



EURASIAN ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION

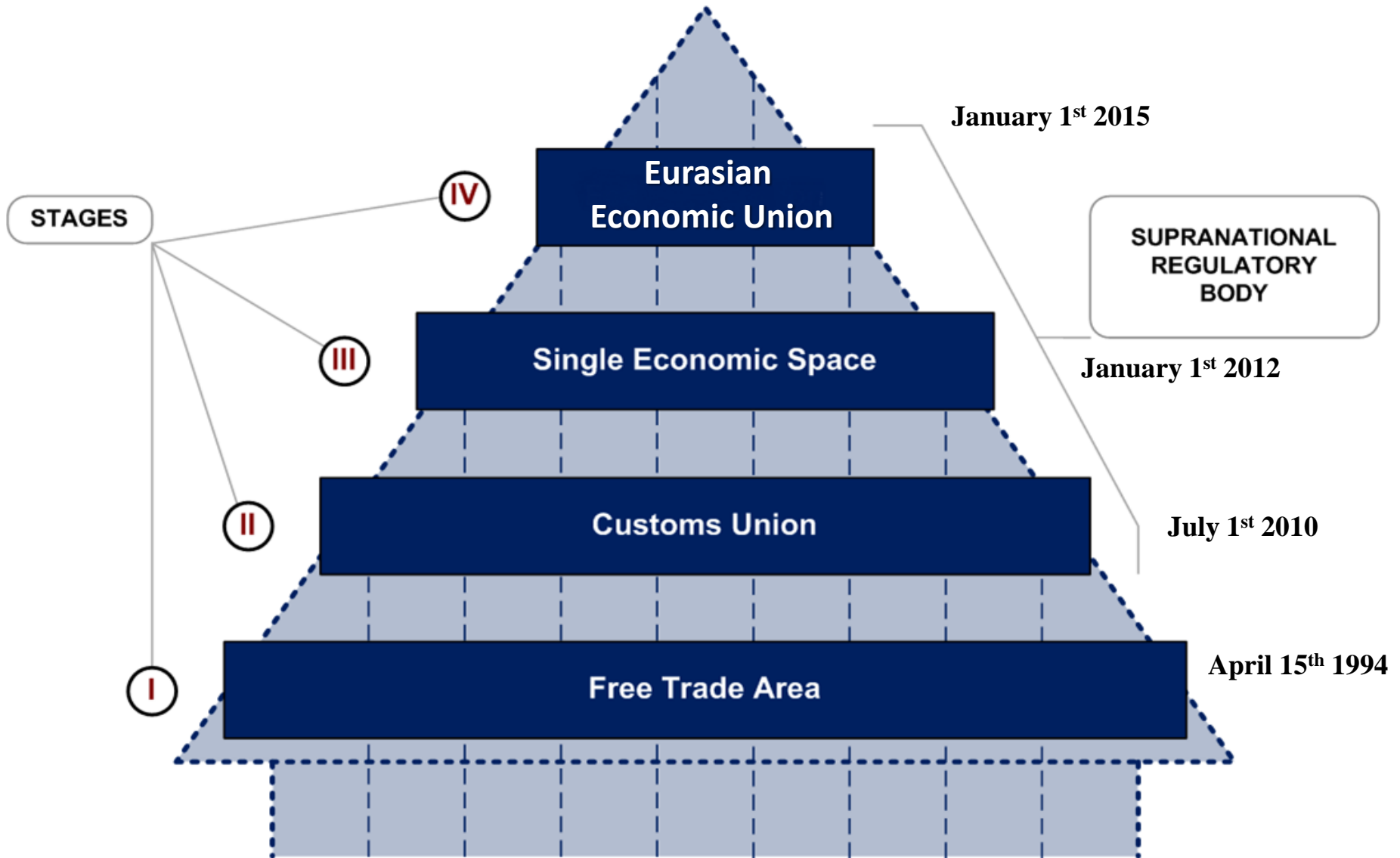
# Eurasian Economic Integration

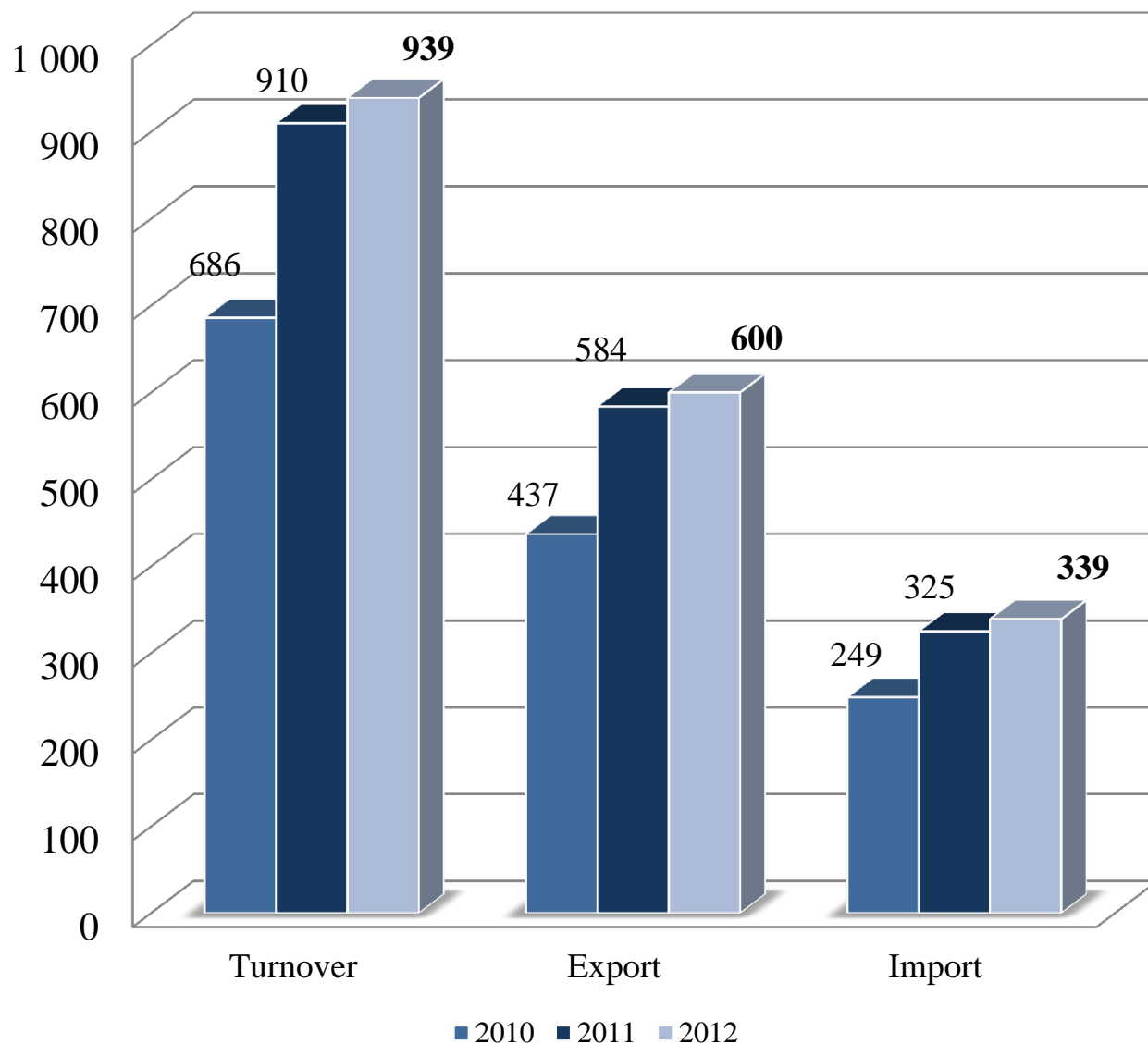
## General Overview

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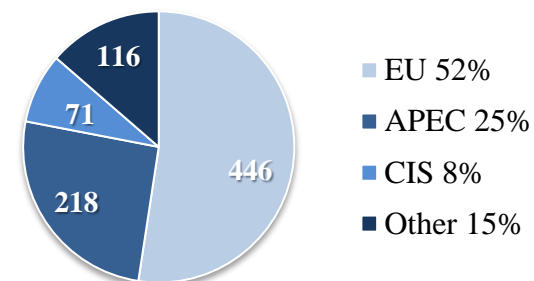


- **CU Member States:** Republic of Belarus  
Republic of Kazakhstan  
Russian Federation
- **Surface:** 20 mln. km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population:** 169 mln.
- **Total GDP:** 2,7 trn. \$ US (4 % of world GDP)
- **Total volume of external trade:** 910 bln. \$ US

