## Annex 7:

## TITLE V. TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED MATTERS

### CHAPTER 3. TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE, STANDARDISATION, METROLOGY, ACCREDITATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

CHAPTER 5. TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE, STANDARDISATION, METROLOGY, ACCREDITATION AND CONFORMITT ASSESSMENT		
ACHIEVEMENTS	IMPACT	OVERDUE MEASURES
<ul> <li>Adoption of the draft Law on market surveillance, in the second and final reading on 26.02.2016;</li> <li>Adoption of the Law No.184 of 11.07.2012 for amending and supplementing of certain legal acts (Civil Code) (defective products);</li> <li>Approval of Technical Regulation "Simple Pressure Vessels" (Government Decision no.368 of 12.06.2015);</li> <li>Approval of Technical Regulation on cableway installations designed to carry persons (Government Decision no.744 of 22.10.2015).</li> </ul>	- Establishing the basic principles and requirements for all market surveillance authorities; - Establishing methods and forms of cooperation with the purpose of effective monitoring of products available on the market; - Establishing clear rules on product manufacturer responsibility for damages caused by a product to the consumer after the warranty period; - Decreasing the risk of dangerous products on the market by setting safety requirements to specific product groups.	
<ul> <li>Regarding the national standardization system harmonization:</li> <li>Adoption of the draft Law on national standardisation in the second and final reading by Parliament on 04.03.2016 (transposes the EU Regulation 1025/2012);</li> <li>Adoption of about 10,200 European standards, which constitute 43% of the total Moldovan standards;</li> <li>Adoption of 96% of European harmonised standards;</li> <li>Withdrawal of 1415 Moldovan standards conflicting with European standards during 2014-2015;</li> <li>Management by the National Institute of Standardisation of the national fund of standards through Automated Information System "e-Standard. Catalogue of Moldovan standards".</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facilitating trade and eliminating technical barriers to trade;</li> <li>Increasing competitiveness of products and services;</li> <li>Providing consumers with trust in quality, safety and reliability of products and services.</li> <li>Providing online access of stakeholders to information on Moldovan standards.</li> </ul>	
Regarding the accreditation system harmonization: • Adoption of the draft law on amending and supplementing certain legal acts (Law no.235 of 01.12.2011 on accreditation and conformity assessment; Law no.160 of 22.07.2011 on regulation through licensing of entrepreneurial activity; Contravention Code No.218 of 24.10.2008) by Parliament in second and final reading on	<ul> <li>Ensuring the establishment of EU requirements and conformity assessment procedures at local level, which help to eliminate technical barriers to trade and leads to trade facilitation.</li> <li>Providing recognition of conformity</li> </ul>	

<ul> <li>26.02.2016 (transposes the Regulation 765/2008 and Decision 768/2008).</li> <li>In view of signing the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement with the European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA MLA), the documents on the management system MOLDAC, following SM SR EN ISO/IEC 170 standard, have been improved.</li> <li>MOLDAC staff was familiarised with EU and international standards related to requirements on the accreditation of testing and calibration of laboratories, certification bodies.</li> <li>MOLDAC submitted the application and documents on the management system, required for becoming a signatory member to the EA MLA.</li> <li>Following the submission of the application and documents of the management system by MOLDAC, in order to become a signatory of EA MLA, the EA team carried out a pre-assessment, MOLDAC was successfully assessed and only 3 nonconformities were identified.</li> <li>Accreditation of the calibration laboratories of the National Institute of Metrology and the Centre for Applied Metrology and Certification, for geometrical sizes, thermal sizes, mechanical units (masses), that is an important step in the assessment of MOLDAC in view of signing the EA MLA.</li> </ul>	assessment carried out by conformity assessment bodies accredited by MOLDAC.	
<ul> <li>Regarding the national metrology system harmonization:</li> <li>Approval on 04.03.2016 of the draft law on metrology by Parliament in second and final reading (transposes the document OIML D1: 2012);</li> <li>Approval of the Government Decision No.909/2014 on the legal units of measurement (transposes the Directive 80/181/EEC);</li> <li>Accreditation of the National Institute of Metrology' laboratory, according to the requirements of the standard SM SR EN ISO/IEC 17025, for the field of geometrical sizes, thermal sizes, mechanical units (masses);</li> <li>Aimed at ensuring traceability of measurements to the international system and ensuring international recognition of the measurements, several actions are being carried out: <ul> <li>10 inter-comparisons in different fields of measurement within COOMET;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	- Ensuring traceability of measurements; - Increasing the confidence in the results of measurements provided by the RM	
<ul> <li>Two bilateral inter-comparisons with Romania;</li> <li>One inter-comparison with the European organisation EURAMET.</li> <li>Approval of four national standards: the unit of mass, the unit of flow-liquids, the unit of length from 0 to 20 m, the unit of measurement of the spectral transmittance and optical density and</li> </ul>	- Ensuring uniformity, legality and accuracy of measurements in areas of public interest.	

