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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation has submitted the following information on Implementation of the Plan of Legislative Work in Various Fields Relevant for Economic Reforms and/or WTO Rules and Disciplines, with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party¹.

¹ This document supersedes the information contained in WT/ACC/RUS/45.

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Type of document	Content of the measures	Status
DOMESTIC LEGISLATION OF HORIZONTAL NATURE, MAIN DIRECTIONS OF ON-GOING ECONOMIC POLICIES		
Federal Law “On Stocks and Stock Activity”	Basics of markets formation, including exchange mechanisms, to prevent monopolization and distortion of market prices.	The Draft Law is prepared for the second reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Town-planning Code of the Russian Federation” (The former name of this draft was the Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Investment Activity in the Form of Capital Investment”)	Simplification of the procedure to obtain consents and documentation on investment projects.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law “On State Registration of Organizations”	Establishment of a “Single Window” notification procedure for the registration of organizations, as well as the rules of surveillance and liability of founders for conformity of the declared information. Form a single registry of legal entities.	The Law was adopted on 8 August 2001 No 129-FZ.
Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Licensing of Certain Types of Activities”	Formation of a single restrictive list of types of activity subject to licensing. Reduction of the number of types of activity subject to licensing, regulate and streamline the single licensing procedure in the territory of the Russian Federation, and prohibit the practice of using cross-references to other statutes.	The Law was adopted on 8 August 2001 No 128-FZ.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Banks and Banking Activity”	Determinations of the structure of credit organizations and the procedure of their accounting.	The Law was adopted on 19 June 2001 No 82-FZ.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Insolvency (Bankruptcy) of Credit Organizations”	Determinations of the rights of the creditors.	The Law was adopted on 7 August 2001 No 116-FZ.
Federal Law “On Transfer of the Property into the Property of the Russian Federation (Nationalization)”	Introduction of the legislative regulation of procedures for nationalization of property.	The Draft Law is returned to the federal ministries for completion.

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Federal Law “On privatization of the State and the Municipal Property” (The former name of this draft was the Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On privatization of the State Property and Principles of the Privatization of the Municipal Property”)	Introduction of the procedure for privatization of the State Property and Municipal Property. The basic principle of this draft law is to make privatization procedures open and transparent.	The Draft Law is pending signature by the President.
Decree of the President “On Realization of the Rights on land of the Owners of immovable property”	Introduction of the procedure for transfer of land plots on which buildings are located to owners of such buildings.	The work on the Draft Decree of the President has been cancelled in connection with adoption of the Land Code.
Federal Law “On Protection of the Rights (of Individual Entrepreneurs) during the conduct of the State Control”	Introduction of transparency and predictability in rules of conduct of state control during inspections of an enterprise.	The Law was adopted on 8 August 2001 No 134-FZ.
Federal Law “ On Amendments to the Civil Code of the Russian Federation”	Implementation of the fundamental principle of integrity of rights to an object of real estate.	The Law was adopted on 16 April 2001 No 45-FZ.
Civil Code of the Russian Federation, part three	Establishment of the applicable norms of the international private law, including determination of the nationality of applicable law.	The Law was adopted on 26 November 2001 No 146-FZ
Tax Code of the Russian Federation, part two	Chapter 25 “On Tax on Profits”. Chapter 27 “Customs Fees and Duties», including customs valuation procedures. Chapter 26 “State Duties”.	Chapter 25 was adopted on 6 August 2001 No 110-FZ. The draft of this chapter passes the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries. Chapter 26 is prepared for the second reading in the Duma.
Land Code of the Russian Federation	Introduction of main and mandatory principles of the regulation of land relations, legal status of the use of land.	The Land Code was adopted on 25 October 2001 No 136-FZ.
Arbitration Procedure Code of the Russian Federation	Establishment of principles to resolve dispute between economic operators and governmental bodies	The Code is prepared for the second reading in the Duma.
The Labour Code of the Russian Federation	Introduction of main and mandatory principles of the regulation of labour relations.	The Labour Code was adopted on 30 December 2001 No 197-FZ.
Federal law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Currency Regulation and Control”	Liberalised system of currency regulation and currency control.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.