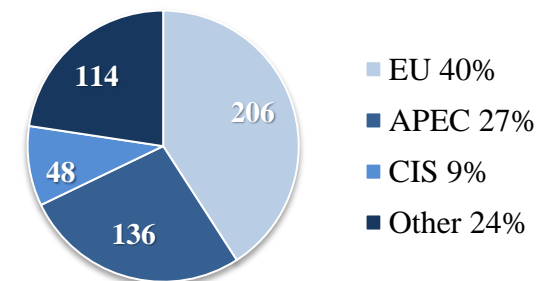




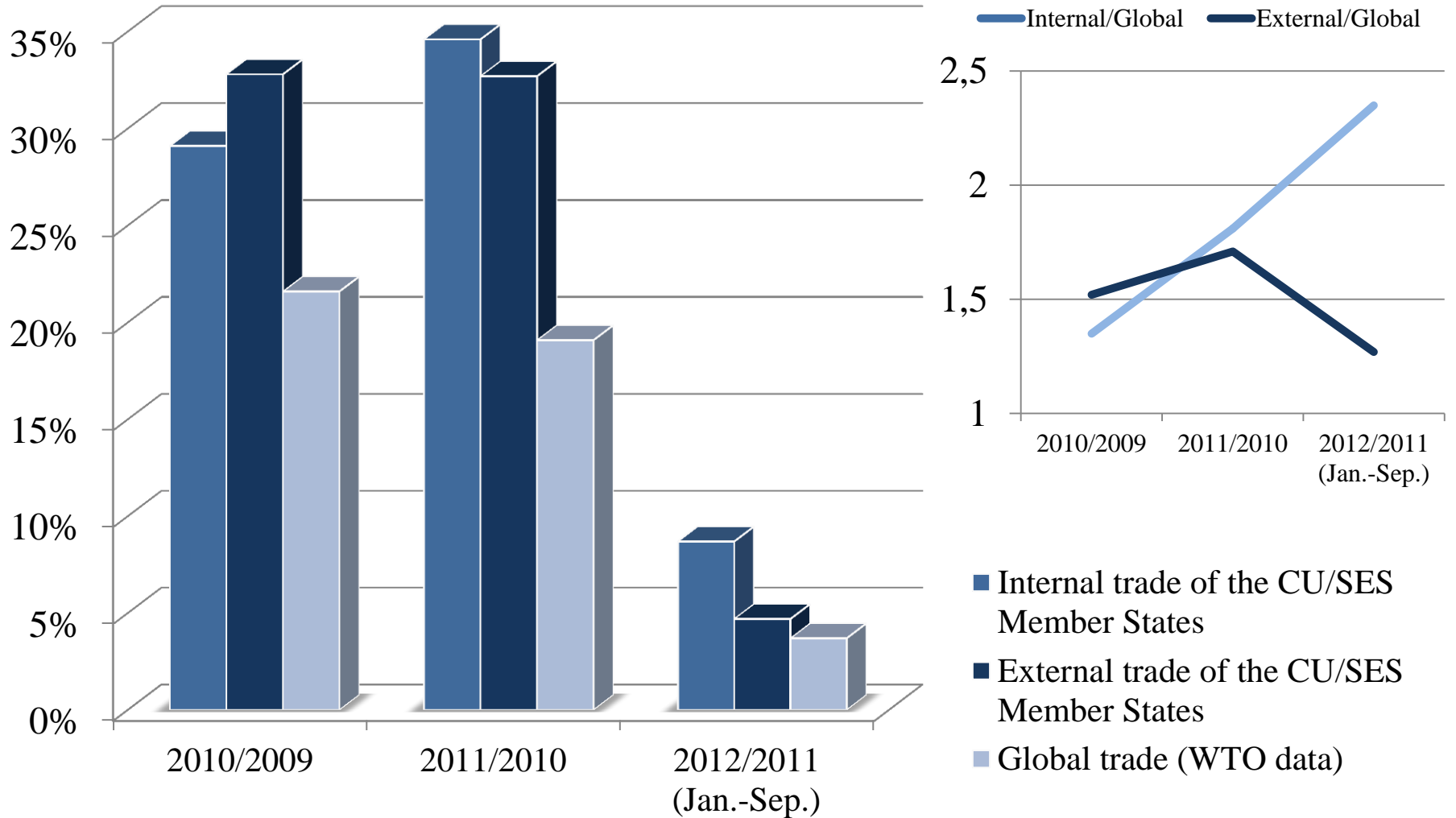
**Geography of Trade (2012)**



**Geography of Trade (2012, oil/gas excluded)**



\*Data in \$ bln.



