

# Putin Signs WTO Bill

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President Vladimir Putin has signed Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization into law, completing an 18-year campaign to join the trade rules club, the Kremlin press office said Saturday.

Russia's upper house of parliament ratified the country's WTO entry earlier this month. The \$1.9 trillion Russian economy, the world's ninth-largest, will become the WTO's 156th member 30 days after ratification.

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