

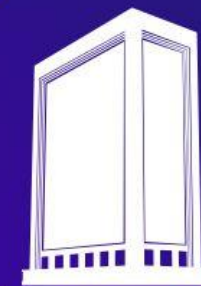
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**MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
POVERTY REDUCTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN**

**INDEX OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM:
Major implemented reforms
in the Ist half of 2021**

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Property rights

It is planned to introduce the index "Rule of law of the regions", which assesses the state of the rule of law on the basis of the rating

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The procedure for **requesting information in paper form**, which can be obtained **electronically** in government agencies, local executive bodies and other government agencies, has been abolished

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Allocation of land plots to the private sector - **on the basis of property and lease rights**, to state bodies, institutions, citizens' self-government bodies - **on the basis of the right of permanent use**

Strategy for the development of a national system was adopted to combat money laundering and financing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

The state service of **registration of the cadastral passport** rendered by the Cadaster Agency under the State Tax Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan **has been transferred to the private sector**

The main tasks and activities of the Cadaster Agency under the State Tax Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan **have been identified** in order to regulate land allocation and placement of agricultural crops

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Existing legal restrictions on the registration of a trademark or service mark only in the name of a legal entity or individual carrying out business activities **have been eliminated**

Property rights

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An **expedited examination procedure** has been introduced, which dramatically reduces the time required for **state registration of intellectual property**

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It is **planned to launch a "Patent Platform"** to promote the proper accounting of intellectual property, the commercialization of research results

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The **"Best Intellectual Property" competition** has been launched to encourage the **creators of intellectual property**

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In order to further improve the system of public administration in the field of intellectual property, **Intellectual Property Protection Centers** have been established

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Draft Law on Geographical Indicators developed within the framework of the regional project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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Information portal "IP-Protection" developed to provide with the information on number and regions of counterfeit products in the field of intellectual property

Judicial effectiveness

01 Separate civil, criminal, and economic courts **have been set up in regional courts**



In order to reduce the amount of punishment imposed on the accused in the criminal case on the basis of compliance with the requirements of the agreement, **the institution of plea agreement was introduced**

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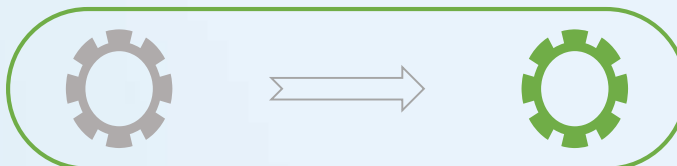
02 The institute of supervisory appeals against court decisions has been abolished, and **the current procedure for appealing and appealing against court decisions has been radically changed.**



In order to expand the exchange of electronic information and ensure **the transparency of judges, the information systems of the courts have been integrated** with the information systems of government agencies and organizations

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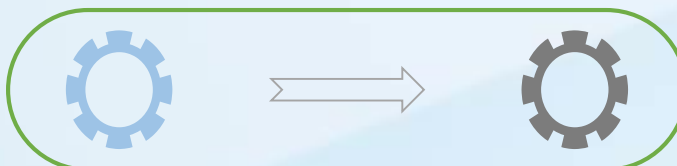
03 **Remuneration of judges**, additional bonuses, long-term service and additional qualifications were **transferred to the state budget**



The prosecutor reconsidered the grounds and procedure for protesting the court's decision

