22 463 national model driving licenses have been obtained by residents of the Transnistrian region in the last 4 years



According to information provided by the Public Services Agency, the period 2017-2021 has registered an increase of the dynamic of obtaining national model driving licenses based on the exchanging mechanism (simplified in May 2020, without taking additional exams), offered to the persons with residence in the Transnistrian region, holders of regional confirming certificates and identity documents approved by the law 273/1994, and this figure constitutes 22 463 Moldovan driving licenses for the mentioned period.

Only in the period January 2 – December 18, 2021, 6 863 driving licenses were confirmed in the national system (over 30,55% of the total for 4 years), of which 4 328 have been issued in the interval September-December 2021 (over 63,06%).

Likewise, a significant speedup has been observed in the second half of 2021 in the process of documentation with neutral model license plates of the non-comercial vehicles in the Transnistrian region at the registering points on the left bank of river Nistru, according to the mechanism agreed by the Protocol decision from April 24 2018, the provisions of the Law 170/2018 and the Government decision 847/2018

Thus, in the period September 1 2018 – December 31 2021, 8986 vehicles were registered with neutral numbers at the above-mentioned subdivisions (Tiraspol – 6191, Râbnița – 2795), of which 4780 vehicles (Tiraspol – 3048, Râbnița – 1732, over 53,19% of the total number) in 2021, and only in September-December 2021 3177 vehicles were documented with neutral model license plates (over 66,44% of the total number for 2021).

This increasing tendency has taken place simultaneously with the request for more national model license plates by the drivers from the region and can also be explained by the fact that beginning with September 1 2021 the participation to the international traffic has been ensured only for vehicles with neutral and Moldovan license plates, as it was made known to stakeholders through multiple information campaigns conducted in 2021 inclusively.

It is at the same time well known that beginning with December 29, 2021, under political pretexts (https://gov.md/ro/content/comentariu-legatura-cu-declaratia-tiraspolului-privind-intentia-de-sista-temporar), Tiraspol has considerably diminished the documentation potential in the registration points from the left bank of river Nistru, putting in difficulty the citizens residing in the region.