two reference standards: the unit of electric intensity and voltage in direct and alternating electric current, the unit of measurement of pH

In order to harmonise the national legislation with the EU acquis, have been approved:

- Government Decision no. 408 of 16/06/2015 for approving the Technical Regulation on the placing on the market of measuring instruments, which transposes the *Directive 2014/32/EU*;
- Government Decision no. 745 of 26/10/2015 for approving the Technical Regulation "Making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits" which transposes the *Directive 2014/35/EU*;
- Government Decision no. 807 of 29/10/2015 for approving the Technical Regulation "Electromagnetic compatibility of equipment" which transposes the *Directive 2014/30/EU*;
- Government Decision No. 130 of 21.02.2014 "On approval of the Technical Regulation" industrial machinery ", which transposes the *Directive 2006/42/EC*;
- Government Decision no. 267 of 08.04.2014 "On approval of the Technical Regulation on non- automatic weighing instruments", which transposes the *Directive 2009/23/EC*;
- Government Decision no. 808 of 29/10/2015 for approving the Technical Regulation on the safety of toys, which transposes the *Directive 2009/48/EC*.

Regarding the initiation of the negotiations on the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of industrial products:

- Identification of possible areas for negotiation of the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) and the list of equipment for the laboratories in order to implement the Directives of Annex. XVI of DCFTA Agreement by the Working Group established by Order no.103 of 05.06.2015;
- Approval of the analysis on the minimum equipment needs for Laboratories with a view of implementing the DCFTA Agreement and the 2015-2017 Multiannual Procurement Plan on quality infrastructure laboratories minimum equipment (Order no.183 of 08.12.2015);
- Approval of the composition of the Working Group for the purchase of necessary equipment for the quality infrastructure laboratories, by Order no. 186 of 14.12.2015;
- The launch of the equipment procurement procedure, publishing the advertisement on the organisation of the public tender in the

The alignment of national legislation to the EU acquis ensures the establishment of same essential requirements and conformity assessment procedures, which help to eliminate technical barriers to trade and leads to trade facilitation.

- As signatory of the Multilateral Recognition Agreement with European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA MLA), it will recognise and accept the equivalence of the accreditation systems operated by the MOLDAC.
- Contributing to the elimination of duplication of conformity assessment procedures, as well as to trade facilitation.

• Development and approval of the Roadmap on initiating the negotiations on the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products.

