

Agriculture and Environment Committee

#	Issue	Description	Status Quo
1.	Export of animal origin products produced from raw material imported from EU	With respect to the export of animal origin food products priority remains to be given to reforms in the sanitary and phytosanitary area with a view to obtain the right to export dairy and processed meat products based on raw materials imported from the EU, as well as further diversification of Moldovan exports to EU Market. In this respect 3 audit missions of the DG SANTE aiming to evaluate the implementation of the National Monitoring Plan for Residues in milk, eggs and honey, both centrally and territorially, took place in 2021 (April, October and November). Still, as a part of export of animal origin food products the one of the main priority remains to be given to legislation adjustments and issues on food traceability and food safety, in particular the implementation of the necessary systems for identification and registration, plant and animal health and welfare, supervision of self-monitoring systems of food units - HACCP, ISO, CRDV laboratory management and appropriate accreditation in accordance with international standards, etc	In process Following the discussion with ANSA, all the necessary notifications were sent by the Moldovan Food Safety Authority to DG Sante for the export of animal origin products (with raw material imported from EU)
2.	Import of meat from EU and quotas administration	The imposed quotas for meat import from EU is not sufficient for internal market. Local producers do not meet the quality and quantity requested by meat processors. The issue of refrigerated meat should be separated in a different subcategory and an increase of quota is needed until the local production will reach the demand from producers for poultry, pork and veal	In process. Position Paper submitted to the Ministry of Economy. The issue escalated in 2021 and repeatedly in the context of war in Ukraine. 4 technical meetings took place in order to present arguments and ensure the increase of import of pork meat from EU by increasing quota
3.	Amendment to Internal Trade Law 231/2010 (unfair competition)	The proposed main limitations related to 50+1% presence of the local producers on the shelves, limitation of discount and limitation of advertisement infringe principal of freedom of trade as well as intrude into contractual relations between the parties. Besides these limitations go against EU Moldova Association Agreement /DCFTA as well as commitments assumed by the RM in the WTO.	Advanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Position Papers were submitted to various Stakeholders in 2021 and over 10 meetings were organized on the subject. • Following the feedback presented by the Competition Council (to which EBA has also sent a position paper) the Draft Legal amendments were revised by the Ministry of Economy and are subjected to public consultations.
4.	List of food products from the short food chain	The draft Government Decision on the approval of the List of food products from the short food chain creates the premises for discrimination against domestic producers, unfair	Accomplished.

	(Internal Trade Law secondary legislation)	conditions for the activity of small and medium enterprises and contains a series of negative effects for both suppliers, consumers and traders. The draft violates the principle of freedom of trade and the principle of contractual freedom of the parties.	EBA submitted its comments and concerns on the respective normative act to the Working Group of the State Commission on the Regulation of the Entrepreneurial Activity. Despite the numerous negative opinions of the relevant key stakeholders, the List was approved by the Government Decision no 113/2021. The normative act is not applicable
5.	Land Code amendment	The draft of the new Land Code blocks the activity of mining enterprises producing construction materials of national strategic importance	In process. Comments of EBA Moldova on the draft Land Code (registered in the Parliament with no. 4/2021) submitted to the Parliament. Proposals to amend Labor Code submitted on 15.06.2021 related to reduction of informal employment and the phenomenon of envelope wages.
6.	Waste management systems	Implementation challenges related to the GD no.561/2020 for the approval of the Regulation on packaging and waste packaging. Packaging waste – building a sound management system	Accomplished. 2 Position papers on the deficiencies in the implementation of Government Decision were developed and submitted to Ministry of Environment and Environment Agency on GD Nr 561/2020 for the approval of the Regulation on packaging and packaging waste 28.07.2021. technical meetings were organised to discuss the draft amendments Approved Instruction by order nr.28 of the Director of the Environmental Agency as of 01.10.2021 regarding packaging and waste packaging
7.	Amendment of the GD 938/2018	With the view to the update of Government Decision No 938/2018 a meeting was organised with EBA Members and the leadership of the National Agency for Food Safety. An additional meeting was planned in a larger forum on December 8th on the platform of the Prime Minister Economic Council under the Trade Facilitation committee chaired by the EBA. Among the priorities of the Agency Agenda one can identify the commitment related to finalisation of the legal adjustment process of the Government Decision No 938/2018 which should provide clear provisions of a risk management based approach in the import of non-animal products into the Republic of Moldova. The commitment is to ensure the necessary adjustments until end of 2021.	Close to finalize. The draft Government Decision on the approval of the Methodology of import risk assessment was submitted by ANSA to the Government. 2 technical meeting were organized with ANSA and Prime Minister Economic Council