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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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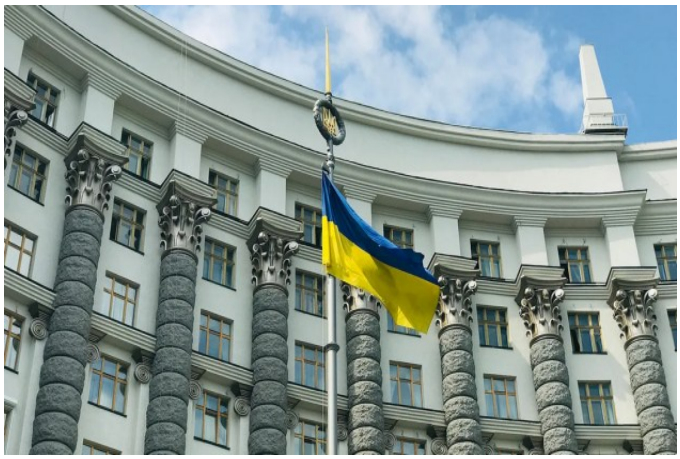
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REGULATORY LEGAL ACTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE



Amendments made to the Procedure for approving minimum acceptable export prices for certain types of goods

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated May 13, 2025 No. 553 "On Amendments to Clause 5 of the Procedure for Approving Minimum Acceptable Export Prices for Certain Types of Goods"

The Government's resolution introduced amendments to Clause 5 of the Procedure for approving minimum acceptable export prices for certain types of goods. These amendments clarify the pricing methodology and define exceptions.

Key changes:

- The minimum acceptable export price for a specific type of good under a particular delivery condition is set not lower than the weighted average price for a similar delivery condition in the previous month, multiplied by a coefficient of 0.714.
- The weighted average price is calculated based on anonymized data from the State Customs Service on the export of the relevant goods, taking delivery conditions into account.
- Exceptions: The calculation excludes goods declared under forward contracts, as well as certain types of seeds, including wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, soybeans, rapeseed, and mustard according to the Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity (UCGFEA).

If no exports of the relevant goods occurred in the previous month, the weighted average price is determined based on data for the last 12 months.

These changes aim to ensure transparency and objectivity in setting minimum acceptable export prices, which will contribute to stabilizing foreign trade and protecting Ukraine's economic interests.

Source: https://surl.lu/zvjnwg

Termination of the Agreement between Ukraine and Russia on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated May 16, 2025 No. 559 "On the Termination of the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters"

The Government terminated the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Russia on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, signed on June 24, 1993, in Kyiv. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has been instructed to notify Russia of the termination of this Agreement in the prescribed manner.

Source: https://surl.li/shpzbu

Proposal to exempt imports of optical fiber, optical harnesses, and cables into Ukraine from import duties

Draft Law of Ukraine, registration No. 13305 dated May 21, 2025, "On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine regarding the exemption from import duties for goods imported into the customs territory of Ukraine for security and defense needs and the elimination of technical inconsistencies"

Initiator: Member of Parliament of Ukraine.

Registration Date: May 21, 2025

The draft law is aimed at facilitating the production of unmanned systems necessary for national defense. It proposes exempting optical fiber, fiber-optic harnesses, cables, and spools of optical cable—key components for video signal transmission and control in drones—from import duties.

The draft law stipulates that companies involved in the production or repair of unmanned systems may import the necessary materials without additional customs duties. This will reduce production costs and enhance the efficiency of supplying modern equipment to the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other security institutions.

The draft law also provides for strict control over the intended use of the imported goods to prevent misuse.

In addition, the document resolves technical inconsistencies in Ukraine's customs legislation related to the implementation of the EU Customs Code. This step is intended to support Ukrainian manufacturers of high-tech defense products and strengthen the country's defense capabilities amid current challenges.

Source: https://surl.li/iculaz





The first company received authorization to conduct customs brokerage activities

As of April 19, 2025, the State Customs Service of Ukraine began issuing authorizations for customs brokerage activities under the new procedure according to the Customs Code and Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 1092 from 2022 with the latest amendments. As of May 27, 2025, the first authorization was issued to a company with experience and the current status of an Authorized Economic Operator (AEO-C).

The State Customs Service has received 93 applications for authorization, 41 of which were rejected at the preliminary review stage.

The customs service urges businesses to carefully prepare their documents, taking into account the latest legislative changes. Clarifications on application procedures and common mistakes are available at: https://surl.li/mvrdkw

Please note that current permits for conducting customs brokerage activities remain valid until April 19, 2026.

Source: https://surl.li/mvrdkw

90 Companies Have Obtained AEO Status

According to the State Customs Service, 90 companies in Ukraine have already obtained the status of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO). What does this mean for business?

The Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certificate is gaining increasing importance for Ukrainian businesses. It is a sign of a company's high level of maturity, openness, transparency, and responsibility in interactions with customs authorities.

The fact that 90 companies have obtained AEO status indicates the transformation of the program from a niche tool into a systemic approach to conducting foreign economic activity. While previously it was primarily adopted by large importers or logistics companies, today representatives from various sectors—from agriculture to mechanical engineering—are joining the initiative. It is worth noting that experts from The Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting had already predicted back in 2018–2019 that AEO status would attract not only large companies but also smaller enterprises engaged in routine foreign trade operations. And that over time, medium-sized businesses would also become interested in obtaining this status.

AEO status provides a number of advantages: expedited customs clearance, fewer inspections, simplified procedures, etc. However, more and more companies view this certification not only as a process optimization tool but also as a strong signal to partners and the market. For them, reputation, partner trust, and a commitment to long-term, systematic development are essential.

The successful implementation of the AEO program is part of Ukraine's European integration course and facilitates the alignment of the national customs system with European standards.

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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.

The IER regularly issues its own macroeconomic forecast for Ukraine and participates in the development of the consensus forecast of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine.

The IER team of sociologists conducts regular surveys of enterprises and experts in order to assess the business climate and expectations of Ukrainian business. IER successfully combines its analytical activities with advocacy for change and participation in the public life of Ukraine. The IER cooperates with central and local authorities, domestic and foreign think tanks, and civil society organizations. The work of the IER is financed by grants, charitable contributions and technical assistance funds.

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