Clarifications regarding the claims of Tiraspol in the process of importing into the Republic of Moldova of batches of food products that present food safety risks



In the context of the exaggerated politicization by Tiraspol of the issue of imports into the country of batches of food products, carried out by companies from the Transnistrian region, we make clear that for their introduction into the Republic of Moldova and their placement on the market, compliance with the requirements of the working legislation and international requirements in the field, including healthcare, harmlessness, quality and food safety standards must be ensured.

When non-conformities, deviations, infestations, uncertainties regarding the real destination of the batches or discrepancies between the batches and the certified guarantees are detected, the competent national authorities are entitled to order the performance of qualified controls/expertises, to take the necessary actions, to draw up the appropriate documents and approve legally based decisions, with the respective notification of the competent authorities of the exporting, origin or destination countries.

Moreover, if the above-mentioned circumstances are found following the specialized controls, the inspectors authorized by law are entitled to carry out the following actions:

1) detain the lot of goods for the removal of non-conformities, with the drawing up of the act of detention and its submission to the customs authorities;

2) take the final decision regarding the preparation of the act of admission or return, with its submission to the customs bodies;

3) destroy the cargo lot according to the procedure established in the national legislation.

The communication on these subjects and the coordination of the measures/steps that must be taken are the object of the exclusive interaction between the authorities entitled by law and the representatives of the importing/exporting companies, without intermediaries and interventions from subjects who do not have the necessary powers/authorizations.