#### Public Procurement Bulletin no. 98/15. Regarding the amendment the Law No. 92 of 26 April 2012 on Adoption of amendments made to medical devices: Law no.92 of 26.02.2012 on medical devices: • Approval of the Regulation on conditions for placing on the • Approval of the draft Government Ensuring to patients, users and third parties market of medical devices (Government Decision no. 418 of a high level of protection of health and the Decision on cosmetic products placed 05.06.2014); achievement of performance standards on the market: initially designed by the manufacturer. • Approval of amendments made to • Approval of the Regulation on conditions for placing on the market of active implantable medical devices the (Government Law no. 1409-XIII of 17.12.1997 on Decision no. 410 of 04.06.2014); medicinal products; • Approval of the Regulation on conditions for placing on the • Adoption of amendments made to market of in vitro diagnostic medical devices (Government Decision the Law no.1456-XII of 25.05.1993 on no. 435 of 10.06.2014); pharmaceutical activity; • Approval of the Regulation on authorizing medicines for the • Adoption of the Government Decision on the approval of the person and approval of post-registration changes (Ministry of Health Order no. 739 of 23.07.2012); pharmaceutics Code; • Approval of amendments to the Law No.382-XIV of 6.05.1999 on Approval of the draft Government the circulation of narcotic and psychotropic substances and Decision on colouring matters, which may be added to medicinal products; precursors • Approximation of national legislation to the EU acquis by Approval of the draft Government Decision on the contained use of transposing EU documents: - Directive 93/42 / EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices; genetically modified micro-organisms; - Directive 90/385 / EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of Approval of the Government the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical Decision on establishing the procedures for communication of potential serious devices; - Directive 98/79 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council adverse reactions to medicinal products of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices. of human or veterinary use, official authorised and appearing in RM; • Adoption of amendments to the Law no.221-XVI of 19.10. 2007 on sanitaryveterinary activity. • Adoption of the law on waste: Development and approval of the draft Law on waste (Government Decision no.775 of 28 10.2015). • Adoption of the Law on chemicals; • Development and promotion of the Note: The draft Law has been submitted to Parliament for examination and adoption (Registration no.429 of 11.03.2015) and draft law on genetically modified was approved in the first reading organisms; • Development of the draft Government Decision on approval of the Development and promotion of: - GD on the approval of the regulation Regulation on packaging and packaging waste, which will be submitted for approval after the approval of the Law on waste. It on packaging and packaging waste; transposes the provisions of the Directive 94/62/EC of the European - GD on the approval of the Regulation Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging on batteries and accumulators and their and packaging waste. waste (Directive 2006/66/EC

	batteries and accumulators and waste
	batteries and accumulators and
	repealing Directive 91/157/EEC);
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on classification, labeling and packaging
	of substances and mixtures;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on the authorization of dangerous
	chemicals;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on prohibitions and restrictions on
	production, marketing, use and export
	of chemicals;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on detergents;
	- The draft Regulation on the safety
	data sheet;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on the establishment of testing methods
	for chemicals;
	- GD on the approval of the technical
	concept of creating the Registry of
	chemicals on the Moldovan market;
	- GD on the approval of the principles of
	good laboratory practice and the
	verification of their application for tests
	on chemicals;
	- GD on the approval of the Regulation
	on the inspection and verification of
	good laboratory practice (GLP).
CHAPTER 4 SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURE	

# **CHAPTER 4. SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

ACHIEVEMENTS	IMPACT	OVERDUE MEASURES
• Submission of the final List of the EU sanitary and phytosanitary, animal welfare and other legislative measures to the European Commission that need to be harmonised based on the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Chapter of the Moldova-EU Association Agreement. Once approved the List will form an integrated part of	Food and Feed (RASFF); - Establishing the functioning of RASFF.	<ul> <li>Fulfil all recommendations of DG SANTE/FVO in view of introducing RM in the list of third countries eligible to export eggs of B category to the EU market;</li> </ul>

the Association Agreement (Annex XXIV-B).

• Approval on 24.02.2016 of the draft Law on concluding the amendments of the Law no.113 of 18.05.2012 on establishing the general principles and requirements of the food safety legislation.

- Strengthen the capacity building of RM laboratories for diagnosing of avian influenza and Newcastle disease;
- Extend the list of animal products with the right to export to the EU market, obtaining the right to subsequently export poultry meat.
- Approve Government Decision on measures implementing the RASFF.

