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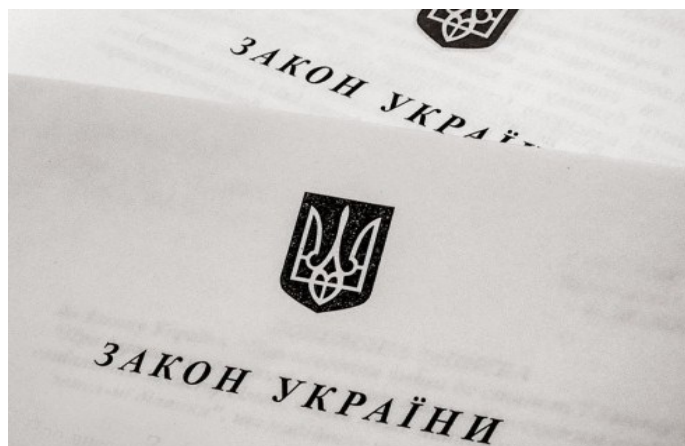
Here is the new issue of the Information Bulletin "Trade Facilitation in Ukraine Monitoring," a product of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting.

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



Amendments Made to the Customs Code of Ukraine Regarding Exemption from Import Duty on Certain Goods Imported into Ukraine

Law of Ukraine No. 4473 dated June 4, 2025 “On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine Regarding Exemption from Import Duty on Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of Ukraine for Security and Defense Needs and Elimination of Technical Inconsistencies”

The law was adopted to eliminate technical errors in the Law of Ukraine dated August 22, 2024 No. 3926 “On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine Regarding the Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Customs Code of the European Union.”

Key provisions of the amendments:

- Indirect customs representatives have been granted the ability to declare goods under the customs import regime applying tariff benefits (tariff preferences) provided for by Article 281 of the Customs Code of Ukraine;
- Until April 18, 2026, the possibility is provided to place goods under customs regimes applied upon authorization based on customs declaration regardless of the number of customs declarations and the value of goods;

- It is defined who must provide security for customs payments regarding goods that were in temporary storage warehouses on the date the Law No. 3926 came into force.
- The changes are technical in nature and eliminate inconsistencies and shortcomings of previous amendments to customs procedures identified during their practical implementation.

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

Export Quotas Established for Certain Goods to the EU

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 6, 2025 No. 664 “On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated December 24, 2024 No. 1481”

The government adopted changes to the lists of goods subject to export and import licensing and quotas for 2025, which were approved in December 2024.

In particular, the resolution includes a new Appendix 6 establishing new quota volumes for certain goods whose supplies to the EU are licensed. The following quota volumes for export to the EU of certain goods are established:

- Sugar — 11,007.5 tons (previously 107,239 tons);
- Meat and edible offal of domestic poultry, including chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl — 39,406 tons;
- Meat and edible offal of domestic poultry, chickens (*Gallus domesticus*), ducks, geese, guinea fowl, uncut into parts — 11,655 tons;
- Meat of turkeys and edible offal of turkeys — 1,439 tons.

The sugar export quota is introduced until August 5, 2025, and will be distributed by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy among exporters proportionally to the actual volume of their shipments to the EU during January–May 2025.

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Licensing of export of goods “Meat and edible offal of domestic poultry: chickens (*Gallus domesticus*), ducks, geese, guinea fowl” and “Meat of turkeys and edible offal of turkeys” under codes according to the UKTZED (Ukrainian classification of foreign economics goods) listed in Appendix 6 is introduced until December 31, 2025.

This document introduces export restrictions on key agricultural products (sugar, poultry) to the EU through quotas to regulate market flows.



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

Amendments Made to Acts Regulating Preferential Taxation and Customs Clearance of Certain Goods

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025 No. 703 “Some Issues of Preferential Taxation, Declaration and Customs Clearance of Certain Goods”

The Cabinet of Ministers introduced a number of amendments to normative legal acts regulating customs clearance, providing security for customs payments, VAT refunds, and enterprise authorization.

Among others, the government made the following changes to its normative legal acts:

Resolution No. 450 dated May 21, 2012:

The Regulation on customs declarations was supplemented with a provision allowing submission of an additional customs declaration if security for customs payments was not provided when placing goods under

the respective customs regime;

In form MD M-16, it was clarified that the name of the postal operator or express carrier is indicated instead of the sorting station.