**Supreme  
Body of the  
CU and the  
SES**

**- defines the  
strategy and the  
objectives of further  
development of the  
CU and the SES**

**The Common  
permanent  
regulatory  
body of the CU  
and the SES**

**- ensures functioning  
and development of  
the CU and the SES,  
carries out the  
initiatives on further  
economic integration**

**SUPREME EURASIAN  
ECONOMIC COUNCIL**  
- level of Heads of State  
- level of Heads of Government



**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
(the Commission)**

**Council of the Commission:**  
3 Members of the Council

**Board of the Commission:**  
Chairman + 8 Members of the Board (Ministers)

**EurAsEC  
Court**

**Structural units of  
the Commission**

**Departments of  
the Commission**

**Consultative  
bodies of the  
Commission**

**- ensure the interaction  
with national authorities**

## Council of the Commission



Belarus – **Sergei Rumas**



Kazakhstan – **Kairat Kelimbetov**



Russia – **Igor Shuvalov**

## Board of the Commission

**Chairman of the Board**  
**Viktor Khristenko**

**Tatiana Valovaya**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of development of integration and macroeconomics

**Valery Koreshkov**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of technical regulation

**Andrey Slepnev**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of trade

**Danial Akhmetov**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of energy and infrastructure

**Sergey Sidorsky**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of industry and agribusiness

**Nurlan Aldabergenov**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of competition

**Vladimir Goshin**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of customs cooperation

**Timur Suleimenov**

Member of the Board - Minister in charge of economy and financial policy

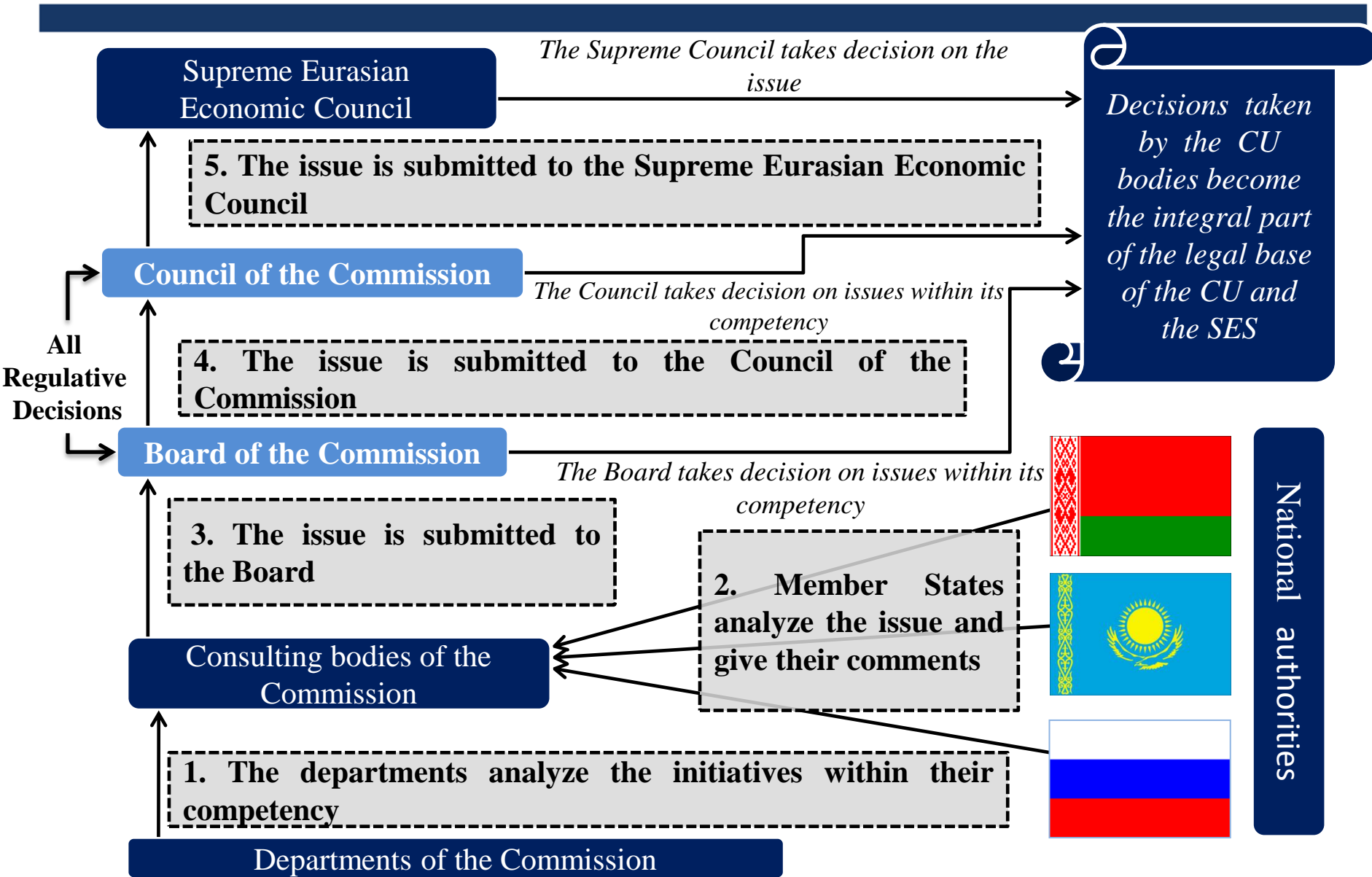
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## **Foreign Trade Issues**

