

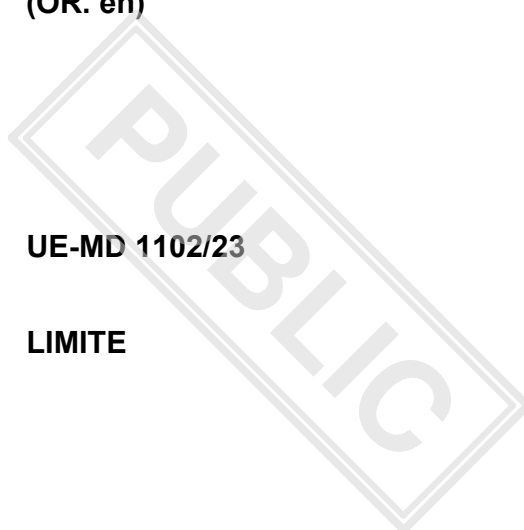
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AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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NINTH MEETING OF THE EU-MOLDOVA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE IN TRADE CONFIGURATION

29 NOVEMBER 2022, BRUSSELS

OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

Area	Party	Action	Deadline	State of Play
Trade in goods	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Share trade in goods and services statistical data for 2022.	<i>As soon as available in 2023</i>	
		Share the data on the use of preference rates for agricultural goods.		
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Discuss trade liberalisation measures in accordance with Article 147 of the Association Agreement	<i>1Q 2023</i>	
TBT	<i>Moldova</i>	Formalise and confirm to the EU their selection of priority sectors for ACAA	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Establish contacts at technical level in order to work towards adoption of the decision of the ACTC amending Annex XVI of the Association Agreement.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
IPR	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Moldova to inform EU on patent law revision including next legislative steps. The EU to provide comments where relevant.	<i>As soon as possible, prior to enactment</i>	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Inform EU on envisaged accreditation process and practice of collective rights management organisations under new Law No. LP230/2022 of 28.07.2022 on copyright and related rights.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Inform EU on any IPR-related legislation and provide the opportunity to comment with respect to the DCFTA compliance in due course prior to the enactment.	<i>Ongoing</i>	
Public procurement	<i>Moldova</i>	Consult the EU in advance on all major legislative acts on public procurement.	<i>Ongoing</i>	
		Inform on the progress of implementation and use of e-procurement.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
		Inform on the adoption of the PP development programme and its Action	<i>Q1 2023</i>	

		Plan.		
		Inform on progress with phases for institutional reform, approximation and market access set in Annex XXIX-B to the AA.	<i>As soon as ready</i>	
		Inform the EU on the situation with the post of Director-General of the National Agency for solving complaints: reasoning for the high rotation; any impact on the continuity of the work of the Agency and how it is planned to be addressed.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
Services: financial services/ AML	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Establish contacts at technical level in order to work towards adoption of the decision of the ACTC for a targeted amendment of Annex XXVIII-A of the Association Agreement.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Inform about approximation of national legislation with the EU acquis on Anti-Money Laundering and about the secondary legislation developed for the implementation of the new sanctions law for breaches of the AML/CFT requirement established for the reporting entities.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Adopt a new Asset Recovery Programme in line with the conditionality for the macro-financial assistance programme.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
Services: Telecom.	<i>Moldova</i>	Provide updates in writing on the state of play of reforms and plans.	<i>H1 2023</i>	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	The two sides will work together towards updating Annex XXVIII-B of the EU-MD DCFTA	<i>Q2 2023</i>	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Continue technical exchanges and agree on an efficient way forward to ensure reciprocal application of single maximum Union-wide voice termination rates, in view of progressing towards a long-term solution on roaming.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Continue technical exchanges towards recognition of Moldovan electronic signatures as Advanced Electronic Signatures in the EU.	<i>Ongoing</i>	

Services: Postal services	<i>Moldova</i>	Provide updates in writing on the state of play of reforms and plans.	<i>H2 2023</i>	
		Send an English version of the new Postal Law.	<i>H2 2023</i>	
	<i>EU</i>	EU to send updated Annex XXVIII-C.	<i>H2 2023</i>	
Services: Int. maritime transport	<i>Moldova</i>	Provide regular updates in writing on the state of play of reforms and plans, including about the finalization of the draft corrective action plan developed following EMSA guidance.	<i>Continuous H1 2023</i>	
		Provide detailed information on the size of the Moldovan flagged fleet following the incorporation into Moldovan law of the legislation related to recognized organisations. Provide detailed information on the remaining vessels, their age and IMO numbers and information on the size of the maritime administration tasked to deal with this fleet.	<i>Continuous H1 2023</i>	
Trade- related energy	<i>Moldova</i>	Progress on the implementation of electricity and gas market reforms in line with the action plan agreed with DG ENER and the Energy Community secretariat.	<i>2022-2023</i>	
		Finalise the allocation of bundled transmission capacity at interconnection points with Ukraine and Romania, following agreements between TSOs and the Regional Booking Platform (RBP) on capacity reservation.	<i>2023</i>	
		Demonstrate significant progress in the implementation of unbundling and third party access in the gas sector.	<i>2023</i>	
Competition	<i>Moldova</i>	Report on progress in the implementation of the priorities regarding state aid, SOEs and Free Economic Zones.	<i>2023</i>	
		Provide detailed statistics on the competition and state aid cases dealt with by the Competition Council.	<i>2023</i>	

		Inform about state of play on the peer review of the Competition Council.	2023	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Exchange of information on state aid related issues, including alignment and transparency of aid schemes in the Free Economic Zones (FEZ).	Q2 2023	
SPS	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Follow up on the operational conclusions of the SPS sub-committee and report to ACTC.	Ongoing	
Customs	<i>EU</i>	Follow up on the operational conclusions of the Customs sub-committee and report to ACTC.	Ongoing	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Inform about state of play on the ongoing work on the accession to the Common Transit Convention.	Nov 2023, before Customs SC	
		Amend the national legislation on FEZ and make it in line with the Association Agreement and UCC	Q2 2023	
	<i>Moldova</i>	Ensure entry into force of the new Customs Code in line with the UCC	1 July 2023	
TSD	<i>Moldova</i>	Follow up on the operational conclusions of the TSD sub-committee and report to ACTC.	Ongoing	
	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Work towards organising the TSD sub-committee in the RM	Q1 2023	
GIs	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Follow up on the operational conclusions of the GIs sub-committee and report to ACTC.	Ongoing	
Transnistrian region	<i>Moldova</i>	Provide information with a view to finalising the annual report on the application of the DCFTA to Transnistrian region, as per Decision No 1/2015 of the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council.	H1 2023	
Trade related issues of bilateral interest	<i>Moldova</i>	Inform on the state of play of the elimination of the entrepreneurial patent system.	Q1 2023	

General issues	<i>EU/ Moldova</i>	Send their respective (updated) proposals of arbitrators.	<i>Q1 2023</i>	
		Adopt a list of arbitrators in line with Article 404 of the Association Agreement.	<i>Q3 2023</i>	