## **CHAPTER 5. CUSTOMS AND TRADE FACILITATION**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Approval of the Combined Nomenclature of goods (Law no.172 of 25 .04.2014), which entered into force on 01.01.2015;
- Implementation of the list of tariff concessions offered by RM in the automated information system "ASYCUDA World";
- Implementation of Authorised Economic Operator System (AEO), (GD no. 647/2014);
- Amending Customs Code and the Law no. 1380 on Customs Tariff, connected with EU law.
- Approval of the Regulation on the procedure for issuing and withdrawing the approved export license (GD No.385 of 16.06.2015);
- Issuance of the order no. 323-O of 12.08.2015, on creation of the working group concerning the review of the Code of Conduct for Customs Officers;
- Joining the Pan-Euro-Med Convention (Law No.111 of 28 May 2015);
- Concerning the procedure of electronic declaration (GD no. 904 of 13.11.2013, CS Order no.570-O of 28.11.2013, CS Order no.595-O of 11/12/2013), the customs clearance at export was implemented, namely at the end of 2014 the **share of exports perfected electronic** exceeded 21% of total exports, **and at the end of 2015 about 61% of export operations**;
- Subsequently by changing the regulatory framework (GD no.675 of 19.08.2014, CS Order no. 427-O of 01.09. 2014) on 1 September 2014 it was launched testing at three customs checkpoints of electronic import clearance procedure.
- Since March 1, 2015 electronic goods import procedure has been

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- Facilitating the implementation of AA provisions on the classification of goods;

**IMPACT** 

- Facilitating the process of drawing up customs declarations for import of goods from EU of 01.09.2014;
- At the end of the fourth quarter 2015, the number of AEO certificate holders reached 97 businesses;
- 3 certificates of approved exporter were issued;
- Contributing to the compliance with international standards;
- Application of the PEM Convention can cause economic benefits for Moldova, especially in terms of additional opportunities for investment attraction in industry and raw material processing.
- Creation of free trade zone in the pan-Euro-Mediterranean area and the liberalization of rules of origin within it will provide opportunities to supply raw materials, create new markets for raw materials, stimulate investment in the region, as well will be harmonized the rules of origin.

### **OVERDUE MEASURES**

- Review and adjustment of technical standards of filling customs declarations in a detailed way, to the requirements of the Single Administrative Document (SAD);
- Implementation of the Strategy of reforming the personnel management system;
- Approval of the Government Decision on the approval of the Regulation on the enforcement of intellectual property rights by customs.

implemented at all customs posts. With the release of electronic declaration were created 25 virtual/electronic customs posts ensure processing of customs declarations submitted by economic operators from all over the country. The share of electronic perfected import at the end of 2015 is about 6%.

# CHAPTER 6. ESTABLISHMENT, TRADE IN SERVICES AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

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ACHIEVEMENTS	IMPACT	OVERDUE MEASURES
Developing and promoting the amendments and supplements to general and profile legal framework  Subsection 3. IT Services		Adoption of the Law for amending and supplementing certain legal acts (the Law on Preventing and Combating cybercrime, Electronic Communications Act, Offences Code, the Law on the medical profession, the Criminal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Law on international legal assistance in criminal matters).
<ul> <li>Implementation of the strategic Program for technological modernisation governance (e-Transformation), namely:         <ul> <li>Development of an open data catalogue within the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication;</li> <li>Conduction of reengineering of public service "Registration at domicile/residence. Removal from record";</li> <li>Approval of a concept on the principles of open government data by Government Decision no.700 of 25.08.2014.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approval of the Information Technology industry competitiveness growth Strategy for the years 2015-2021 (GD No.254 of 14.05.2015);</li> <li>Adoption of the draft Law on IT industry parks by Parliament in the first reading on 31.07.2015 (Government Decision No.253 of 14.05.2015).</li> </ul>	- Consolidating a competitive IT industry regionally and internationally, based on investments, knowledge and innovation; - Creating the prerequisites for boosting growth of export-oriented IT industry.	Adoption of the law on information technology industry parks in second and final reading.
Subsection 4. Postal and courier services  • Approval of the draft Law on postal communications (Government Decision no. 691 of 08.10.2015) and adoption by Parliament in first reading on the 29.12.2015.	- Liberalising postal services market on letters in segment 350g-2000g.	• Adoption of the Law on postal communications in the second and final reading.  Note: the provisions of this Directive are implemented after the entry into force of the Association Agreement.

