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Dear readers!

Here is the new issue of the Information Bulletin "Trade Facilitation in Ukraine Monitoring," a product of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting.

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It is proposed to expand the list of electric generating units exempt from customs duties when imported into the customs territory of Ukraine

Draft Law of Ukraine (registration No. 15016 of 9 February 2026) “On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine regarding the expansion of the list of electric generating units exempt from customs duties when imported into the customs territory of Ukraine”.

Registration date: 9 February 2026.

Initiator: Member of Parliament of Ukraine.

The draft law proposes to expand the list of goods that are exempt from import duty and value added tax (VAT) when imported into Ukraine.

The draft provides for the inclusion in the list of preferential goods of additional types of electric generating units, in particular low-capacity diesel generators (for example, up to 7.5 kW). This is proposed through amendments to paragraph 9-36 of Section XXI “Final and Transitional Provisions” of the Customs Code of Ukraine.

In practice, the draft law expands the list of HS codes (Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity – UCGFEA) for generators that may be imported without payment of customs duties:

8502 11 20 90 – diesel generators with a capacity up to 7.5 kW;

8502 11 80 90 – diesel generators with a capacity from 7.5 kW to 75 kW;

8502 12 00 90 – diesel generators with a capacity from 75 kW to 375 kW;

8502 13 20 90 – diesel generators with a capacity from 375 kW to 750 kW;

8502 13 40 90 – diesel generators with a capacity from 750 kW to 2000 kW;

8502 13 80 90 – diesel generators with a capacity above 2000 kW;

8502 20 20 90 – gasoline generators with a capacity up to 7.5 kW.

The preferential regime is proposed to apply during the period of martial law, but not later than 1 January 2029.

The adoption of the draft law may contribute to strengthening Ukraine’s energy resilience and supporting the economy in wartime conditions; however, at the same time, it may lead to a decrease in customs revenues to the state budget of Ukraine.

Source: <https://surl.li/xwuask>



A decision within the framework of the Pan-Euro-Med Convention on the use of electronic movement certificates for goods under this Convention has been submitted for ratification

Draft Law of Ukraine (registration No. 0366 of 26 February 2026) “On the ratification of Decision No. 1/2024 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 regarding the use of electronic movement certificates for goods under this Convention, applicable from 1 January 2025”.

Registration date: 26 February 2026.

Initiator: President of Ukraine.

The draft law is aimed at ratifying the decision of the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on

pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin of 12 December 2024, which modifies the rules for the use of electronic certificates of origin within the framework of the Pan-Euro-Med Regional Convention.

The amendments formalize the use of electronic movement certificates for goods (instead of paper certificates or in parallel with them) and the alignment of rules of origin among the countries participating in the Convention.

The amendments allow for the use of electronic document exchange when confirming the origin of goods in preferential trade.

The amendments have been applied since 1 January 2025 within the framework of this Convention.

For Ukraine, this means:

- transition to electronic certificates of origin (for example, EUR.1);
- simplification of customs procedures in trade with Pan-Euro-Med countries;
- better integration of Ukraine’s customs procedures with the EU system;
- reduction of paper-based documentation and faster customs clearance of goods.

This is one of the steps toward harmonizing customs procedures with EU rules and international trade regimes, directly linked to the requirements of Chapter 29 “Customs Union” in the EU accession process.

Source: <https://surl.li/tushsf>

It is proposed to extend the period of operation of places of delivery

Draft Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine
“On amendments to the Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine dated 31 July 2025 No. 379”.

Registration date: 20 February 2026.

Initiator: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.

The purpose of adopting the draft act is to facilitate the adaptation of the business environment to the new requirements regarding the opening, closing, and arrangement of places of delivery, as well as to create conditions for the uninterrupted functioning of such places of delivery.

Paragraph 2 of the Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine dated 31 July 2025 No. 379 “On approval of the Procedure for opening and closing places of delivery, the Requirements for the arrangement of places of delivery, and the Procedure for determining goods that may be delivered to another place agreed with the customs office of destination” established that, temporarily, from the date this Order entered into force until 19 April 2026, places of delivery designated by customs authorities in accordance with the previous provisions of the Ministry of Finance Order dated 30 May 2012 No. 646 “On places of delivery of goods by vehicles” would continue to operate.

Places of delivery which, by the end of the specified period, had been opened without the issuance of an order by a customs authority or did not comply with the Requirements for the arrangement of places of delivery, were to be closed in accordance with the established procedure. At the same time,

goods whose movement had started before the end of the relevant period were to be delivered to the place of delivery specified at the time of dispatch.

Taking into account numerous appeals from representatives of the business community operating under the ongoing armed aggression of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Finance has initiated an extension of the transitional period for the functioning of places of delivery and for the adaptation of the business environment to the new requirements established by current legislation.

Accordingly, it is proposed to amend paragraph 2 of Order No. 379 by extending the operation period of places of delivery until 28 September 2026.

This is expected to facilitate business adaptation to the new requirements and provide additional time to bring business processes in line with the provisions of the already adopted orders.

Source: <https://surl.li/ufkacv>





ensure transparency in request processing. For citizens and businesses, this means more predictable interaction, reduced waiting times, and improved service quality.

The launch of the Contact Centre for convenient communication with businesses is also planned approximately for early April 2026.

Source: <https://surl.li/khtocn>

Development of the IT solution for the “HELP DESK” system Contact Centre has been completed

The State Customs Service of Ukraine reported on its official website the completion of the development and configuration of an IT solution for the Contact Centre of the “HELP DESK” system. The new platform ensures multi-channel interaction with users and supports receiving requests via a toll-free phone number, processing messages through Viber and web chat, recording phone calls, and generating statistics and reports for service quality monitoring.

A key element of the solution is integration with the “HELP DESK” system implemented in the State Customs Service last year. Currently, it is already used to process requests related to the functioning of the NCTS common transit system. Such integration ensures continuity of user support and centralized registration of all requests within a single service environment.

The implemented IT solution also makes it possible to manage request queues in real time, monitor operator workload, control response times, and

New electronic services available for declarants

Users of the chatbot of the “Single Window for International Trade” now have the option in their Personal Cabinet to connect two new types of notifications.

The first is notifications about a decision to issue or refuse to issue EUR.1 and EUR-MED certificates, allowing users to promptly receive information on the confirmation of preferential origin of goods without additional requests or waiting for a response.

The second type is notifications about the delivery of cargo to the customs office of destination during the import of goods into Ukraine. Such notifications help track the movement of goods and timely plan further customs formalities. At the same time, notifications about cargo delivery are not sent in cases where the customs declaration contains sensitive goods.

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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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