

# Year in review 2023

## Food & Beverage

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### Results – 2023:



The import ban on goods from the Russian Federation was extended until 2025



Amendments to the requirements for advertising of food products, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, their liquids and other related products



The new version of the Law "On the Protection of Consumer Rights" (will enter into force in 1 year from the date of its publication, but not earlier than the day of termination or cancellation of the martial law)



The settlement of the issue of the electronic excise stamp and eAktyz traceability system



Regulation of activities related to GMOs (changes will enter into force on September 16, 2026)



Classification of certain goods according to the EU Combined Nomenclature



Strengthening of state control and traceability of food production, in particular by implementing state registration and maintaining Registers of Objects of Sanitary Measures



Reform in the field of waste management through compliance with the hierarchy of waste management and the introduction of the extended producer liability, the launch of the National Register of Emissions



Adoption of the School Nutrition Reform Strategy for 2023 – 2027



Restrictions on the sale of tobacco products and alcohol in duty-free shops



The introduction of the chatbot "StopViolationBot" for reporting violations of legislation by business entities in the field of trade, public catering and services



Law enforcement officers are prohibited from interfering in the process of customs control of goods

### Main results of the AMCU in 2023:



#### Establishing liability of market operators for:

- misleading consumers (placing false information about the composition and method of preparation of products on packaging and in advertising);
- bid rigging.



#### assessment of trade practices:

- regarding the stable operation of the food supply chain and the deadlines for payments for basic food products for the period of martial law;
- Memorandum in the retail sector on the establishment of the terms of deferred payment for the supplied goods.

### Expectations for 2024:

- Continuation of the import and export ban on agricultural and food products from/to the Russian Federation.
- Introduction of the European TRACES NT product certification system to speed up exports.
- Development of the Strategy for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Territories for the period up to 2030.
- Further work on the compensation mechanism for losses to enterprises and agricultural producers as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation.
- New rules for procurement of food products of the Ministry of Defense.
- Expansion of state support for agriculture.
- Provision of new grants in the fields of horticulture, berry growing and viticulture.
- Adoption of draft laws:
  - On the association of agricultural producers.
  - On state control over compliance with legislation in the field of sanitary and phytosanitary measures.
  - On attracting investments in the development of the fishing industry.
  - On amendments to the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses regarding liability for violation of the requirements of the legislation on the protection of geographical indications for food products and alcoholic beverages.