### Sub-section 5. Electronic Communications Networks and Services

- Finalisation of the draft Law amending and supplementing the Law on electronic communications no.241-XVI of 15.11.2007 and its examination by EC experts in line with:
- Directive 2002/21/CE on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive), as amended by the Directive 2009/140/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009:
- Directive 2002/20/CE on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive), as amended by the Directive 2009/140/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009;
- Directive 2002/19/CE on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive), as amended by the Directive 2009/140/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009;
- Directive 2002/22/CE on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services (Universal Service Directive), as amended by the Directive 2009/136/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009;
- Directive 2002/58/CE concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications), as amended by the Directive 2009/136/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009;
- Directive 2002/77/CE on competition in the markets for electronic communications networks and services.
- It was implemented the Radio Frequencies Management Programme for 2013-2020, approved by Government Decision no. 116 of 11 February 2013.
- Draft law on access to properties and shared use of associated infrastructure of public electronic communications networks, approved by Government Decision no. 692 of 08.10.2015, developed. Adopted by the parliament on 11.03.2016 in final reading.
- Programme on transition from analogue terrestrial television to digital one worked out and implemented.
- Decision ECC/CEPT-ECC/DEC/(06)07 of 1 December 2006 " Onthe harmonised use of airborne GSM and LTE systems in the frequency bands 1710-1785 MHz and 1805-1880 MHz" implemented by the Decision of the State Commission for Radio Frequencies no. 3 of 01.07.2015 "On the approval of modification and completions made in the National Table on providing frequency range".

- Developing broadband mobile land electronic communications networks and services.
- Implementing new generation technologies and services.
- Encouraging the development of public electronic communications networks at national level;
- Attracting investments in infrastructure;
- Supporting competition between providers;
- Simplifying the procedures to get and exercise the right to access public or private properties in order to install public electronic communications networks;
- Reducing costs for building (installing), maintaining or removing networks jointly use of the physical infrastructure and the one related to public electronic communications networks.
- Ensuring the possibility to supply public mobile electronic communications services on planes;
- Developing broadband electronic communications networks;
- Diminishing the digital gap between the rural area and the urban one by providing access to TV services and other related information and communication services, as well as to ensure the continuity of present programme services once ceased the terrestrial broadcasting of TV stations into analogical format and to pass to digital broadcasting, in line with international commitments taken by Moldova;
- Providing access to a defined set of electronic communications services of a certain level of quality and at affordable prices, regardless of their geographical position.

• Adoption of the Law amending and supplementing the Law on electronic communications.

Development of the Programme on broadband networks		
development for the years 2014-2020.		
Programme on universal service in electronic communications		
sector developed.		
Alignment of national legislation to EU standard documents and		
international instruments mentioned in Annex XXVII-B to this		
Agreement		
• Adoption of the Law no.174 of 25.07.2014 on development and	- Simplifying ways to access emergency	
operation of the 112 national single emergency service;	services by setting-up specialised emergency	
Conduction and endorsement of the feasibility study on creation	services based on the principle "single desk";	
and operation of 112 Service in Moldova;	- Increasing promptness to react to different	
Creation of legal and regulatory framework necessary for the	emergencies.	
establishment of the 112 Single National Emergency Call Service,	J	
approved on 17.03.2016, in particular on (i) establishing the Pubic		
Institution "Single National Emergency Call Service 112" (Government		
Decision No. 243); (ii) approving the National Programme for the		
implementation of the 112 Service (Government Decision No. 241);		
(ii) organising and functioning of Interdepartmental Coordinating		
Committee for ensuring the interaction between the 112 Single		
National Emergency Call Service and specialised emergency services		
(Government Decision No. 242); (iv) on approving the Technical		
Concept of Automated Information System of the 112 Single National		
Emergency Call Service (Government Decision No. 244)		
In order to work out drafts on amendment and completion of		<ul> <li>Approval of normative acts</li> </ul>
normative documents subordinated to the Law no.91, it was created		necessary (including technical norms) to
an inter-department working group, being elaborated the following		implement the Law no.91 of 29.05.2014
drafts.		on electronic signature and electronic
<ul> <li>Regulation on order to put the electronic signature on electronic</li> </ul>		document.
documents related to public authorities during their electronic		document.
movement,		
<ul> <li>Regulation on activity of providers of certification services in field</li> </ul>		
of electronic signature, technical norms as to advanced qualified		
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Regulation on accreditation of electronic signature certification		
services providers,		
Regulation on state control over the putting of electronic signature and		
signature and		
Special work conditions for public key certification services		
providers.		
Sub-section. 6 Financial services	Ctrongthoningtho conscition in the field of	- Approval of modifications and
	- Strengtheningthe capacities in the field of	Approval of modifications and

