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### **EBA Presidency in the Economic Council of the Prime Minister**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group for “Cross-border Trade Facilitation” of the PM’s Economic Council had a meeting. Key discussions were focused on such subjects as: the implementation of TARIM system, the simplification of export procedure for animal products, removing technical barriers when exporting phytosanitary and animal products, repatriation of financial means (law nr. 1466-XIII) and import VAT payment.

[More details here](#)



### **Joint meeting of EBA/AMCHAM/FIA/CCIFM with IMF mission**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, EBA members had the opportunity to discuss with Mrs. Ivanna Vladkova-Hollar, in the context of the visit of IMF's mission in Moldova during 5-15 July 2016. Through this joint meeting with the private sector representatives, Mrs. Vladkova-Hollar gathered insight on what works, what doesn't and what consideration IMF should build in their subsequent discussion with the authorities. EBA shared an overview of the current business environment, specifically the issues related to the banking sector fraud schemes, the draft Law on tax service and insufficient implementation of certain financial statements related provision of the Insurance Law nr. 407 of the RM.

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### **EBA participation in the Economic Council meeting, chaired by the Prime Minister**

An official meeting between the Economic Council and the Prime Minister of Moldova, Mr Pavel Filip took place on 14 July 2016. During the meeting EBA reported the results obtained for its activity in the 2nd Working Group on Trade Facilitation, which it presides. Moreover, EBA has presented the current issues that its members are facing and has touched upon such topics as the implementation of the TARIM system, the issuing of phytosanitary certificates by ANSA, the collaboration with UNDP MyLab project and the customs flow decongestion at the Moldovan-Romanian border. The Prime Minister underlined the relevance these initiatives have in removing constraints in the development of the private sector and in assuring an attractive business environment in Moldova.

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### **EBA insists on more transparency in the review of the Law 241/2007 on electronic communications**

A new draft law amending fundamentally the Law 241/2007 on electronic communications is soon to be discussed in the Government. However, lack of transparency at the consultation phase, did not allow for all the stakeholders to make their voice heard on the matter. Therefore, when meeting the Prime Minister, Pavel Filip on 24 June 2016, EBA raised this issue and insisted on a closer dialogue between the Ministry of Information Technology and Communications and the business environment. Additionally, EBA developed a position paper on the draft law and discussed some of the key points on the platform of the Economic Council of the Prime Minister, 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting of July 26<sup>th</sup>. EBA proposals and comments, along with those of other business associations, will be sent to the Ministry for review, on behalf of the Economic Council, with the aim of a follow-up working meeting between the Ministry and the business environment representatives.

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## **Addressing the issues of meat processing industry to Ministry of Economy and ANSA**

EBA continues to advocate actively about ongoing issues affecting the work of transparent and credible meat processing operators on the market. For this purpose, on 28 July 2016, EBA facilitated a meeting between the Deputy Minister of Economy – Mr. Vitalie Iurcu, Deputy Director of ANSA (National Food Safety Agency) – Mr. Ion Toma and representatives of meat processors, including the Association of Meat Producers. The main problems requiring concrete measures on behalf of authorities, referred to payment and reimbursement of VAT (value added tax), non-compliance of various economic operators to sanitary requirements at the phase of production and/or trading which distorts fair competition on the market and the role of ANSA in ensuring better supervision of the safety regime, and import of meat from alternative markets.

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### **EBA advocates for better consultation mechanism in decision-making process**

On 27 July 2016, the State Chancellery organized a public consultation meeting to discuss a new draft Government Decision on the mechanism of public consultation with the civil society. The main novelty proposed by the draft is that each public authority covered by the Regulation will set up a special sub-division responsible for public consultation with the civil society. EBA recommendations referred in particular to the need of clarifying the scope and methodology of *ex-ante analysis*, introduced by the draft, in relation to the existing RIA (Regulatory Impact Assessment), to examine the possibility of extending the number of days allocated for public consultation (currently 15), publication on the electronic platform *particip.gov.md* of the Correlation Table for all the drafts transposing EU Directives as provided by Law 239/2008 on transparency in decision-making, to allow any stakeholder (not only the public authority) to request one of the means of public consultation provided by the Regulation and increase accountability of public authorities in stating the reasons of rejecting a proposal coming from other stakeholders than the public authorities.

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### **IFC Study on legal and institutional analysis of control bodies in Moldova**

On 11 July 2016, during the session of the Economic Council Working Group "Eliminations of constraints to doing business", IFC (International Finance Corporation/World Bank Group) presented its "Study on legal and institutional analysis of control bodies in Moldova". Commenting on the findings of the study, EBA emphasized the need to explain to inspection authorities, the concept and the operation of the new control methodology based on risk evaluation, in order to prepare them in ensuring the right application of the newly reformed control mechanism, installed by the recent amendments to the Law 131/2012 on state inspections.

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## **EBA EMPOWER**

**Support to members through business empowering and networking**

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### **EBA members meet the new Head of EBRD Office in Moldova, Mr. Dimitri Gvindadze**

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016, EBA members had the exclusive opportunity to meet with Mr. Dimitri Gvindadze, the new head of EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Office in Moldova, who shared some insights on the future direction and activities of EBRD in the country.

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## **Clients of ExportASSIST Service**

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# *We have moved!*



EBA is steadily growing as a team and capacity. Therefore, in order to be able to keep up with the new opportunities and challenges that we are constantly addressing, we have decided to move to a new place. We want to inform you that the new address is **30 Vlaicu Pîrcălab str., of. 7**, instead of 139, 31 august 1989 str.

As before, we welcome you warmly to visit us on any occasion!

European Business Association Moldova is an independent, non-government organization, aimed at aligning the national economy and business legislation to the EU standards, and promote European values and best business management practices in the Moldovan entrepreneurial Community. The EBA Vision is to enable & drive the full establishment of European business practices and values in Moldova wishing to promote and contribute to the harmonization of economy of Moldova and the EU.

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