



**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

No.

To
European Commission
Directorate-General
Taxation and Customs Union
The Director-General
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**REGARDING MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING THE EXPORT OF SANCTIONED
GOODS**

Dear Colleagues,

The Lithuanian customs authorities, while analysing the tendencies of trade with individual third countries in goods, on which export prohibitions and restrictions are imposed by *Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine* (further – Regulation (EU) No 833/2014) and *Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine* (further – sanctioned goods), have noticed that parallel imports of these goods into the Russian Federation and/or the Republic of Belarus take place when exporting (re-exporting) the sanctioned goods from the Republic of Lithuania and other Member States of the European Union to third countries.

In view of the above and in order to prevent more effectively the risk of the entry of the sanctioned goods into the internal market of the Russian Federation and/or the Republic of Belarus as well as possible circumvention of sanctions, the Lithuanian customs authorities will strengthen the control of the sanctioned goods being exported (re-exported) to third countries through the Russian Federation and/or the Republic of Belarus or carried in transit through these countries. Thus, starting from **18 December 2023**, the Lithuanian customs authorities take the following additional measures:

1. At the time of customs clearance, the following will be required to be submitted:

1.1. Manufacturer's declaration:

– to the office of export/re-export or the customs office of departure (in the case of transit), located in LT – when starting the export/re-export customs formalities or the transit customs procedure;

– to the customs offices, located at the LT border crossing points and performing the functions of the office of exit in the case of export (re-export) or the functions of the office of destination in the case of the application of the transit procedure – when completing the export/re-export or transit procedures, where the export (re-export) customs formalities or transit procedure have been initiated at the office of export/re-export or at the customs office of departure (in the case of the application of the transit procedure) of another EU Member State.

If the manufacturer's declaration is not submitted to the Lithuanian customs authorities, the sanctioned goods will not be released from the European Union.

The requirement to submit the manufacturer's declaration is applicable only where the transit of the sanctioned goods through the territory of a country subject to international sanctions is not prohibited.

1.2. Information justifying the registration of the consignee of the export goods in a third country, information on the activities carried out by the consignee of the goods and the intended end-use of the export goods in the third country.

1.3. An undertaking by the recipient of the export goods not to sell, otherwise transfer or use the acquired goods without complying with the conditions of the application of international sanctions.

2. Within 40 calendar days after the date of the clearance of the relevant export (re-export), transit declaration or TIR carnet, a copy of the customs declaration or another document, certified by the customs authorities of the third country and evidencing that the exported (re-exported) or transited goods, which can be unambiguously identified according to the information provided in the customs declaration, have been placed in the third country under the release for free circulation or another customs procedure in accordance with the conditions of the application of international sanctions, will be required to be submitted to the Lithuanian customs authorities.

In all cases, if there are reasonable doubts as to the authenticity of the documents submitted and the correctness of the information contained therein, an enquiry will be conducted.

3. Persons (directly or indirectly participating on performing customs formalities in respect of the sanctioned goods), who have violated the provisions of legal acts imposing international sanctions, will not be allowed to perform the customs procedures in respect of the sanctioned goods until the enquiry related to the violation of international sanctions is completed.

Taking this opportunity, we would also like to draw your attention to the fact that Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 provides for exceptions, when the competent authorities may allow (by issuing appropriate authorisations) the sale, supply, transfer and import of the goods listed in the relevant Annexes to this Regulation. Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 also provides for that the competent authorities exchange information on granted authorisations with other Member States and the Commission by means of established electronic systems.

Following the provisions of Article 46 of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (further – the Union Customs Code), the customs authorities may carry out any customs controls they deem necessary, including the verification of the accuracy and completeness of the information given in a customs declaration as well as of the existence, authenticity, accuracy and validity of documents.

There are often cases, when authorisations issued by the competent authorities of other EU Member States are submitted to the Lithuanian customs authorities at the time of customs clearance, but information on their issue is not available in the respective electronic systems, and it is not possible to verify their authenticity and validity.

Taking into account the above-mentioned provisions of Article 46 of the Union Customs Code and the relevant provisions of Regulation No 833/2014 on the granting of authorisations and their mandatory uploading onto the information systems, the Lithuanian customs authorities will not allow to perform the customs procedures (import/export) under the authorisations granted, unless such authorisations are uploaded onto the relevant information systems providing the opportunity to verify their authenticity, accuracy and validity.

With respect to goods, for the import/export of which authorisations have been granted in accordance with the provisions of Regulation No 833/2014:

- at the time of their customs clearance, a translation into the Lithuanian language of any documents presented as evidence (import/export authorisations, other documents justifying legal import/export) will have to be submitted together with the import/export declaration;

- their import/export customs declaration will have to contain indication that the goods are imported/exported under the relevant import/export authorisation (by specifying the date of issue of the authorisation and the authorisation number).

In the opinion of the Lithuanian customs authorities, customs activities related to the prevention of sanctions violations and identification of possible sanctions circumvention schemes become one of the main priorities not only of the Lithuanian customs authorities, but also of the customs authorities of all the European Union Member States. Taking this into account, we would like to ask you to inform the customs administrations of the other European Union Member States about the measures, which will be taken by the Lithuanian customs authorities in the nearest future, so that they, in turn, could inform of these measures the business communities of their Member States.

Respectfully,

Director-General

Darius Žvironas

DETALŪS METADUOMENYS

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