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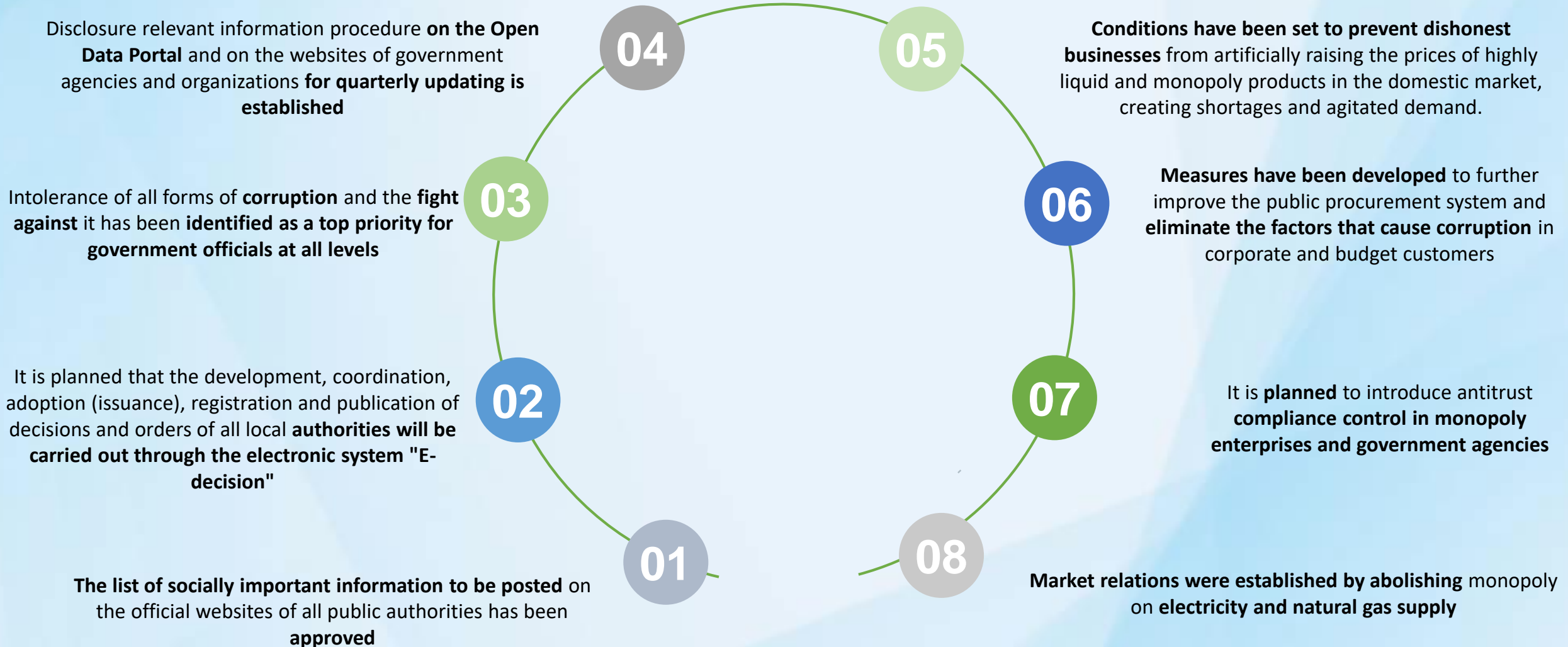
04 In order to further improve the procedure for the appointment of cases for trial, to increase the efficiency of the appointment phase of the trial, **the institute of preliminary hearings was introduced**



With the introduction of the institution of pre-trial detention, the court **established a procedure for questioning witnesses and victims at the request of the prosecutor** during the pre-trial phase of the case

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Government integrity



Tax burden

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In order to **prevent the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic** on businesses, some **preferences have been extended**

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In order to **further increase the competitiveness of the tourism market** in the country, to create a favorable domestic and international tourism environment, the validity of certain types of **tax benefits has been extended**

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The order of creation of new types of **modern electrical engineering and household appliances production** facilities in the republic, comprehensive support of local manufacturers **has been established**

04

For **breeding entities**, the income tax, property tax, land tax and water use **tax rate of 50% will be applied to their main activities**

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Property and land tax benefits have been provided to businesses

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Regulations on the procedure for managing tax risks and identifying taxpayers (tax agents) belonging to the category of high risk were approved

Business freedom

01

The automated **system of state registration of business entities** has been integrated with the pension fund system

02

The procedure for filling in the **information about the beneficial owners** by the business entity in the process of filling out the questionnaire in the System is **established**

