

On the registration in the system of registered exporters

Edict of the President of the Republic of Belarus No. 236 of June 23, 2020

In accordance with this act, the BelCCI is granted the right to register, change data, and revoke registration in the REX system. As a result of its implementation, the exporter will receive a unique registration number by which it will be possible to check the validity of the registration, the date of its receipt and other information subject to the exporter's permission.

The REX system has its advantages for Belarusian companies:

1. It is not necessary every time before sending goods to apply for confirmation of the origin of the exported goods at the BelCCI (A-form certificate). It is enough that information about the country of origin of the goods will be indicated in commercial documents (for example, in an invoice).

2. There are tariff preferences for the import of goods of Belarusian origin into the territory of Norway and Switzerland. The current system of preferences provides for a reduction in import customs duties by 10–100% of the base tariff for a number of Belarusian goods.

On the change of the Edict of the President of the Republic of Belarus

Edict of the President of the Republic of Belarus No. 182 of June 1, 2020 (the act will come into force on October 4, 2020 года)

In accordance with the Edict, the procedure for declaring goods for which customs operations are not performed has been simplified. In particular, it provides for the submission of a statistical declaration once a month on one or more facts of shipments (deliveries) of goods under a foreign trade agreement, if the total value is an amount equivalent to 3 thousand EUR or more.

The rule on conducting periodic statistical declarations is excluded. That is, instead of two documents (statistical and periodic statistical declaration), one will be presented - a statistical declaration.

COVID-19

On the change of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of March 25, 2020 No. 171 and of May 25, 2020 No. 311

Resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 372 of June 26, 2020

This act excludes a number of provisions from the Resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 171:

1. Previously, transit road transportations through the territory of Belarus had to be carried out only on republican highways, enshrined in Appendix 1 to Order No. 171. This provision is now excluded.

2. Previously, drivers who carried out transitions through the territory of Belarus were obliged to leave the country on the shortest route no later than the day following the day of entry into its territory. This provision is also excluded.

3. Previously, the following rules existed and now are canceled:

- drivers of vehicles after the completion of international road transportation on the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall comply with the requirements established by the legislation of being in self-isolation before the start of the next international transportation (flight) or within 14 calendar days

- drivers who entered the territory of the Republic of Belarus in vehicles without cargo and passengers to start performing international road transportation must comply with the requirements of being in self-isolation established by law before the start of the next international transportation (flight) or within 14 calendar days;

- drivers whose replacement occurred during international road transportation through the territory of countries in which cases of COVID-19 infection are recorded are required to comply with the requirements of the law to be self-insulated before the next international transportation (flight) or within 14 calendar days.

From July 1, drivers will not be given maps of the republican roads and special familiarization with the procedure for transit traffic through the territory of the Republic of Belarus.

Thus, Resolution No. 171 of July 1, 2020, will only apply to individuals who have arrived from countries in which cases of COVID-19 infection are recorded. Such persons must be in self-isolation and are not subject to subsequent admission through the State border of the Republic of Belarus (until the expiration of the self-isolation period). There are also cases of exceptions to this rule.

From July 1, 2020, Resolution No. 311 will be aimed exclusively at regulating the use of navigation devices (seals) as an alternative to customs escort in cases established by the EEC Customs Code. Consequently, from July 1, 2020, seals will not be imposed on violators of Resolution No. 171. Also, earlier in the appendix to Resolution No. 311, a list of republican highways was fixed on which seals are removed at the border with the Russian Federation. From July 1, 2020, removal of seals will only be possible on the republican highway M-1 (Radish - Red).

On amendments to laws on currency regulation and currency control

Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 36-3 dated June 30, 2020 (the act will come into force on July 9, 2021)

This act approved the new version of the Law "On Currency Regulation and Currency Control". The new edition provides:

revision of the conceptual apparatus, terms, and definitions used in currency and securities legislation;

securing the possibility of introducing by the Government together with the National Bank of currency restrictions in the event of a threat to the country's economic security;

consolidation of the rights and obligations of residents and non-residents in conducting currency transactions;

fixing permitted cases of the use of foreign currency between participants in foreign exchange relations;

establishment of the registration procedure for foreign exchange contracts when residents carry out certain foreign exchange transactions above the established limit values;

removal of restrictions on residents conducting foreign exchange transactions related to the movement of capital.

On the change of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of June 16, 2004 No. 714 and of October 8, 2015 No. 839

Resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 362 of June 24, 2020 (the act will come into force on September 26, 2020)

The legislator has supplemented the list of goods transactions with which legal entities and individual entrepreneurs are required to conclude at the exchange trading of the Belarusian Universal Commodity Exchange OJSC. In particular, these are transactions involving materials, such as cooperage; split logs; piles, stakes, and poles of wood, pointed, but not sawn along; wood, roughly cut, but not trimmed, bent or otherwise worked, of a kind used for the manufacture of walking sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; wood chips and similar wood.

On the formation and functioning of the Unified Register of Licenses

Resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 365 of June 24, 2020

Since July 1, 2020, the Unified Register of Licenses has been formed. The URL is formed by entering into it information about licenses, issuance, amendments, and (or) additions, suspension, renewal, termination, revocation of licenses. From the URL, you can get information about the license of a legal entity: about its status, about the name of the authority that issued the license; the date of the decision to issue a license, the name of the service, special licensing requirements, and more.

The information contained in the URL is publicly available, with the exception of information on individuals licensed to collect and exhibit weapons and ammunition, as well as other information, access to which is limited by legislative acts.

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On the rate of refinancing of the National Bank

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the National Bank No. 204 June 22, 2020

The refinancing rate will be decreased from 8 to 7.75 percent per annum from July 1, 2020.