- In order to enhance capacities of main actors in the area, namely NBM and NCFM, in particular to part related to bank/prudential regulation and supervision, two twinning projects were launched together with partners from Holland, Romania and Poland in June and, respectively, in October 2015;
- The draft law on amendment and completion of the Law no. 414-XVI of 22.12.2006 on mandatory civil auto liability as to damages inflicted to cars was passed in final reading, during the 29.12.2015 parliament meeting;
- Draft of the Strategy on implementation of standards Basel III in Moldova in the light of the European legislative framework (CRD IV) was worked out, meant to identify the goals, to set the calendar for implementation and steps to be taken;
- On 30.07.2015, the Parliament adopted the Law no. 147 for amending and completing some legislative acts, by which there were made amendments to the Law on the National Bank of Moldova and to other laws. These amendments are meant to adjust the legislative framework of activity of the National Bank of Moldova to the provisions of the Treaty on European Union, Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (Protocol no. 4 on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and the European Central Bank) and other EU standards, as well as to implement the best practices and international standards as to the activity of a central bank;
- On 25.02.2016, the Parliament adopted in the first reading the draft Law amending and supplementing certain acts, which include the Law on the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), the Law on the National Commission of Financial Market (NCFM).

**Note:** The draft law aims, *inter alia*, to strengthen the independence of the NBM, by exempting the normative acts of the NBM and of the NCFM from any ex- ante revision performed prior to their adoption by any public authority, as well as by providing legal protection of the NBM and NCFM' employees. At the same time, the draft law provides that NBM establishes a Central Securities Depositary and holds a share of up to 100% or equal to 100% in the capital of this entity.

- Submission to the Government for further approval of the draft law on definitive nature of settlement in the payment and settlement systems of financial tools (transposing the Directive 98/26/CE);
- Submission to the Government for further approval of the draft law on financial collateral arrangements (transposing the Directive 2002/47/CE);
- Submission to the Government for further approval of the draft law on modification and completion of some legislative acts developed in order to align the legislation in force to the provisions

bank regulation and supervision in the context of implementation of requirements of Agreement Basel II/III;

- Diminishing the system financial risks;
- Improving the legal framework of the activity of the National Bureau of Car Insurers (BNAA), including getting the BNAA membership;
- Suspending and withdrawing this quality, method to calculate the membership and registration contribution, to elect management bodies and procedure to adopt decisions, as well as the activity of mandatory civil auto liability etc.
- Fostering NBM independence by setting the interdiction to approve, suspend, annul, censor, postpone or condition the entry into force of NBM acts, to issue ex-ante opinions on NBM acts or to influence any other way to issue the final act by NBM.
- Creating of a single central depositary, as single entity in charge of exercising operations on depositing financial instruments;
- Keeping register of security holders of public entities, clearing and settlement of financial instruments accepted for trading on a regulated market, as well as other operations inherent for the activity of central depositary;
- Harmonising the national legal framework on settlement finality in payment and financial instrument settlement systems and the one applicable to financial collateral arrangements with the EU norms in the area.

completion of some legislative documents in order to harmonise the national legislation with the Directive 2009/101/CE of 16.09.2009 and Directive 77/91/CEE of 13.12.2976, abrogated by the Directive 2012/30/EU of 25.10.2012.

