

Moldovan farmers to be able to grow industrial hemp

Chisinau, Nov. 13 - Industrial hemp, a crop with numerous benefits for agriculture, economy and environment will be cultivated in Moldova. The government today approved the amendment to the regulation on activities of growing plants containing narcotic or psychotropic substances.

Thus, farmers wishing to grow hemp for the production of seeds, fiber or oil will submit an application to the Standing Committee on Drug Control. Farmers will enclose supporting documents, including - documents proving legal ownership of the area of agricultural land and contracts for the use of the production. At the same time, farmers will be obliged to keep a register of the harvested and marketed production.

At the same time, only varieties registered in the Plant Variety Catalog of the Republic of Moldova, the Common Catalog of Varieties of Agricultural Plant Species of the European Union or the national catalogs of member countries will be allowed.

"I urge the whole business community, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to promote the use of this opportunity, because these materials are used in many industries, including the automotive industry. It is a very good opportunity for the business environment of the Republic of Moldova, for farmers, as well as for those who produce components from industrial hemp," said Prime Minister Dorin Recean.

Industrial hemp is a profitable and easy-care crop. With a growing cycle of only 90 days, it allows two to three harvests per year.