

STATE REVENUE COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

Training and Methodical Center of State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan with the support of OSCE Programme Office in Astana city organized an international workshop "**Free (special) economic zones of foreign countries and member states of the Eurasian Economic Union**" on **August 28-29, 2018** in Aktau.

Experts from customs administrations of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Uzbekistan shared their knowledge and experience during the workshop. Also a well-known expert in this sphere from Asian Center for Studies of the Copenhagen Business School, Professor Aradhna Aggarwal, was invited to share her research on logistical free economic zones (FEZ). Participants of the workshop were officers of state revenue bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, representatives of management companies of free economic zones and companies of "Morport Aktau" FEZ.



There are 11 FEZ in the Republic of Kazakhstan that were established with the purpose to activate foreign economic relations, accelerate development of the regions, support their economy and solve social problems by attracting investments, new technologies and modern management as well as creating highly efficient and competitive industries.

The objective of the workshop was to study international experience and practical aspects of work in FEZ (in logistical zones, port zones, zones the limits of which completely or partially coincide with customs border of Eurasian Economic Union) and exchange of experience in application of “free customs zone” customs procedure due to entry into force of EEU Customs Code and Code "On Customs regulation in the Republic of Kazakhstan" on January 1, 2018. Both Codes has a number of features of this customs procedure and application connected with national legislation of EEU member states. These innovations are aimed to simplify and accelerate customs processes,

reduce administrative barriers, introduce electronic declaration and improve investment climate in the Republic of Kazakhstan.



Experience in the application of the customs procedure of the free customs zones in the conditions of the Customs Code of the EEU, the improvement of work on the organization of customs control and conduct of customs operations, as well as the procedure for the application of tax and customs privileges in these zones were shared by: Kovalev A.V. - Head of the Elabuga customs post of the FCS of the Russian Federation, Tymanovich E.V. - Deputy Head of the Department of Organization of Customs Declaration and Release of Goods of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, Berdibekov A.U. - Senior Inspector of the Customs Procedures Department of the WTSS GTS under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Pardaev I.G. - officer of the customs payments department of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The creation and prospects for the development of FEZ in the Republic of Azerbaijan was reported by the head of the UOTC SCC department, Najafli D.

Ansarova Irina - Deputy Director of customs administration department of National chamber of commerce "Atameken" talked about legal aspects of FEZ functioning in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Representatives of Customs Methodology Department of the Committee actively participated in preparation and organization of the workshop: Tanatar Sergaziev - Deputy Chief who also acted as a workshop moderator, Zhanna Koptleuova - chief expert and Almas Essenbayev - chief expert of customs control department.

All workshop participants received certificates confirming successful completion of the workshop.

A survey aiming to receive the feedback from participants was conducted which showed good organizational level of the workshop, high professional competences of experts and increased knowledge level of participants.

All participants noted the necessity to hold more similar workshops in order to give opportunity to discuss problem areas “face-to-face” and establish appropriate contacts for further cooperation in the area of FEZ operation.

