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IMF's benchmarks and soft commitments

Ukraine approves roadmap for customs reform planning amid implementation deadlock

Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers, following a proposal by the Ministry of Finance, has approved the development of a medium-term action plan for customs reform implementation under the National Revenue Strategy through 2030.

The move comes despite mounting criticism from civil society and lawmakers that the government has deliberately stalled customs reform for over five months – specifically by failing to form the selection commission required by law and IMF's financial support program to reboot the State Customs Service.

Source: Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

Zelenskyy submits bill to establish two specialized administrative courts in Kyiv

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has submitted draft law #13302 to Parliament, proposing the creation of a Specialized District Administrative Court and a Specialized Administrative Court of Appeal, both to be headquartered in Kyiv with nationwide jurisdiction. **The Parliament is set to vote for the draft law in the first reading during the next plenary meetings scheduled for June 3-5.**

According to the explanatory note, the bill has been prepared to implement the legal framework for launching the two new courts. The proposal follows prior approval by the High Council of Justice, which endorsed the President's initiative to formally establish the courts and begin operational planning.

The courts are expected to play a central role in handling public administration and anti-corruption cases, including high-profile disputes involving state institutions.

Source: Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Obligations to the EU

Ukrainian Parliament to review bills linked to Ukraine Facility in early June

Verkhovna Rada is scheduled to hold its next plenary sessions from June 3 to 6, with a legislative agenda that includes several bills tied to the country's commitments under the EU-backed Ukraine Facility program.

Among the priority bills:

- **draft law #13165** and alternatives on improving judicial integrity declarations (first reading);
- **draft law #12377** on establishing the fundamentals of national housing policy (first reading);
- **draft law #9363** on the digitalization of enforcement proceedings (repeated second reading);
- **draft law #12374-d** on the restart and strengthening the institutional capacity of the Asset Recovery and Management Agency (ARMA) (second reading).

TIn addition, lawmakers are expected to consider in second reading **draft law #13018-d**on financial inclusion, which would allow the establishment of banking services via Ukrposhta. While not a binding obligation, the legislation is part of Ukraine's soft commitments under its IMF memorandum.

Source: Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Other key economic issues

Ukraine projects steady economic growth, slowing inflation through 2028 in budget forecast

A draft of Ukraine's medium-term budget declaration, obtained by the Parliament's Temporary Investigative Commission on Economic Security outlines moderate economic growth and a gradual decline in inflation through 2028:

- **Nominal GDP** is projected to reach: UAH 10.44 trillion in 2026, UAH 11.92 trillion in 2027, UAH 13.47 trillion in 2028;
- **Annual inflation (Consumer Price Index)** is expected to decline from 9.7% in 2026 to 7.1% in 2027, and 5.6% in 2028;

- **End-of-year exchange rate** is projected at: 43.7 UAH/USD in 2025; 44.8 UAH/USD in 2026; 45.3 UAH/USD in 2027; 45.8 UAH/USD in 2028.

The draft is part of Ukraine's annual fiscal planning cycle. The Cabinet of Ministers must adopt the declaration by June 1, though figures remain subject to revision in the final version.

Source: Temporary Investigative Commission on Economic Security

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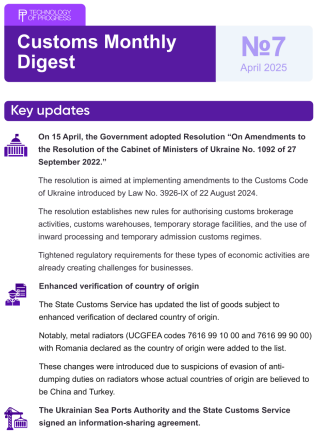
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Key updates

On 15 April, the Government adopted Resolution "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1092 of 27 September 2022."

The resolution is aimed at implementing amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine introduced by Law No. 3926-IX of 22 August 2024.

The resolution establishes new rules for authorising customs brokerage activities, customs warehouses, temporary storage facilities, and the use of inward processing and temporary admission customs regimes.

Tightened regulatory requirements for these types of economic activities are already creating challenges for businesses.

Enhanced verification of country of origin

The State Customs Service has updated the list of goods subject to enhanced verification of declared country of origin.

Notably, metal radiators (UCGFEA codes 7616 99 10 00 and 7616 99 90 00) with Romania declared as the country of origin were added to the list.

These changes were introduced due to suspicions of evasion of anti-dumping duties on radiators whose actual countries of origin are believed to be China and Turkey.

The Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority and the State Customs Service signed an information-sharing agreement.

Issue #7 of the Customs Monthly Digest covers customs performance in April 2025.

In this issue you can find:

- key monthly indicators and trends of the State Customs Service performance with expert comments;
- insights into the customs EU integration;
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