- Tariff regulation
- Non-tariff regulation
- Customs administration
- Technical regulation
- Sanitary, veterinary, and phytosanitary measures
- Statistics of external and mutual trade
- Trade remedies
- Establishment of trade regimes for third countries

## **Other Issues**

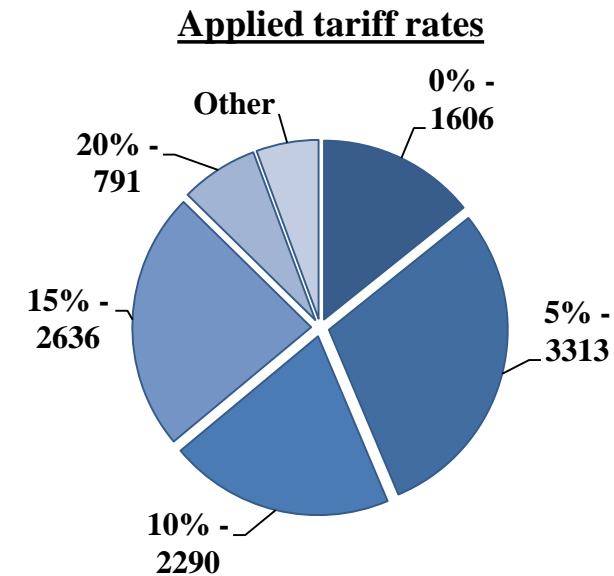
- Macroeconomic policy
- Competition policy
- Industrial and agricultural subsidies
- Energy policy
- Transport and transportation
- Natural monopolies
- State and (or) municipal procurement
- Mutual trade in services and investment
- Financial markets (banking, insurance, foreign exchange market, stock market)
- Currency policy
- Protection of intellectual property and identification means for goods, work and services
- Labor migration

## Competence of the Commission:

- Determining and adjusting:
  - Import tariff rates
  - Tariff preferences
  - Tariff exemptions
  - Rules of origin
  - Rules and guidelines on customs valuation

## Competence of the Member States:

- Application of regulative norms set by EEC
- Regulatory enforcement



## **Competence of the Commission:**

- Taking decisions to introduce and cancel non-tariff measures including:
  - Licensing
  - Quantitative restrictions (such as those in accordance with Article XX of GATT)
  - Exclusive rights to export/import
  - Export and import quotas
- Determining the procedure of application of non-tariff measures
- Allocating export and import quotas between the Member States, and, if necessary, allocating/distributing import quotas between third countries

## **Competence of the Member States:**

- Applying regulative norms set by EEC
- Regulatory enforcement
- Allocating quotas between national importers or exporters

## **Competence of the Commission:**

- Adopt decisions on imposition, extension, review or termination of trade remedy measures by the Customs Union to third countries
- Conduct investigations (anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard) and holding consultations with interested parties
  - Investigating authority – Department for Internal Market Defence of the EEC
- Monitor the application of the relevant decisions of the Commission

## **Competence of the Member States:**

- Implementation of trade remedy measures (collection of duties, administration of quotas)