Resolution No. 775 dated October 4, 2017:

It was stated that customs clearance is carried out by the customs office in the area where production capacities exist;

The procedure for customs clearance during VAT refunds was clarified: the customs declaration is submitted to the customs office that made the refund decision, and the remaining tax liabilities must be secured. If the VAT amount exceeds the refund, the difference is paid by other means.

Resolution No. 236 dated March 9, 2022:

The possibility of clearing goods based on a preliminary declaration without presenting them to customs was canceled.

Resolution No. 1091 dated September 27, 2022 (list of goods without security):

The list of goods for which customs payment security is not provided was expanded;

The list was supplemented with natural gas (UKTZED code 2711 21 00 00), except for cases defined by Resolution No. 1126 regarding goods transported by pipeline.

Resolution No. 1092 dated September 27, 2022 (enterprise authorizations):

The authorization application form (simplified declaration) was amended to require indication of UKTZED code and description of goods;

References to the start date of authorization validity were removed from appendices to authorization forms; Procedures for assessing enterprise compliance with authorization criteria were clarified.

These changes aim to improve customs clearance procedures, ensure proper control, and facilitate

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interaction between customs and enterprises, in particular through a more flexible approach to securing customs payments and increased transparency in authorization processes.

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



Government Updated Rules for Extending Deadlines for Settlements under Foreign Economic Operations

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025 No. 710 “On Amendments to the Procedure for Issuing Conclusions Regarding the Extension of Maximum Deadlines for Settlements for Certain Export and Import Operations Established by the National Bank”

The government amended the procedure for issuing conclusions regarding extension of maximum deadlines for settlements for certain export and import operations established by the National Bank.

One of the innovations is the removal of the requirement for deadlines for submitting applications for extension of settlement periods for certain export or import operations. The previous version of the procedure required submitting such application to the Ministry of Economy no later than 10 working days before the expiry of the maximum deadlines for settlements under the respective foreign economic operations. The new version removes this requirement.

Another change clarifies the deadline for sending a resident a notification explaining the grounds and reasons for refusal to issue a conclusion. Previously, such notification had to be sent within one working day from the date of issuing the conclusion; now, the phrase “from the date of issuing the conclusion” is removed.

The purpose of the amendments is to improve the procedure for decision-making on extending settlement deadlines under foreign economic contracts, making it clearer and more predictable.

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

Updated Data Exchange Format Between the State Customs Service and Guarantors

Order of the State Customs Service of Ukraine dated June 17, 2025 No. 539 “On Amendments to the Specification of the Structure and Format of Electronic Messages for Data Exchange Between the State Customs Service and Guarantors Regarding Guarantee Transactions”

The State Customs Service amended the Specification of the structure and format of electronic messages for data exchange between the State Customs Service and guarantors regarding guarantee transactions, approved by the order of the State Customs Service dated October 31, 2023 No. 696, presenting it in a new edition.

The new version of the order enables guarantors to fully integrate their information systems with the Guarantee Management System (GMS) through the “Single Window” mechanisms.

The updated specification provides:

- Automated data exchange via SOAP web service using qualified electronic signature to ensure security;
- Support of key operations including issuance,

cancellation of guarantees, as well as retrieval of guarantee lists and guarantee-related transactions for entities and guarantors;

- Flexible settings allowing processing of inquiries on guarantee status, issue dates, currencies, amounts, and customs procedures with clear XML message structure.

These changes aim to simplify interaction between the State Customs Service and guarantors, increase transparency and efficiency of customs procedures. Integra-

tion through the “Single Window” provides quick access to up-to-date information, reduces administrative burden, and accelerates customs clearance processes.

At the same time, guarantors may continue working via the Personal Account on the Single State Information Web Portal “Single Window for International Trade” of the State Customs Service, using the familiar interface for guarantee management.

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

Proposal to Adopt a New Version of the Procedure for Registration in the Customs Register of Intellectual Property Rights Objects

Draft Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Procedure for Registration in the Customs Register of Intellectual Property Rights Objects Protected According to the Law, and the Procedure for Application of Measures to Facilitate the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Interaction of Customs Authorities with Right Holders, Declarants and Other Interested Parties” (Amendments to the Orders of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine dated May 30, 2012 No. 648 and June 9, 2020 No. 281)

Initiators: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and the State Customs Service of Ukraine

Publication date: June 19, 2025

The draft order was developed to bring the normative legal acts of the Ministry of Finance in line with the Customs Code of Ukraine as amended by the Law of Ukraine dated August 22, 2024 No. 3926 “On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine Regarding the Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Customs Code of the European Union.”