of newly-adopted laws.		
Section 7. Exceptions	- Developing the economic ties between	
	Moldova and EU member states both as to	
To ensure the observance of the respective provisions in line with the	avoid double taxation of private persons and	
bilateral arrangements signed with EU member states	legal entities, and to attract foreign	
	investments;	
• Implementation of bilateral arrangements taken in those 25	- Creating fiscal systems which would	
Conventions/Agreements on avoiding double taxation between the	coordinate the actions of contracting states,	
Moldovan Government and EU states governments.	aiming at avoiding double taxation, to	
	distribute taxation rights between the	
	contracting states, as well as to eliminate	
	fiscal discrimination of any form, which will	
	ensure favourable conditions to carry out	
	external economic activity and enhance	
	economic ties.	

# **Chapter 8. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

ACHIEVEMENTS	IMPACT	OVERDUE MEASURES
Institutional context  There were forwarded proposals to the Ministry of Finance as to work out and promote the Regulation on setting-up and operation of the National Agency for Solving Contestations.  • The webpage of the Public Procurement Agency was changed.  The basic standards regulating assignment of agreements, publication, legal protection  • Development of the draft law on public procurement norms set by art. 71 paragraphs(2)-(15) of the National Action Plan on Implementation of the Moldova-European Union AA  • Adoption of the Law no. 131 on public procurement, which is to enter into force on 01.05.2016.	- Simplifying the access to data provided on the webpage of the Public Procurement Agency, as well as to complete it with relevant information.	<ul> <li>Work out on the Regulation on setting-up and operation of the National Agency for Solving Contestations;</li> <li>Implementation of the Regulation on setting-up and operation of the National Agency for Solving Contestations and to namely create the mentioned Agency;</li> <li>Development of a roadmap, accompanied by a calendar of steps and deadlines provided in the annex XXIX B to the Association Agreement;</li> <li>Implementation of the roadmap;</li> <li>Implementation of the provisions on the law stipulating the transposing of Directives 2004/18/CE and 89/665/CEE;</li> <li>Adoption of the draft Law on assignment of sector public procurement agreements.</li> </ul>

# **CHAPTER 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

ACHIEVEMENTS	IMPACT	OVERDUE MEASURES
<ul> <li>To ensure the observance of copyright and related rights</li> <li>Working out on the mechanism to monitor the market of IP objects and drawing-up of the first monitoring report;</li> <li>Creation of the On-line system for submitting application;</li> <li>Working out and publication of annual reports on observance of intellectual property rights and the Report on implementation of the National Strategy on IP for 2012-2014;</li> <li>Approval of the Action Plan on implementation of the National Strategy on Intellectual Property for 2015-2017 till 2020, by Government Decision no. of 11.08.2015;</li> <li>Implementation of the Law no.139 of 2.07.2010 on copyright and related rights;</li> <li>Approval of the Law no.162 of 30.07.2015 on modification and completion of some legislative acts, making the necessary amendments to Law no.38-XVI of 29 February 2008 on trademark protection and Law no.161-XVI of 12 July 2007 on protection of designs and industrial models; Law no.39-XVI of 29 February 2008 on protection of plant variety</li> </ul>	- There were submitted in whole to AGEPI 1631 applications to register/patent intellectual property objects, out of which 275 were the system is working and will be maintained and updated further on; - The changes are meant to improve the present regulator framework and to adjust the legislation in area of trademarks and plant variety to the provisions of the Association Agreement, in particular art.294 (known trademarks) and art. 317 (plant variety).	Creation of a national financial mechanism to facilitate international certification of innovative products;     Analyse potential to sell scientific results and to study (analyse) the market requirements towards scientific outcomes
<ul> <li>Geographical indications</li> <li>Implementation of the Law no.66-XVI of 27 March 2008 on the protection of geographical indications, names of origin and traditional dishes.</li> <li>Continuous training of staff in charge of intellectual property within the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Prosecutor General's Office, Customs Service</li> </ul>	- Increasing professionalism of criminal investigation bodies as to intellectual property protection.	
• Organisation of the seminar on "Practical aspects regarding the enforcement of legislation in intellectual property. Termination of rights over trademarks, including on grounds of nullity. Protection of intellectual property rights" (34 prosecutors did attended the event)	property protection.	
Training of judges and other actors of the justice system in intellectual property field, including within the continuing education programme of the National Justice Institute.		
• In 2014, INJ organised 2 activities as to examine cases on intellectual property, 73 people being trained: 51 judges, 17 AGEPI representatives, 1 lawyer, 7 persons of other categories <i>1 National</i>	- Strengthening the capacity-building of judges related to examination of files on intellectual property.	

