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Quick Info

Palestinian Exports increased in November, 2013 by 18.6% compared to October, 2013 and increased by 13.2% compared to November, 2012 and reached USD 85.0 Million.*

* Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) information.

The Palestinian Shippers' Council (**PSC**) was established as an independent, non- for profit organization that represents the interests of Palestinian Shippers, importers and exporters, in addition to local industries as the end-users of maritime shipping, air freight and land transportation.

The **PSC** also seeks to contribute to the development of the Palestinian economy, through expanding and facilitating trade at all stages of the logistical supply chain.

The **PSC** responds to the needs of the trade community by providing direct services to its members, as well as indirect services to the trade sector as a whole, these services include:

- Logistical and technical support;
- Legal services and consultancy;
- Trainings, raising awareness, and capacity building.

PSC Training Program

PSC in cooperation with UNCTAD, and the Continuous Education Center of Birzeit University, is developing a professional training Program in "Managing Imports and Exports" focusing on international trade management and Transport Logistics.

This program consists of 8 training modules to be delivered as a diploma, providing knowledge in all aspects of managing imports and exports of goods.

With this program, **PSC** aims to improve the quality of services of Palestinian traders and reduce the cost and time loss occurring in a foreign trade transaction.

PSC adopted a ToT approach to raise participant's knowledge in trade through the support of national and international experts, and develop their skills to successfully deliver trainings, in the form of a complete diploma of 320 hours, or customized modules of 36 hours.

This program will be launched in May 2014, in Arabic, targeting professionals in the field and/or new graduates aiming to enter the Palestinian private sector market.

Legal Services Provided by PSC

- Provision of legal advice in matters of international trade.
- Legal reviews and/or drafting of international trade contracts.
- Authorization of various trade documents.
- Legal follow up at all levels of import and export related issues.



The Legal Unit's Future Activities

The legal unit is planning to hold a workshop concerning goods that are classified under the title of "The dual-use dilemmas faced by traders", aiming to clarify the content of the dual-use merchandise, and how to deal with the Israeli side in case of importing any of them.

The unit will also hold a workshop about the damage to goods during transportation, and how to claim compensation; where goods are often exposed to damage, delay or theft during transfer from one country to another, thus the workshop aims to educate Palestinian traders about the mechanisms that determine the responsible party for the damage, and how to take action and claim indemnity.

Upcoming Events

Workshop on import regulations for the Electronics and the ICT sector

The ICT sector is becoming a significant player in the development of the Palestinian economy, contributing around 6.1% to the Palestinian GDP (2011). With a young Palestinian population as its main resource, this sector has great potential to grow and most importantly to be a leading employer for this segment, noting that the youth (15-29years) represents around 30% of the Palestinian population. (PBS, 2012).

Facilitating the import of Electronics and ICT's equipment, components and spare parts is highly important due to the considerable reliance of those sectors on import and the extensive security measures and restrictions imposed by the Israeli government. Accordingly the PSC is planning to organize a training workshop that will target both the Palestinian ICT and electronics importers and manufacturers in order to provide them with the proper knowledge needed to comply with the Israeli rules and regulations and to maintain a smooth and cost effective import process.



Workshop on the Rules and Regulations for Importing Chemicals into the oPt

Various types of chemicals are vital for the development and the growth of different industries such as food, shoes, plastics, medicine, packaging and agriculture (fertilizers). Some of those industries, such as shoes and medicine carry great potential for increasing the Palestinian exports value, and to such a degree reducing the substantial trade deficit.

However, the import of chemicals into the oPt is hindered by complex Israeli regulations and restrictions that hamper the capability of the above-mentioned industries to grow.

The workshop aims at bridging further trade information gaps at the Palestinian shippers community by clarifying the process of importing chemicals into the oPt and providing a comprehensive explanation of its regulations and restrictions and suggesting ways to reduce the customs clearance cost and time.

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