Trade freedom

A simplified procedure for mandatory environmental certification of environmentally hazardous products and wastes has been introduced

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It is planned to introduce a procedure for the free circulation of certain types of high-risk products in the country after the state registration

The list of products subject to mandatory certification under the supervision of the Ecological and Veterinary Service, in accordance with the sanitary-epidemiological conclusion, has been approved

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Standards of foreign countries allow to carry out the certificate of conformity by conformity assessment bodies without the state registration in the Republic of Uzbekistan

A new electronic system has been developed and integrated into the "Single Window" information system to provide a certificate confirming the country of origin of goods

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In order to simplify customs control, the period of customs clearance has been reduced from 3 days to 1 day

In the field of technical regulation, the directions of radical improvement of public administration (standardization, certification) have been identified

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In the customs information system "Single Window" introduced a procedure for online electronic application and digitalization of documents for obtaining certificates and permits of the competent authorities

Trade freedom

The order of accounting and control over the payment of customs duties in the transportation of foreign goods has been established

The procedure for filing initial, periodic and incomplete customs **cargo declarations** has been introduced

The order of collection of customs duties for customs clearance of goods and means of transport outside the designated places and (or) outside the established working hours of the customs authorities **was approved**

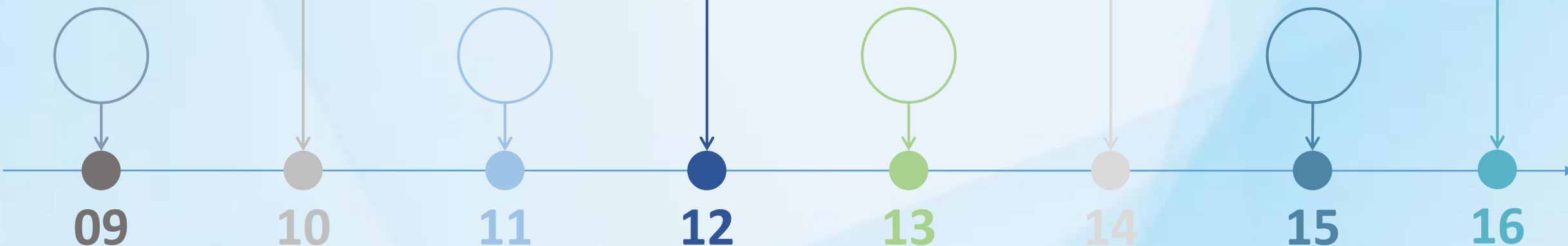
After the issuance of the internal phytosanitary certificate, a regulated product **tracking system** was introduced

In order to further simplify the process of registration of vehicles, the **Regulation on the procedure for conducting a customs audit** was approved

The Regulation on the procedure for writing off bad debts from the single electronic information system of foreign trade operations **was approved**

The norm of liability for non-compliance with the deadlines set by the customs authority for the delivery of vehicles and their documents **has been removed**

The Republic of Uzbekistan **has sharply improved** its position in the **World Tariff Profiles 2021**, reaching an average of **4.7%** of the weighted customs tariffs



Labor freedom

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Areas for improving the system of support for young people, promoting their employment, encouraging entrepreneurial ideas and initiatives **have been identified**

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ILO Convention No. 187 on the Fundamentals of Occupational Safety and Health (Geneva, 15.06.2006) **has been ratified**

Investment freedom

1

Improved market mechanisms for the formation of the national exchange rate, **increased the role of commercial banks** in the formation of the exchange rate

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The legal regime of enterprises with foreign investment and the procedure for **conducting investment activities** outside the Republic of Uzbekistan **have been established**

Monetary freedom

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UZONIA (Uzbek Overnight Index Average) and UZWIA (Uzbek Weekly Index Average) provide **daily information on the current state of the money market**

Financial freedom

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The directions of **transformation** of state-owned commercial banks and their **further privatization have been identified**

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A list of state assets to be put up for sale in 2021, as well as **state-owned companies** and state-owned enterprises **has been formed**

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The main directions of capital market development have been identified