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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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REGULATORY LEGAL ACTS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE



Government Approves Procedure for Customs Registers

Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 857 of July 15, 2025 “On Approval of the Procedures for the Creation and Maintenance of Certain Registers by Customs Authorities”

The government has approved procedures for the creation and administration of registers owned by the State Customs Service of Ukraine. These include:

- The procedure for creating and maintaining the Unified State Register of Authorized Economic Operators;
- The procedure for creating and maintaining the Register of Guarantors;
- The procedure for creating and maintaining registers of enterprises engaged in activities defined in Part One of Article 404 of the Customs Code of Ukraine. This includes:
 1. Customs brokerage activity
 2. Operation of duty-free shops
 3. Operation of customs warehouses
 4. Operation of commercial or service-type free customs zones
 5. Operation of temporary storage warehouses

The State Customs Service is also tasked with updating the software of the Unified Automated Information

System of the customs authorities.

These registers aim to automate accounting and data exchange systems and integrate them with other government information resources. Some register data will be publicly available via the official web portal of the State Customs Service.

The adoption of these procedures is intended to:

- Develop digital infrastructure for customs
- Simplify customs administration for businesses
- Reduce corruption risks
- Improve customs control efficiency
- Implement European customs regulation practices

Source: <https://surl.lu/nuihjl>

New Requirements for Video Surveillance at Customs Warehouses

Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 856 of July 15, 2025 “On Approval of Requirements for the Arrangement and Operation of Video Surveillance Systems at Facilities of Enterprises Authorized to Operate Customs Warehouses and Temporary Storage Warehouses, and Holders of Permits to Operate Duty-Free Shops and Free Customs Zones of Commercial or Service Type”

The resolution sets mandatory requirements for video surveillance systems at facilities engaged in customs infrastructure activities, aiming to enhance control over goods under customs warehousing and sale regimes and prevent customs law violations.

Facilities subject to the requirements:

- Customs warehouses
- Temporary storage warehouses (TSW)
- Duty-free shops
- Commercial or service-type free customs zones (FCZ)

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Main requirements:

- Cameras in key areas: entry/exit, storage zones, cargo operations
- 24/7 operation regardless of lighting
- Video storage for at least 30 calendar days
- Protection against unauthorized access and backup capability
- Customs authorities must have access to the surveillance system, including during inspections or upon request

These standards aim to improve transparency and safety at customs sites, reduce risks of smuggling, and bring surveillance infrastructure in line with European security and control standards.

Until **April 19, 2026**, these requirements will not apply to businesses already holding permits to operate relevant customs facilities.

Source: <https://surl.lu/cjkagd>





Development of Risk Profile Manager IT System Begins

The State Customs Service has signed a contract with an external developer to create an IT system called the **Risk Profile Manager**.

The new system will help structure and automate work with risk profiles by collecting and processing information, maintaining records in digital form, and tracking the lifecycle stage of each profile (e.g., creation, activation, deactivation).

Digitalization of these processes is expected to significantly streamline customs operations in risk management—especially the development, implementation, and updating of risk profiles, a core part of customs risk management systems.

The system is expected to launch in **2026**.

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

Updated Customs Guarantee Form Templates

On **July 22, 2025**, the *Official Bulletin of Ukraine* published Order No. 278 of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine dated **May 27, 2025**, which approved changes to the templates of general and individual customs guarantees.

The document clarifies the customs procedures for which guarantees may be issued. The new forms officially came into force at **00:00 on July 23, 2025**.

Guarantees registered in the electronic guarantee management system before the new forms came into force remain valid and may continue to be used.

The State Customs Service also notes that both the old and new forms allow for the use of procedure “**UA11**”, which guarantees other customs procedures requiring payment security under Ukrainian customs law.

View the updated forms here: <https://surl.lt/samncw>

Step Towards NCTS Phase 6

The State Customs Service has signed a contract to develop a new version of the IT system for transitioning to **NCTS Phase 6**—the latest version of the software that enables the operation of the so-called “**customs visa-free regime**.” This marks another step toward digitalizing customs procedures and aligning with European standards.



The **customs visa-free regime** allows goods to move in transit among Convention countries without customs clearance at each border, saving time, reducing costs, and simplifying trade.

Implementing **NCTS Phase 6** is a key objective of Ukraine's customs policy and is highlighted in annual European Commission reports on Ukraine's readiness for EU membership.

Ukraine joined the **Common Transit Convention** in 2022 and successfully implemented **Phase 5** in 2024.

Phase 6 aligns fully with EU norms and is part of the broader **MASP-C** European electronic customs plan.

Following the contract signing, technical modernization will begin. Ukraine will upgrade the system to Phase 6 together with most EU countries.

The **EU plans to launch Phase 6 in September 2025**, and **Ukraine aims to complete development and implementation in 2026**.

The project is supported by **EU4PFM**, which helps Ukraine prepare for EU membership.

Source: <https://surli.cc/sokbly>

New Opportunity for Passenger Transport via Dyakivtsi–Rakovets Crossing Point

From **July 9 to September 30, 2025**, buses of any size or seating capacity may cross the border at the **Dyakivtsi–Rakovets** checkpoint on the **Ukrainian-Romanian border**.

This decision was made in cooperation with Romanian authorities to ease the load on other border points and facilitate passenger transport during the high-demand summer period.

Until now, large buses were restricted from using this crossing due to infrastructure limitations on the Romanian side. Lifting the restriction allows better use of the route's capacity.

Between **July 9 and July 11**, nine large buses were processed and around **600 passengers** crossed the border.

Important: Buses leaving Ukraine must be pre-registered in the **eCherga** system.

The Dyakivtsi–Rakovets crossing continues to operate **24/7** and handles pedestrians, passenger cars, and trucks.

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



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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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