

# ***Regulation regarding the administration of tariff quotas on goods imported into / exported from the Republic of Moldova***

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## ***In brief***

In the context of implementing the Association Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union ("Association Agreement"), the Government has approved a Regulation governing the administration of tariffs applicable by the Republic of Moldova on goods imported from / exported to European Union Member States. The Regulation entered into force on 4 December 2014.

## ***In detail***

Under the Regulation, for goods exported from the Republic of Moldova to European Union Member States, the customs authorities authenticate and issue movement certificates EUR.1 for goods considered as originating.

According to the Association Agreement, goods are considered as originating in a Party when they are:

- wholly obtained in a Party;
- obtained in a Party incorporating materials which have not been wholly obtained there, provided such materials have undergone sufficient working or processing in the Party.

Transnistrian economic agents with permanent or temporary registration at the Republic of Moldova State Registration Chamber will be issued

preferential certificates of origin EUR.1 to export goods to European Union Member States under Regulation (EC) no. 55/2008.

The tariff allocation for exports of white sugar with certain characteristics is made based on the authorisation issued by the Licensing Chamber under mechanism established in the Regulation.

Thus, Moldovan sugar producers may apply preferential treatment to exports to the EU only on the basis of the authorisation issued for each export operation.

Both the export and import of goods for which a tariff quota is applicable according to the Association Agreement are approved by the Customs Service after a mandatory documentary customs inspection and physical inspection.

The tariff quotas are managed by the Customs Service via the

SIIV "Asycuda World", based on "first come, first served" principle.

*[Source: Government Decision no. 971 dated 17 November 2014 for approving the Regulation on administration of tariffs on goods imported into / exported from the Republic of Moldova and approving some Government decisions, Monitorul Oficial no. 358-363 (4997 - 5002) dated 4 December 2014]*

## ***The takeaway***

The tariff quotas on the import / export of goods originating from European Union Member States and the Republic of Moldova will be administered according to Government-approved rules.

These rules also require sugar producers to obtain Chamber of Licensing authorisation for each export operation of white sugar with certain characteristics to European Union Member States.

***Let's talk***

For a deeper discussion of how this new legislation might affect your business, please contact:



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