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IMF's benchmarks and soft commitments

NABU detective wins contest to lead Ukraine's Economic Security Bureau

On June 24, the recruitment commission selected NABU detective unit head Oleksandr Tsyvinskyi as the next Director of Ukraine's Bureau of Economic Security (BES), following a vote by the commission's three international members.

Tsyvinskyi has served at NABU since 2015 and currently leads its detective division. He is known for his key role in the "Clean City" operation targeting corruption in Kyiv city's land and budget sectors.

No other candidate secured the legally required support from the commission's international members. As a result, Tsyvinskyi's name alone will be submitted to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers must finalize the appointment within 10 days.

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

Ukraine passes long-delayed ARMA reform

After months of political delays, the Ukrainian parliament has passed bill #12374-d on reforming the Asset Recovery and Management Agency (ARMA) in its entirety, with 253 votes in favor.

The law introduces new requirements for the agency's leadership, mandates a selection process involving international experts, and strengthens transparency in asset management and transfer controls. Passage of the reform is a key benchmark under the EU's Ukraine Facility program and unlocks a €600 million disbursement.

However, no votes were held on other legislative commitments under the program that were due by the end of Q2. The next parliamentary session is scheduled for July.

Source: Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Other key economic issues

Ukraine's Vice Prime Minister formally named as corruption suspect

Ukraine's National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) and the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO) have served a formal notice of suspicion to Vice Prime Minister and Minister for National Unity Oleksii Chernyshov, accusing him of abuse of office and accepting improper benefits.

Chernyshov announced his visit to NABU in a Facebook post earlier the same day. He is linked to an ongoing investigation into a Kyiv real estate development case involving land allocations

As NABU claims, "a Kyiv-based property developer was obliged to give the state a share of the future apartments proportionate to the value of the land received from a state-owned enterprise. To minimize this share, the land and buildings on it were undervalued by nearly five times, with the discrepancy between this appraisal and the market value exceeding UAH 1 billion. As a "reward" for successfully setting up the scheme, the developer provided substantial discounts on apartments in completed residential complexes. With these discounts, the price per square meter

ranged from UAH 1,000 to UAH 8,000, while the minimum market price was around UAH 30,000 per square meter”.

Source: Temporary Investigative Commission on Economic Security

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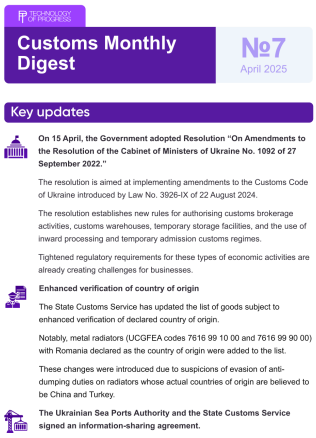
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Key updates

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 #8 of the Customs Monthly Digest covers customs performance in May 2025.

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