It is proposed to adopt a new version of the Procedure for Registration in the Customs Register of Intellectual Property Rights Objects Protected According to the Law. In particular, the list of documents, data, and information attached to the application is updated, as well as the requirements for documents, the procedure for submitting and reviewing the application, entering information into the customs register, and maintaining it. Amendments are made to the Procedure for Application of Measures to Facilitate the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Interaction of Customs Authorities with Right Holders, Declarants, and Other Interested Parties. The circle of persons involved in proceedings on violations of customs regulations under Article 476 of the Customs Code is expanded.

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

The Ministry of Finance Aligns Its Orders with the Updated Customs Code of Ukraine

Draft Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine “On Specifics of Implementation of Paragraph 941 of Section XXI ‘Final and Transitional Provisions’ of the Customs Code of Ukraine and on Recognizing Certain Orders of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine as Invalid”

Initiator: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine

Publication date: June 6, 2025

The draft order was developed to bring the normative

legal acts of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine in line with the Customs Code of Ukraine as amended by the Law of Ukraine dated August 22, 2024 No. 3926-IX “On Amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine Regarding the Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Customs Code of the European Union” (hereinafter — Law No. 3926).

These provisions foresee that authorizations will be granted by customs authorities for conducting customs brokerage activities, operating customs warehouses, and operating temporary storage warehouses. At the same time, permits issued by customs authorities to enterprises, in particular for customs brokerage activities, opening and operating customs warehouses or temporary storage warehouses, remain valid on the date this law enters into force and continue to operate for 12 months, during which enterprises must obtain the relevant authorizations, after which the permits shall be canceled.

It should be noted:

- Control over the compliance of enterprises with requirements regarding location and arrangement of customs warehouse facilities and temporary storage warehouses is carried out according to the requirements in effect at the time of issuance of such permits;
- Customs control and clearance of goods placed in customs warehouses and temporary storage warehouses and released from them, accounting of goods and submission of reports on goods movement to customs authorities, obligations/liabilities and responsibilities of holders of customs warehouses and temporary storage warehouses operating under the relevant permits, are carried out according to the requirements of the Customs Code of Ukraine;
- Operations with goods placed in customs ware-

houses and temporary storage warehouses conducted by enterprises under permits for customs brokerage activities, opening and operating customs warehouses and temporary storage warehouses are carried out within the scope valid at the time such permits were obtained.

It is proposed to recognize a number of Ministry of Finance orders regulating the relevant activities as invalid.

This draft order is a technically necessary step in the transition to the European system of customs regulation, which:

- Ensures legal certainty for business during the transition period;
- Creates conditions for launching the authorization system;
- Eliminates conflicts between old norms and new customs legislation;
- Achieves unification of customs control and storage procedures following the European model.

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





New Mobile Scanner to Strengthen Control at the Ukrainian-Polish Border

On June 11, 2025, at the international checkpoint “Krakivets–Korczowa” on the Ukrainian-Polish border, customs officers were officially handed over a mobile Rapiscan Eagle M60 X-ray scanner worth approximately 2.5 million euros. The equipment was purchased within the framework of the EU technical assistance program “EU4IBM – Resilience,” which supports Ukraine during wartime.

The Rapiscan mobile system allows for rapid scanning of cargo, detection of prohibited or undeclared goods, and reduces the need for manual inspection. This significantly speeds up customs control and increases the throughput capacity of checkpoints.

European partners expressed support for Ukraine and readiness to continue assisting reforms in the customs sphere. Soon, customs officers will begin training on how to operate the scanner — training sessions will be conducted by specialists from Rapiscan Systems.

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

Updated Section of the Official Website of the State Customs Service of Ukraine Dedicated to Anti-Corruption Policy

The State Customs Service presented an updated section of its official web portal dedicated to anti-corruption policy. This informational block was created with the support of European partners to improve convenience and transparency, simplifying the search for important information in the field of anti-corruption policy.

The section includes:

- Data about authorized units and officials responsible for corruption prevention;
- Current news, reports, and action plans;
- Key normative legal acts regulating anti-corruption activities;
- Step-by-step instructions on how to report corruption violations;
- Information on liability for corrupt actions and procedures for their consideration;
- Links to international anti-corruption resources;
- Methodological materials from Ukrainian and European institutions;
- Practical advice on compliance with ethical standards;
- Instructions for whistleblowers and persons who may have conflicts of interest.

The update of the section is another step toward strengthening integrity practices in the State Customs Service.

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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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