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Federal law "On Amendments to the Specific Federal Laws concerning Currency Regulation Issues"	Reduction of the volume of compulsory sales of the foreign currency proceeds of residents from the export of goods (works, services, the results of intellectual activity) to 50 per cent.	The Law was adopted on 8 August 2001 No 130-FZ.
Federal law " On Additions and Amendments to the Law of the Russian Federation "On Employment of Population in the Russian Federation"	Introduction of alterations to the finance mechanism, increasing the effectiveness of mechanisms of securing the employment of population in the Russian Federation.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Duma.
Resolution of the Government "On the Program of Structural Reform of Railway Transportation"	1. Creation of the legal basis of the rail transport reform, improvement of terms of the rail freightage and responsibility for the violation of the terms of contract.	The Resolution of the Government was adopted on 18 May 2001 No 384.
Federal Law "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Federal Rail Transport"	2. Creation of the legal basis of the structural reform of the federal rail transport.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Natural Monopolies"	3. Creation of the legal basis of the structural reform of the federal rail transport.	The Draft Law passes the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries
Federal Law "On Immunity of the State"	Establishment of the scope of the jurisdictional immunity of the foreign states and the Russian Federation.	The Draft Law passes the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries.
Federal Law "On Combating Legalization of profits received in a criminal way"	Introduction of principles to combat money laundering.	The Law was adopted on 7 August 2001 No 115-FZ.
Resolution of the Government "On some issues concerning the regulation of temporary import of foreign-made aircraft"	Invalidation of the Resolution of the Government on 7 July 1998 No 716 "On additional Measures for Rendering State Support to the Civil Aviation of the Russian Federation".	The Resolution of the Government was adopted on 2 August 2001 No 574.
TRADE IN GOODS		
Federal Law " On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law "On State Regulation of Foreign Trade Activity".	Matching of the principles of state regulation of foreign economic activities with those established by the WTO and widely used by the WTO members.	The Draft Law is prepared for the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries.

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Federal Law “On safeguard, anti-dumping and countervailing measures applying to imports of products” (The former name of this draft was Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Protection of Economic Interests of the Russian Federation in Foreign Trade in Goods”)	Bringing the implementation of antidumping, safeguards and countervailing measures into conformity with the WTO rules and principles	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law “On Licensing of Exports and Imports in the Russian Federation”	Bringing export and import licensing system into conformity with the WTO rules and principles	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Customs Code of the Russian Federation”	New version of the Customs Code of the Russian Federation. Brings customs procedures into conformity with WTO rules	The Draft Law is submitted to the Duma.
Federal law “On the Purchases and the Deliveries of Products for State Needs”	Introduction of main principles of state procurement, based on competitive approaches, as well as procedures of such procurement	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On the State Regulation of the Production and Turnover of Ethyl Alcohol and Alcoholic Products”	Bringing the system of licensing of trade in alcohol in the line with the WTO requirements.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law “On additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On the Fees for the Issuance of Licenses and the Right to the Manufacture and Turnover of the Ethyl Alcoholic Products”	Bringing the system of fees for the issuance of licenses in the line with the WTO requirements.	The Draft Law is being prepared for the second reading in the Duma.
Decree of the President “On Approval of the List of Agents of Diseases (Pathogens) of Man, Animals and Plants, Genetically Modified Forms, Toxins, Equipment and Technologies, being under the export control”.	Determination of products, equipment and technologies which include agents of diseases (pathogens) of man, animals and plants, genetically modified forms, toxins subject to export control and the order of its realization.	The Decree of the President was adopted on 8 August 2001 No 1004.
Resolution of the Government “On Approval of the Regulations of the Procedure for Control Over Foreign Economic Activities concerning Agents of Diseases (Pathogens) of Man, Animals and Plants, Genetically Modified Forms, Toxins, Equipment and Technologies”	Establishment of the procedures of state registration of certain products potentially dangerous for health.	The Resolution of the Government was adopted on 29 August 2001 No 634.

