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РОССИЯ И ВТО: ЗА ИЛИ ПРОТИВ?

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Аннотация. Эта статья посвящена рассмотрению вопроса вступления России во Всемирную торговую организацию (ВТО). Этот процесс имеет неоднозначный характер. В этой статье рассматриваются положительные и отрицательные стороны влияния этого процесса на российскую экономику.

Ключевые слова: Россия; Всемирная торговая организация; влияние; экономика.

RUSSIA AND WTO: FOR OR AGAINST?

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Abstract. This article is devoted to consideration of a question of Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). This process has dual character. In this article it is considered positive and negative influence of this process on the Russian economy.

Key words: Russia; World Trade Organization; influence; economy.

Today the most important line of the present stage of development of the world economy is growth of interrelation and interdependence of economy of the different countries, development of integration processes on micro and macro level, intensive transition of many countries to economy of open type [1]. Our country also actively participates in world integration processes. And today one of the questions of hour is the entry of our country into the WTO that is the only global international organization dealing with rules of trade between the countries.

On 16 December 2011, Russia cleared the final hurdle to become a WTO member. WTO Ministers adopted Russia's WTO terms of entry at the 8th Ministerial Conference in Geneva. I interested this question and I set the following purpose – to consider positive and negative sides of the entry of Russia in the WTO and to draw certain conclusions.

There are different opinions on Russia's accession to the WTO. For example, according to WTO Ministers, Russia's accession to the WTO will strengthen the multilateral trading system [5, p.10].

Center of market researches considered process of Russia's accession to the WTO and came to a conclusion that this step will be for us favorable and advantageous. The Ministry of Russian Economic Development in the scientific article «Russia and the WTO» [4] considered the main advantages to the country from WTO membership and drew the following conclusions:

- creation of more favorable conditions of access to the world markets of goods and services on the basis of predictability and stability of development of trade relations with WTO member countries;
- access to the WTO mechanism on the settlement of disputes providing protection of national interests if they are restrained by partners, and thus discrimination elimination.

The Center of market researches [3] defines the accession to WTO purposes. Accession to WTO has to answer a strategic objective of the Russian Federation of achievement of economic safety and political independence.

According to experts, after accession to WTO there have to be most favorable conditions which include:

1. Direct participation in development of the norms regulating the international commercial relations.
2. Protection. Exception of infringement of the rights of Russia in the sphere of international trade, providing sufficient degree of security of domestic producers.
3. Access. Ensuring real improvement of access to the world markets of goods and services.

However some experts in the field of the international economy have other views about Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization. For example, Maxim Medvedkov, director of the department of trade negotiations of the ministry, in the article «Economic Services – under State Control» [2, p. 25] considered some problems of foreign economic relations and international trade of Russia after accession to WTO. In his opinion this step can lead to certain threats and risks because of the following reasons:

1. Competition growth. The Russian industry should compete with the strongest world economies.

2. Absorption of production by the foreign companies. In the conditions of increase of the competition absorption of rather weak productions is inevitable.

3. Closing of the enterprises and unemployment growth. Flow of cheap import will lead to closing of a number of the weakest productions which haven't sustained the competition and increase of unemployment.

4. Rise in prices. Russia should level in the next years the internal energy costs and transport tariffs with world that will negatively affect cost of production [2, p. 29]. Bad side for small business it is possible to assume that the state will put very little and not too qualified efforts to provide to small business comfortable conditions after accession to WTO.

It is clear that participation in trade and economic relations with foreign partners the state intervention has to be directed on the maximum decrease

in negative consequences of Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization, development of competitive advantages of the country, effective customs and tariff policy, support of a domestic producer and increase of a level of quality of life of the population.

Thus, there is no consensus about the entry of our country into the WTO. On the one hand, it is integration into the world economy, realization of strategy of foreign economic activity, on the other hand, it is threats and risks to a domestic production. In my opinion, the topic needs deeper studying in the future because this process proceeds till today and a lot of things will depend on this step for world economy, for the country and certainly for each of us.

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