
KYRGYZSTAN APPEALS TO WTO OVER BORDER CRISIS

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Kyrgyzstan sent an official appeal to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the situation at the Kyrgyz-Kazakh state border.

The basis for the appeal was the violation of the key provisions of the general agreement on tariffs and trade and the agreement on the establishment of the WTO by Kazakhstan, the press service of Kyrgyz government reported.

Kyrgyzstan, being a full member of the WTO, like Kazakhstan, will defend its rights within the framework of the organization, the message said.

Kazakhstan introduced additional control measures on the Kyrgyz-Kazakh and Russian-Kazakh state borders on October 10, 2017. The measures are taken as part of planned activities, according to Kazakh side.

Meanwhile, the average daily number of persons and vehicles from Kyrgyzstan decreased by 2.4 times at major and busiest checkpoints Ak-Zhol and Ak-Tilek after the introduction of additional control measures by the Kazakh side.

Since October 10, as many as 3,000 persons and 300 transport units cross the border daily.

Previously, more than 8,000 persons and over 600 transport units crossed the border daily.

Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambayev said on October 15 that he intends to initiate an

extraordinary meeting of the EAEU council of the heads of state in case situation on the border will not change for the better within two days.

In January-August 2017, trade turnover between Kazakhstan and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) member-states grew 31.6 percent to \$10.8 million. In the total Kazakhstan-EAEU states trade turnover, Kyrgyzstan accounts for 4.3 percent.

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