

Press Release

From 27 to 29 March 2019, the second phase of the World Customs Organization «**Mercator**» Program Diagnostic Mission was held at the headquarters of the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan (SRC).

In December 2018, WCO report on the first phase of the Mission was sent to the SRC, which reflected the main recommendations of the WCO experts on the implementation of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO TFA). The purpose of the second phase of the Mission is to create a detailed action plan based on the proposed recommendations and the roadmap.

The Mercator program covers a long-term development plan (2-4 years) of customs administrations and includes WCO support for capacity building, involvement of stakeholders and donors, as well as evaluation and monitoring of the implementation activities of the WTO TFA system.

WCO accredited experts - Ira Tan and Bert de Haas, who are the Dutch Customs Service officers and Mercator Program consultants were invited to conduct the diagnostic mission.