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REGULATORY LEGAL ACTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE



Government approves new rules for honesty checks of customs officers

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 1, 2025 No. 366 "On Approval of the Procedure for Conducting a Psychophysiological Survey of Customs Officials and Candidates for Civil Service Positions in Customs Authorities with the Use of a Polygraph"

The Government has approved the rules for conducting a psychophysiological examination using a poly-graph. From now on, the procedure is carried out according to a clearly defined Procedure, which should make it more transparent, fair and respectful of human rights.

The new norms stipulate that any passage of the "lie detector" will be voluntary, and the process itself will be controlled and professional. A polygraphic survey is allowed to be conducted for employees of state bodies, law enforcement officers and other categories for whom a special integrity check is required.

Everyone who takes the survey must clearly know their rights and understand what the information is being collected for. Personal data of interviewees are under special protection, in accordance with the current legislation on their protection.

The resolution also determines how exactly specialists who conduct testing should be trained, what methods to use, how to record the results and who is responsible for possible violations.

Although the use of the polygraph still causes a lot of discussion in society, the new Procedure is a step towards a civilized application of this practice in Ukraine.

Source: https://surl.li/peffra

Amendments to the Regulation on Customs Declarations

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 11, 2025 No. 411 "On Amendments to the Regulation on Customs Declarations"

This Resolution amends the Regulation on Customs Declarations, which entered into force on April 19, 2025. These changes are aimed at harmonization of the customs legislation of Ukraine with the Customs Code of the European Union.

Main changes

1. Implementation of the M-16 customs declaration: Citizens are given the opportunity to declare certain goods by submitting the M-16 customs declaration in the form established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, including using information technologies.

2. Restrictions on the use of periodic declarations: Periodic customs declarations are not allowed to be used for the export or re-export of goods within the tariff quotas, which are distributed on a first-come, first -served basis provided for by the relevant international free trade agreements.

3. Possibility of making changes to declarations. In the case when the declaration was carried out by an indirect customs representative, amendments or withdrawal of the customs declaration may be carried out with the permission of the customs authority upon the written request of the declarant or the holder of the customs regime.

4. Clarification of the deadlines for submission of reports. The declarant is obliged to submit the relevant documents by the 15th day of the month following each calendar month of movement of goods across the customs border of Ukraine under the periodic customs declaration.

Cancellation of the term "authorized person": in the text of the Regulations and in its annexes, the words "or a person authorized by him" in all cases are canceled.

These changes are aimed at simplifying customs procedures, increasing transparency and efficiency of customs clearance, as well as adapting Ukrainian customs legislation to European Union standards.

Source: https://surl.li/eaghww

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A new temporary international checkpoint on the border with Hungary has been opened

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 8, 2025 No. 397 "On the Opening of the Temporary International Border Crossing Point "Velyka Palagy – Nagyhodos"

On April 8 of this year, the temporary checkpoint "Velyka Palad - Nogyhodosh" officially began its work. It will provide passenger traffic of passenger vehicles weighing up to 3.5 tons, except for buses.

The checkpoint will be open from 7:00 to 18:00. Central European Time. A feature of the checkpoint is its modular design: thanks to this, it was possible to ensure full functionality and quick commissioning with minimal resource costs.

Source: https://surl.lu/zrfwtp

The procedure for granting customs authorizations has been updated

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 454 of April 15, 2025 "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1092 of September 27, 2022"

The Resolution amends Resolution No. 1092 of September 27, 2022, which regulates the granting of customs authorizations in accordance with the Customs Code of Ukraine. These changes are of a technical nature and are aimed at implementing the updated legislation, bringing the system of customs authorizations closer to European standards.

Key innovations:

- updated application forms for obtaining customs authorizations, including authorizations for the use of the general guarantee and the operation of temporary storage warehouses;
- amendments have been made to the procedure for assessing the compliance of enterprises with the criteria for granting authorizations by customs authorities;

new forms of documents required to confirm the compliance of enterprises with the requirements of the Customs Code of Ukraine were approved.

These changes contribute to the modernization of the customs system of Ukraine and its harmonization with the customs procedures of the European Union.

Source: https://surl.lu/iatxsb



REGULATORY LEGAL ACTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE



Amendments to the implementation of the updated rules of origin within the framework of the Pan-Euro-Med Convention have been submitted for ratification

Draft Law of Ukraine Register. No. 0307 of 15 April 2025 "On ratification of Decision No. 2/2024 of the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin of 12 December 2024 amending Decision No. 1/2023 of the Joint Committee to incorporate transitional provisions to the amendments to the Regional Convention on Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin applicable from 1 January 2025"

Date of publication: April 15, 2025.

Initiator: President of Ukraine.

The draft law provides for the ratification of Decision No. 2/2024, adopted on December 12, 2024 by the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin (hereinafter referred to as the Convention). This Decision amends the previous Decision No. 1/2023 in order to include transitional provisions for the implementation of the updated rules of origin, which entered into force on January 1, 2025.

The main goal is to ensure a smooth transition to new rules of origin in trade in goods between the countries participating in the Convention. This will avoid obstacles in trade flows and gaps in the application of diagonal cumulation of origin, which could arise due to different deadlines for the implementation of new rules in different countries.

The Convention establishes uniform rules for determining the origin of goods used in free trade agreements between the participating countries. One of the key advantages is the diagonal cumulation mechanism, which allows the inclusion of raw materials and components from other participating countries in the production of the final product without losing its status of origin. This is critically important for the export of goods at preferential customs rates.

The adoption of this law will allow Ukraine to fulfill its international obligations under the Convention and ensure the continuity of the trade regime with EU countries and other participants.

On May 1, 2025, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine ratified this law, which is awaiting the signature of the President of Ukraine.

Source: https://surl.li/tosvoh

It is proposed to exempt goods originating from the United States from import duty

Draft Law of Ukraine Register. No. 13210 of April 24, 2025 "On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine on Exemption from Import Duty of Goods Originating in the United States of America"

Release date: April 24, 2025.

Initiator: People's Deputy of Ukraine.

The draft proposes to exempt goods originating from the United States from import duties. The author argues the need for the adoption of the draft law by the economic interests of Ukraine to deepen relations between Ukraine and the United States. In particular, in 2024, Ukraine imported goods worth about USD 3.5 billion from the United States.

Source: https://surl.lu/ogxwxu

Submission of an application for the provision of a minimum brokerage activity

The Law of Ukraine of 22 September 2024 No 3926-IX, which is the right to change the Mitny Code of Ukraine for the implementation of the provisions of the Mitnoy Code of the European Union, from 19 November 2025 established the suspension of authorization for the conduct of mitoch brokerage activities.

The form of the application for the implementation of the Migration Brokerage Activity, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 27 September 2022 roku No 1092 «Acts of Implementation of the Provisions of the Mitnogo Code of Ukraine» (with changes), posted on the official web portal of the State Migration Service of Ukraine for the Authorities - https://customs.gov.ua/zaiavi-pro-nadannia-avtorizatsiyi?#

Applications can be submitted in electronic form through the «Unified Vision for International Trade» («System for Work with Solutions of Local Organizations») - https://cabinet.customs.gov.ua/

Dzherelo: https://surl.li/wvfgvn



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· 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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