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Dear readers!

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We strive to provide you with the latest and most up-to-date information on the state of customs reform implementation and the implementation of measures to facilitate international trade in Ukraine. Therefore, send your opinion, feedback, and wishes regarding communication links and methods of providing information to: customs@ier.kyiv.ua

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The Government Introduced a Procedure for Monitoring Certificates of Origin for the Export of Certain Types of Agricultural Products

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1570 of 3 December 2025 "On Approval of the Procedure for Monitoring the Compliance of Information Contained in Expert Opinions on the Origin of Goods Issued by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine or a Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Information Contained in the Information and Communication System 'State Agrarian Register'"

The Procedure defines the mechanism for monitoring the compliance of information contained in expert opinions on the origin of goods issued by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine or regional chambers of commerce and industry with the information contained in the information and communication system "State Agrarian Register".

The purpose of the monitoring is to create conditions preventing abuses and violations of legislation during the export of agricultural products classified under codes 1201 and 1205 according to the Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity (UKTZED), with regard to exemption from payment of export duty as provided for in Article 1-1 of the Law of Ukraine "On Rates of Export (Outbound) Duty on Seeds of Certain Types of Oil Crops".

Agricultural producers intending to export certain types of goods grown by them or to sell such goods to an agricultural cooperative of which they are members for further export must be registered in the information and communication system "State Agrarian Register" and obtain the status of a user of this Register.

The Procedure establishes the regime for monitoring data on the origin of goods (in particular grain and oilseed crops) in the state register. Requirements are set for producers exporting products grown by them. Data exchange between public authorities, chambers of commerce and industry, and the State Customs Service is regulated to verify the accuracy of information contained in the expert opinions of the chambers of commerce and industry.

Source: https://surl.li/lfxpla

The Government Extended the Ban on Imports of Goods from Russia for Another Year

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1707 of 24 December 2025 "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 30 December 2015 No. 1147"

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1706 of 24 December 2025 "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 30 December 2015 No. 1146"

The Government once again extended for one year—until 31 December 2026—the ban on the import into the customs territory of Ukraine of goods originating from Russia. The list of such goods was approved by the Government Resolution of 30 December 2015 No. 1147 and is periodically updated.

In addition, by Resolution No. 1706 of 24 December 2025, for the same period (until 31 December 2026), the Government extended the validity of Resolution No. 1146 of 30 December 2015, which establishes import duty rates for goods imported from Russia. These measures have been in force in Ukraine since 2015.

Each year, these measures are extended by the Government of Ukraine; however, it would be more optimal to impose an indefinite ban on imports of goods from Russia instead of extending them annually.

Source: https://surl.li/ofavgz

Digital Solutions Introduced for Control in Seaports

Order of the State Customs Service of Ukraine No. 187 of 22 December 2025 "On Approval of the Specification of the Structure and Format of Electronic Messages for Data Exchange between the State Customs Service and Port Operators Regarding Vessel Calls"

The State Customs Service of Ukraine, jointly with the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority, has completed testing of an updated format for information exchange regarding vessel calls. The tests confirmed the technical readiness of state information platforms to operate in real time and laid the groundwork for deeper integration of digital services in the field of maritime logistics.

The completed testing enhances synchronization of information systems of public authorities, ensuring holistic and uninterrupted data exchange among all control participants. This, in turn, eliminates duplication of manual data entry, minimizes the risk of errors, and reduces the time required to complete formalities.

The implemented interaction creates the basis for a more convenient, faster, and more predictable service for members of the port community and also serves as a foundation for further development of automation of logistics processes in Ukrainian seaports.

Key effects include strengthened transparency and accountability, increased port throughput capacity, prompt coordination among public authorities, and preparation of Ukrainian infrastructure for the implementation of modern European standards for managing vessel calls.

The completed testing stage is part of the program for digital transformation of customs procedures, which предусматривает the transition from outdated paper logs to high-speed electronic registers integrated into national and international data systems.

Source: https://surl.li/cmanpv

Over Six Years, 110 Companies Obtained AEO Status

An Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) is an enterprise that has passed a conformity assessment and confirmed compliance with established criteria of transparency, reliability, and financial stability. Companies with AEO status enjoy a number of advantages when moving goods within international supply chains, including access to simplified customs procedures.

The first application for AEO authorization was submitted to the State Customs Service of Ukraine in 2020. Since then, customs authorities together with the business community have gone through a significant development path of this institution. In 2025 alone, 33 new companies successfully passed the conformity assessment, increasing the total number of authorized economic operators to 110.

The 110th company to obtain AEO status was LLC "Vyhidna Pokupka" (the "Aurora" retail chain). In 2025, the company paid more than UAH 2.3 billion in customs duties to the state budget and is among the top 50 largest taxpayers.

Source: https://surl.lt/bsppbo

Digitalization of Customs Clearance: Another Step Forward

As of 25 December 2025, the State Customs Service of Ukraine, within the new automated customs clearance system ASMO "Center", introduced a new module "Requests and Decisions". This module makes it possible, during the customs clearance process and when necessary, to involve specialized customs units in making decisions on the determination of customs value, country of origin, and classification in accordance with the Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity (UKTZED). From now on, such requests and decisions are generated and administered within the new automated system without unnecessary manual and paper-based procedures.

Adopted decisions (at this stage, only those concerning customs value) are sent to the declarant as part of the feedback message to the submitted customs declaration and are available at any time in the Personal Account on the "Single Window for International Trade" portal.

Until a decision is issued, the processing of the customs declaration is blocked (both in ASMO "Inspector" and ASMO "Center"), ensuring a unified process logic and eliminating parallel bureaucratic actions. The on-screen request forms have also been optimized, becoming more compact while remaining more informative.

The introduction of the "Requests and Decisions" module reduces customs clearance time by eliminating unnecessary bureaucratic movements and duplication of actions, and also makes the process more transparent for both foreign economic operators and customs officials.

The module is one of the key prerequisites for the full transition of customs clearance to ASMO "Center", which is planned to be implemented in the near future.

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The proposed newsletter is a continuation of the previous ones and is published within the framework of the activities of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting. The publication consists of three parts (if relevant materials are available):

· Regulations that have entered into force
· Draft regulations
· news.

We understand that small and medium-sized businesses do not have enough time to analyze new legislation or possible regulatory innovations. Also, a significant number of such acts are difficult for an average person to understand. "Monitoring of Trade Facilitation in Ukraine" is designed to draw attention to interesting events, innovations of Ukrainian legislation or planned changes related to the field of trade facilitation, in particular international trade, customs and customs issues, and can directly affect foreign economic entities. Also, in these publications, we will try to analyze draft regulations on this topic.

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The IER is engaged in the analysis of problems of economic development, international trade and business climate (in particular in the SME sector), participates in the development of policy documents at the national and regional levels.

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