Via an official letters and e-mail

**Undertake information sessions to stakeholders or general public:** No (only placing the information on the web-site)

## **Benefits:**

**Impact:** Increasing of the awareness of challenges which business community faces within export, import or transit. Exchange of experiences and best practices. Dissemination of new information and recommendations regarding trade facilitation

## **Lessons learned:**

**Success factors:** Regular communication with WGTF's members. The major public bodies are





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involved in the process of the implementation of the TFA

**Greatest obstacles:** To find balance between interests of public and private authorities

## **Future plans:**

**Plans for further development:** To fulfil the Action Plan for implementation of the TFA

## **Contact information:**

**Contact Information:** No information is available due to reorganization processes.