## **Competence of the Commission:**

- Developing and adopting:
  - Technical Regulations of the Customs Union
  - Common List of Products Subject to Technical Regulation
  - Criteria for Conformity Assessment Bodies and Test Laboratories
  - Rules for Conformity Assessment
  - Common Forms for Certification and Declaration of Conformity

## **Competence of the Member States:**

- Regulatory Enforcement
- Developing and Adopting:
  - National standards (non-obligatory)
  - Rules, norms and recommendations in the sphere of standardization
  - Standards adopted by organizations (standards of enterprises, scientific, technical, engineering institutions and other societies)
  - Sets of rules, (voluntary documents, elaborated and approved by the national bodies related to standardization)

## **Competence of the Commission:**

- Developing and adopting:
  - List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control
  - List of Goods Subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Supervision
  - List of Products Under Quarantine (regulated goods, regulated articles of regulated products)
  
  - Common Veterinary Requirements
  - Uniform Sanitary-Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Products Subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Supervision
  
  - Order and Procedures of Veterinary Control
  - Common Forms of Documents Confirming the Safety of Products

## **Competence of the Member States:**

- Implementation of Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Control (Surveillance)
- Carrying out Joint Inspections of Objects and Sampling Goods (Products) Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)
- Development and Implementation of temporary veterinary sanitary and phytosanitary measures and requirements

## Competence of the Commission:

- Approving common rules for customs operations in the Customs Union
  - Customs declaring and clearance
  - Customs examination
- Approving customs documents forms and the rules of their fulfillment
  - Forms of customs declaration, declaration of customs value, passenger customs declaration, acts of customs control, etc.

## Competence of the Member States:

- Determining specific requirements for customs operations (when it is permitted by the Customs Code)
- Regulatory enforcement

Declaration on the Eurasian Economic Integration by the three Presidents (November 2011):

**«In their practical cooperation, the member countries of the SES are guided by norms and rules of the WTO and confirm the importance of the accession of all three states to the Organization»**

The Russian Federation became a member of the WTO in August of 2012

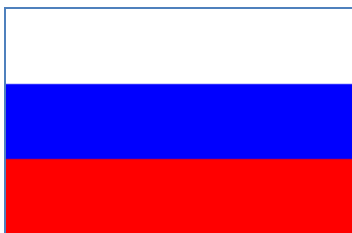


Treaty on the **Functioning of the CU in the Framework of Multilateral Trade System** of 19 May of 2011

August 2012

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Action plan of adaptation the CU and SES legal framework to the multilateral trading system was adopted on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 by the Board Decision № 54

## Tariff Regulation – Implemented

- **New Import Customs Tariff** (the Council Decision № 54 on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

## Customs Valuation – Implemented

- **Interpretative Notes** of the WTO Agreement on Implementation (Article VII of the GATT 1994 Methods for Customs Valuation)

The Board **Recommendation** № 1 “On the Rules for Checking whether the Interrelation Between the Seller and the Buyer Influences the Transaction Value” of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The Board **Decisions** in regards to the Application of the Customs Valuation Methods:

- **№ 202** of 30.10.12
- **№ 214** of 13.11.12
- **№ 273** of 12.12.12
- **№ 283** of 20.12.12

## SPS – Implemented

- E.g. to ensure compatibility with international standards, recommendations and guidelines in particular OIE standards, several Decisions on **Common Veterinary Requirements and Common Forms of Veterinary Certificates** were taken:
  - № 254 of 04.12.2012
  - № 262 of 04.12.2012
  - № 274 of 12.12.2012
  - № 307 of 25.12.2012
  - № 308 of 25.12.2012

## SPS – Ongoing process

- **Guidelines on inspection** reflecting the reliance on international standards, guidelines and recommendations (currently are going through public hearings and estimated to be approved by June 2013)
- Amendments to the Common System of Joint Inspections of Objects and Sampling Goods (Products), Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance) currently are going through public hearings and estimated to be approved by June 2013

## **Transparency – Implemented**

- Council Decision № 48 “On Regulation on the Procedure for Development, Adoption, Amendment and Cancellation of Technical Regulations of the Customs Union” of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (**revising** the old Regulation)
- The Customs Union Commission Decision № 721 “On the **application of international standards**, recommendations and guidelines” of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

## **Transparency – Ongoing process**

- Draft of the Decision “On **assuring transparency** in the process of adopting Eurasian Economic Commission acts in SPS sphere” to be presented to the Board on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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