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This disturbed the economic agent, who while importing a consignment of goods that he could not notify NAFS about in 24 hours, could not immediately pass the customs, having to stay at the border for 24 hours. The Draft Government Decision was prepared following the gaps identified by the business community who alerted Economic Council to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova.

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Implementation speed is extremely slow and there are many other reports that are only on paper. The Economic Council Secretariat prepared a questionnaire among the members of the Economic Council and identified 25 statistical reports on paper. In addition, even though the electronic signature has been officially recognized in Moldova for several years, companies have to physically go to the State Tax Service and the Center for Information Technologies in Finance (CITF) to file a paper request to initiate the use of electronic reporting

services provided by CITF. At the meeting organized by the Economic Council, the participants agreed that CITF and the National Bureau of Statistics will propose a mechanism for a more efficient implementation and management of statistical electronic reports on the OSS platform; will develop a plan to use the OSS platform for 25 additional reports identified and will propose an online application acceptance mechanism for the use of electronic reporting services.



Moldovan employers were hit with 42 million lei fines for using unofficial employment

This is shown in the data of the State Tax Service, which were made public on 15 April 2019 at the Economic Council at the meeting of the Working Group on the reduction of unofficial employment and the phenomenon of wages in the envelope.

The working group is headed by the Executive Director of the National Employers' Confederation of Moldova. At the meeting, State Tax Service (STS) representative, Nicoleta Nimerenco, noted that in 2018, 193 cases of using unofficial employment or paying salaries in the envelope were found. The state imposed fines amounting to 42.5 million lei, of which over 15,6 mln. Lei

have been paid so far.

According to the STS representatives there are 3 segments with the highest risk of using unofficial workers: HORECA, transport and construction.

During the Economic Council meeting on this subject, participants agreed to collect proposals for measures in the area of state control relevant for the identification of the phenomenon of salaries in the envelope, ensuring the ineffective implementation of the "day worker" law and other proposals from the business community in this regard. Subsequently, further meetings will be held to discuss collected proposals.



The Tax Service will check 100 economic agents in these areas for compliance in March-September 2019.





Debates on the issue of patent-based entrepreneurship

For more than 15 years, state institutions have been looking for solutions for patent holders, who acknowledge that they work in the shadow economy. During the end of last year and beginning of 2019, Economic Council Secretariat organized discussions with all stakeholders, including policymakers, agencies and businesses, to identify an alternative organizational form which would minimize the possibilities for tax evasion and would be affordable for patent holders at the same time. Under Economic Council, stakeholders have been working on reducing the administrative and compliance burdens of the simplest alternative to entrepreneurial patent - "independent entrepreneurial activity", being regulated under the Tax Code. It was supposed to be main replacer for entrepreneurial patent for trade activities by next year. However, on 17.04.2019 a group of MPs proposed a draft amendment to extend the validity of entrepreneurial patents for trade activity until 2022. The draft was registered in the Parliament and is being discussed in commissions. Regardless of the decision in the Parliament, the work on simplifying and promoting "independent entrepreneurial activity" will be continued.



Why do local producers hardly comply with the new consumer information rules on product content?

18 months ago, Law 279/2017 on consumer food information was approved.

The document provides for new product labeling rules, which many businesses do not comply with.

Some operators in production and commerce are responsible for the lack of food markings in the state language, or the incorrect translation of it.