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Decree of the President "On the Procedure for the Importation into and Exportation from the Russian Federation of the Precious Metals and Precious Stones"	Establishes that the import of precious metals into the Russian Federation shall be effected by organisations and natural persons without any quantitative restrictions and licences.	The Decree of the President was adopted on 21 June 2001 No 742.
Resolution of the Government "On the Abolishment of the Licensing of the Import of White Sugar to the Russian Federation"	Abolishes the licensing of the import of white sugar into the Russian Federation	The Resolution of the Government was adopted on 26 July 2001 No 560
AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE		
Federal Law "On basis of the technical regulation, Standardization and Confirmation of Conformity" (Replace the former drafts "On Standardization and "On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law "On Standardization", "On Technical Measures in Trade", "On Confirmation of Conformity of the Products and Services with the Normative Requirements")	Umbrella draft law covering measures relevant under the TBT and SPS agreements. Specifically establishes the system of technical regulations, standards and confirmation of conformity.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES		
Federal Law "On State Aid"	Establishment of rules and procedures of subsidization.	The Draft Law passes the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries.
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS)		
Federal Law "On Mandatory Medical and Social Insurance in the Russian Federation"	Formation of a single system of medical and social insurance. Improvement of the effectiveness of the system, amplifies the mechanism of mobilization of financial resources for working and non-working population, specifies the surveillance powers on the federal level and the procedures for licensing and regulation.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Law "On the specialized state or municipal non-commercial organizations" (The former name of this draft was the Federal Law "On Ensuring the Economic Independence and increasing the Diversity of Organizational Forms of Social Enterprises")	Provide for economic independence and increasing diversity of organizational and legal forms of medical, educational and cultural organizations.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.

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Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Mandatory Social Occupational Accident Insurance and Occupational Decease”	Updates the mechanism of mandatory social occupational accident insurance and occupational disease insurance.	The Draft Law passes the procedure of co-ordination with the federal ministries.
Federal Law “On Guaranties of Return of the Bank Deposits of the Citizens”	Increases competition on the banking services market, create equal terms to encourage private account holding. Develop legislative acts regarding the functioning of the system of guarantees for bank deposits.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Laws “ On Additions and Amendments to the Law of the Russian Federation “On Organization of Insurance Business in the Russian Federation” and “On State Insurance Inspection”, “On the Procedure of Mandatory insurance within the territory of the Russian Federation”	Improvement of the legal framework for operations of participants of insurance services market, provide requirements in respect of professional qualifications of CEOs of insurance companies, enhance liability of the founders (shareholders, participants) for actions leading to insolvency of an insurer. Develop legislative acts regarding state insurance surveillance and organization of insurance business.	The Draft Laws are returned for the completion to the federal ministries.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On Non-governmental Pension Funds”.	Introducing of the uniform requirements in respect of management of assets of investment funds, non-governmental pension funds and insurance companies.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Government.
Federal Laws “ On Mandatory Insurance of Civil Liability of Owners of Motor Vehicles” and “On Mandatory Insurance of Civil Liability of Organizations Operating Dangerous Production Units”	Form the legal framework for mandatory insurance in Russia, on the basis of free competition, with simultaneous annulment of doubling legislative acts.	The Draft Laws passed the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “On Insider Information”	Improvement of the legal framework for operations of professional participants of the securities market.	The Draft Law is submitted to the Duma.
Federal Law “On Mortgage Securities”	Improvement of the legal framework for operations of professional participants of the securities market.	The Draft Law developed by deputies is prepared for the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Federal Law “On securities Market” and On Addition to the Federal Law “On non-commercial organizations “	Improvement of the legal framework for operations of professional participants of the securities market (registration of debentures and activity of investment consultants).	The Draft Law passed the second reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “On the Auditing Activities”	Regulation of the activities of the Auditing organisations.	The Law was adopted on 7 August 2001 No 119-FZ.
Federal Law “On Investment Funds”	The law establishes the legal basis for creation and activity of investment funds.	The Law was adopted on 29 November 2001 No 156-FZ.

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AGREEMENT ON TRADE RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (TRIPS)		
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Patent Law Of The Russian Federation ”	Improvement of the legal regulation in the field of protection of intellectual property rights and results of intellectual activity.	The Draft Laws passed the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Law Of The Russian Federation “On Legal Protection of Computer Programs and Databases”	Improvement of the legal regulation in the field of protection of intellectual property rights and results of intellectual activity.	The Draft Laws passed the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Law Of The Russian Federation “On Legal Protection Of Layout-Designs Of Integrated Circuits”	Improvement of the legal regulation in the field of protection of intellectual property rights and results of intellectual activity.	The Draft Laws passed the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “ On Additions and Amendments to the Law Of The Russian Federation “On Trademarks, Service Marks And Appellations Of Origin”	Improvement of the legal regulation in the field of protection of intellectual property rights and results of intellectual activity.	The Draft Laws passed the first reading in the Duma.
Federal Law “On Additions and Amendments to the Law Of The Russian Federation “On Copyright And Related Rights”	Improvement of the legal regulation in the field of protection of intellectual property rights and results of intellectual activity.	The Draft Law developed by a deputy is discussed in the Duma committees.