

Information session for economic operators from both banks of the Nistru River on the application of VAT and excise duties to goods imported into the Republic of Moldova



On 14 August 2026, an information session was organized on the platform of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova for economic operators from both banks of the Nistru River, during which the legal provisions applicable to goods imported into the Republic of Moldova were presented, along with the requirements and procedures relating to import and export operations.

Representatives of the competent authorities, the Customs Service, the State Tax Service and the Public Services Agency informed economic operators from the Transnistrian region of the country about the legal and regulatory framework governing the application of value-added tax (VAT) and excise duties, as well as about tax and customs aspects of their activities.

In addition, economic operators from the region were informed about the procedures from completing VAT and excise tax returns, using the “Taxpayer’s Personal Account” information system, the customs clearance process for goods by the customs authorities of the Republic of Moldova, and other relevant aspects.

It was emphasized that the application of VAT and excise duties, as well as the abolition of tax exemptions, will be carried out gradually. The existing exemptions are temporary in nature and will be fully phased out as of 1 January 2030, when a unified fiscal regime will apply at the national level.

The ultimate objective of this process is to ensure that the general customs and tax regime provided for under the legislation of the Republic of Moldova is fully applied to all goods imported by economic operators from the Transnistrian region, under the same conditions as those applicable to economic operators in the rest of the country. Achieving this objective will contribute to strengthening tax fairness, eliminating existing competitive disparities between the two banks of the Nistru River, increasing budget revenues, and integrating the Transnistrian region into the Republic of Moldova’s unique economic, tax and customs space.