workshop on intellectual property for judges (6-7 November)

45 persons trained: 26 judges, 17 AGEPI representatives, 1 ,lawyer ,

4 persons of other categories

1 Seminar: Intellectual property right (15-16 April)

28 persons trained: 25 judges, 3 persons of other categories. In 2015, INJ organised 4 activities in intellectual property area, 219 persons being trained, including: 26 prosecutors, 10 mediators, 28 persons of other categories (AGEPI staff), 129 judges and CSJ personnel

*3 Seminars: Practical aspects as to enforcement of legislation in intellectual property.* 90 persons trained: 26 judges, 26 prosecutors, 10 mediators, 28 persons of other categories.

## **Chapter 10. COMPETITION**

#### **IMPACT ACHIEVEMENTS OVERDUE MEASURES** • Development of the proposals setting a biding mechanism in - Strengthening the capacity-building of • Identify companies which were order to endorse draft laws and normative acts, which might have an Competition Council as to implement provided with exclusive rights and to anti-competition impact (notice of the Competition Council no. DJlegislation in the area of work by eliminating monitor their activity (art.336 paragraph 08/500-1542 of 18.09.2015 to the bill on normative acts), by the provisions that might have an anti-(2) AA) Competition Council; competition impact; • Development of the study"Analysis of economic sectors in order - Identifying key sectors and/or markets of to identify major obstacles to competition", conducted by the the Moldovan economy where are major Competition Council and Human Toolkit Company, with the support constraints for competition; of the World Bank: • During the reporting period, 20 specialised events on promoting Promoting competitive culture; competitive culture were organised. - Unifying the implementation of legislation • In 2015, INJ organised 2 seminars in the field of examining files by judges as to competition and capacityrelated to competition and implementation of provisions of the Law building of judges as to examine files related on competition and Law on state aid, being trained 11 judges, 13 to competition and implementation of the judiciary assistants, 1 person other categories 2 Seminars: provisions of the Law on competition and Implementation of policy on competition and state aid in the Republic Law on state aid; of Moldova. 25 persons trained: 11 judges, 13 judiciary assistants, 1 person other categories; - Increasing actions to inform people about the anti-competition practices and actions • It has been launched the improved official webpage of the Competition Council, which is updated by continuously publishing undertaken in order to eliminate them; information in order to ensure the transparency of the activity of the - Strengthening institutional capacities of the competition authority and to permanently inform people; Competition Council by taking over the best • A roundtable on the National Programme on competition and practices in the area of competition and state aid for 2016-2020 was organised;

- During the reporting period, over 20 study visits were paid and more events organized, by involving the international technical assistance in order to take over the best practices in competition and state aid sector;
- There were worked out joint training programmes for the staff of the Competition Council and Public Procurement Agency in order to find out cases of faking bids and public procurement framework by the working group set up in this respect;
- 9 Regulation in order to implement the Law no. 139 of 15 June 2012 on the state aid were approved;
- It was approved by the Government Decision no. 378 of 27 May 2014 the Concept of the automated information system "State Aid Register" (Official Journal 142-146/427, 03.06.2014);
- Approval of the Report on state aid provided in Moldova on 2011-2013 (Decision of the Plenum of the Competition Council no. ASER-37 of 16.06.2015).

state aid;

- Training the staff of the Competition Council and Public Procurement Agency in order to find out cases of faking bids and of provisions related to the legal framework in public procurement area;
- Optimising the implementation of the Law no.139 of 15.06.2012 on state aid;
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