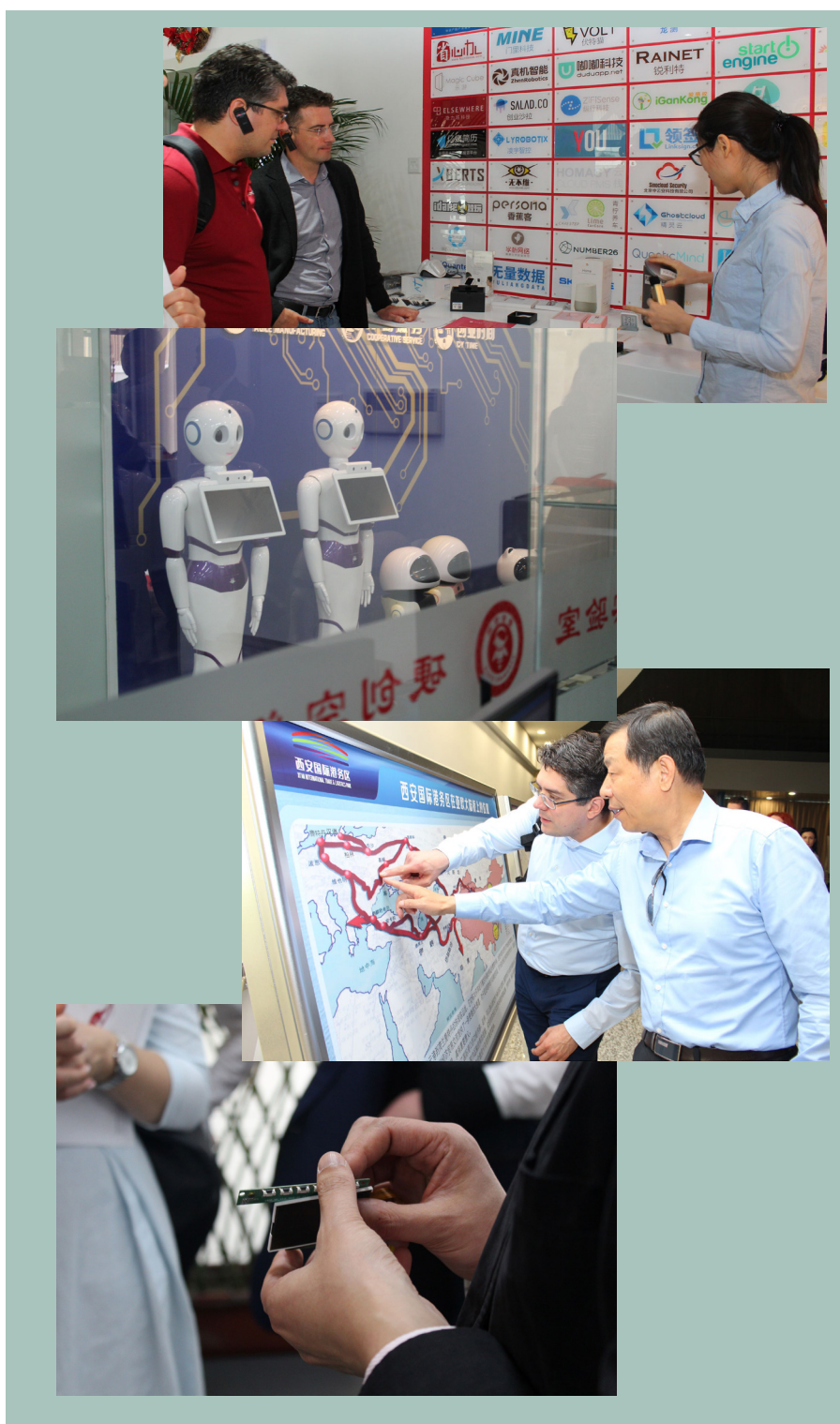
Not all the ingredients used in the manufacturing of the product are indicated in the state language, although this is written in international languages.

The subject was debated at the Economic Council on June 4, 2019. In turn, the producers' representatives say that although the new law requires, some product information can not be present-

ed to the consumer.

Representatives of NGOs have pointed out that the state must provide the necessary infrastructure to enable the economic operator to comply with the new legal provisions or whether a grace period must be granted to producers to comply with the new legal provisions.

In reply, National Agency for Food Safety representatives mentioned that the Agency will continue to take measures to assist economic agents in overcoming all obstacles and align with the new provisions.



Recent Chinese economic projects can make a significant contribution to Moldova's economic development

This was the conclusion of Economic Council Secretariat experts at the end of the official visit they made to China. According to experts, from discussions they held with representatives of several Chinese companies and organizations, the development of the economic project "One Belt, one Road" or, in other words, the Silk Road, is meant to facilitate commercial and economic relations in a geographical area which includes over 70 states, and Moldova could benefit from the economic and trade relations between the major economic powers located at the road end - the EU and China. However, China is virtually unaware of the potential of Moldova within the Silk Road project from the perspective of infrastructure, investment, commerce and tourism, "experts from the Secretariat said. Moldova therefore needs to highlight the potential and benefits of an ambitious global economic project initiated by China. The visit of Chisinau delegation to China from 21 to 27 April 2019 took place with the support of the World Bank Group International Finance Corporation, Chisinau Office of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to China.

Export of animal origin products to the EU

A number of Moldovan economic operators are ready to export animal origin products adjusted to standards demanded by international institutions to the EU. Moldovan business community requests state

institutions to continue to harmonize legislation of the Republic of Moldova to that of the European Union. In this respect, the Secretariat of the Economic Council leveraged discussions between the National

Agency for Food Safety and members of the business community in order to detect gaps that can be solved in the near future.

Design and project management for results



Heads of Economic Council working groups and experts from the Council Secretariat participated in the project "Design and project management for results" organized by World Bank International Finance Corporation Moldova. The purpose of this workshop was to

improve the participants' skills in project design and project management. The session included identifying the challenge of finding the solution, selecting these solutions, conducting stakeholder analysis, developing the theory of change, embedding risks in the project, and measuring

outcomes. The workshop also included a case study to which workshop participants had to find the most optimal solutions. The workshop was organized between June 24 and 27, 2019.

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