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About the paper

Inadequate export quality infrastructure in Kyrgyzstan is a key obstacle for Kyrgyz exporters.

A survey of over 300 companies on non-tariff measures (NTMs) found 58% of Kyrgyz exporters to be facing challenges with various regulatory and procedural obstacles to trade. Inadequate testing and certification facilities in the country is a major challenge making compliance with technical requirements difficult – especially those of the Eurasian Economic Union and the European Union.

The report recommends upgrading domestic infrastructure, enforcing quality compliance, streamlining procedures and diversifying export portfolio.

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Acronyms

Unless otherwise specified, all references to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, and all references to tons are to metric tons.

ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CU	Customs Union
EAEU	Eurasian Economic Union
EEA	European Economic Area
EU	European Union
GAP	Good Agricultural Practices
GHP	Good Handling Practices
GMP	Good Management Practice
GDP	Gross domestic product
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
HACCP	Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points
HS	Harmonized System
ILAC	International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
ITC	International Trade Centre
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
KCA	Kyrgyz Center for Accreditation
KGS	Kyrgyz soms
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MAST	Multi-Agency Support Team
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MFN	Most-favoured-nation
MRA	Mutual Recognition Arrangement
NAMA	Non-agricultural market access
NTB	Non-tariff barrier
NTM	Non-tariff measure
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PO	Procedural obstacle
SPS	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise

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