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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.

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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Ukraine Temporarily Bans the Export of Fuelwood and Unprocessed Timber

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1399 of 31 October 2025

“On Amendments to Annex 1 of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1481 of 24 December 2024”

Given the difficult situation in Ukraine’s energy system and the need to ensure the supply of wood to consumers, as well as to support the proper functioning of essential services and the heating season under martial law, the Government of Ukraine has introduced an effective ban on the export of fuelwood and unprocessed timber.

The decision applies to:

- **Fuelwood** in the form of logs, billets, twigs, brushwood, branches and similar forms; wood chips or particles (Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity — UCGFEA codes 4401 11 00 00; 4401 12 00 00; 4401 21 00 00; 4401 22 10 00; 4401 22 90 00);
- **Unprocessed timber** (UCGFEA code **4403**).

The ban is implemented through the introduction of export licensing and the establishment of a zero export quota for the specified goods. Currently, the prohibition is in effect until the end of 2025, but it is highly likely that the restrictions will be extended into 2026.

Source: <https://salo.li/9480E01>

Government Amends Procedures for the Creation and Maintenance of Registers, as well as Customs Control Procedures

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1478 of 19 November 2025

“On Amendments to Certain Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Creation and Maintenance of Registers, Customs Control, and Official Control Measures”

The resolution introduces amendments to several governmental acts regulating the creation and maintenance of customs registers, the performance of customs control, and the implementation of official control measures. The changes include adjustments to the list of publicly available data, clarification of control procedures for specific categories of goods, and the introduction of several new registers, including a register of central (regional) sorting stations.

Key changes:

- removal of certain open data sets of the State Customs Service (including data on customs value of goods);
- expansion of the list of open data with new

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registers: — register of authorised economic operators, — register of companies engaged in various types of customs activities, — register of central (regional) sorting stations;

- clarification of requirements for publishing information on offences;
- clarification of the moment when photo and video recording of customs control measures begins;

- amendments to the list of goods subject to official control upon import into Ukraine, including: live fish, provitamins, vitamins, immunological products and diagnostic reagents used in veterinary medicine and livestock production;
- specification of the procedure for providing and publishing anonymised customs-related information;
- introduction of the publication of anonymised decisions issued following the consideration of complaints;
- establishment of the procedure for the creation, maintenance and operation of the register of central (regional) sorting stations;
- definition of the sources of data for the register and the rights and obligations of the entity responsible for maintaining it.

Source: <https://salo.li/4B3564D>



Draft Strategy for Reforming the Public Financial Management System for 2026–2030

Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

“On the Approval of the Strategy for Reforming the Public Financial Management System for 2026–2030 and the Endorsement of the Operational Action Plan for its Implementation”

Initiator: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.

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The Ministry of Finance of Ukraine has developed a draft Strategy for Reforming the Public Financial Management (PFM) System for 2026–2030, along with an operational action plan for its implementation. The Strategy is intended to become the main guiding policy document within the PFM system, particularly in the context of aligning national legislation with EU requirements and best practices.

A significant part of the Strategy is devoted to customs-related matters.

An important objective of the Strategy is the development of a predictable and forecastable customs system based on EU practices—one that enhances the quality of foreign economic activity, ensures a balance between the security function of customs and partnership with businesses, and supports the integration of Ukrainian enterprises into international supply chains.

The key priorities for medium-term customs reform include:

- harmonisation of Ukraine’s customs legislation with EU legislation;
- strengthening anti-corruption measures and increasing public trust in customs authorities;
- building modern, flexible, reliable and service-oriented information and communication systems;
- increasing institutional resilience and efficiency of the State Customs Service, in particular through the appointment of the Head of the State Customs Service, strengthening the law-enforcement function of customs authorities, introducing a system of key performance indicators, etc.;
- development of international customs cooperation;
- measures to prepare customs IT systems.

An integral part of the draft Strategy is the operational action plan for its implementation.

The process of collecting comments and proposals on the draft Strategy is currently ongoing. Relevant suggestions may be submitted **until 8 December 2025**, in written and/or electronic form, to: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine 04071, Kyiv, 11 Mezhyhirsk St. e-mail: strategy@minfin.gov.ua

Source: <https://salo.li/280300b>





Competition Announced for the Position of Head of the State Customs Service of Ukraine

On 10 November 2025, the Competition Commission for selecting the Head of the State Customs Service of Ukraine officially announced the conditions and timelines for the competition.

Individuals wishing to participate must submit a complete set of application documents to the Commission's email address: konkurs.dmsu@gmail.com, or in paper form to the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine at: 12 Muzeinyi Lane, Kyiv (marked on the envelope: "To the Competition Commission of the State Customs Service").

The application deadline is **10 December 2025** inclusive.

More detailed requirements and the list of necessary documents are available at:

<https://salo.li/7635a33>

European Commission Assessed Ukraine's Progress on Negotiation Chapter 29 "Customs Union"

The European Commission has assessed Ukraine's progress in implementing Negotiation Chapter 29 "Customs Union," noting that since September 2024, substantial progress has been achieved across key strategic areas of integration into the EU Customs Union — from legislative harmonisation to strengthening institutional capacity.

The customs sector received **4 out of 5 possible points** both for reform progress and for readiness to meet EU standards.

Among Ukraine's major strategic achievements, the European Commission highlighted:

- the adoption of the **Medium-Term Action Plan** for achieving the objectives of customs reform within the implementation of the National Revenue Strategy until 2030;
- the development of the **draft new Customs Code of Ukraine**, aligning national legislation with the EU Customs Code.

The EC also noted progress in the modernisation of customs procedures, including: active implementation of commitments under the Convention on the Common Transit Procedure; significant progress in upgrading the IT system to the latest phase **NCTS 6**.

Positive feedback was given regarding the growth in the number of **Authorised Economic Operators (AEOs)** — reaching **100** compared to just 50 in September 2024. Five operators obtained both AEO-S and AEO-C statuses, strengthening Ukraine's

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position in negotiations on the **mutual recognition** of AEO status with the EU.

The EC also noted:

- the introduction of a **new automated customs clearance system** at all road border crossing points;
- the deployment of a **decision-management system** equivalent to that used in the EU;
- strengthened **institutional capacity** of the customs administration.

At the same time, the Ukrainian Customs Service still requires adequate powers to conduct operational-search activities and pre-trial investigations in cases involving goods smuggling.

Among recommendations for further progress, the EC emphasised the need to:

- continue implementing the Strategic Digitalisation Plan of the State Customs Service;
- adopt the new Customs Code of Ukraine.

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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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