



National Customs
ROMANIA
TRANSIT TEAM



Trade Facilitation on Danube

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ADMINISTRATION

CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

- National Customs Authority is part of the National Agency of Fiscal Administration – the Ministry of Public Finance
- 8 Customs regions.
- 84 Customs offices – 46 border customs offices of entry/exit for road, rail, river, air and maritime traffic.



ADMINISTRATION

External borders

- with the Moldavian Republic (6 customs offices)
- with Ukraine (3 customs offices)
- with Serbia (7 customs offices),
- 3 Black Sea ports and
- 14 airports
- 14 Danube ports.



ADMINISTRATION

Most important customs offices

- The most important exit/entry customs office for road traffic is Albita;
- The most important exit/entry customs office at the Black Sea is South Constanta Port;
- The most important exit/entry customs offices at the Danube river are Galati and Drobeta Turnu Severin;
- The most important exit/entry customs office for air traffic is Otopeni International Airport.



Legal Frame

1. Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube, (Romania full rights member state), signed at Belgrade on 18 August 1948.
2. COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the **Community Customs Code**.
3. Commission REGULATION (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code.
4. Law no.86/2006 on **Romanian Customs Code**.
5. Order no.9207/2066 signed by the Vice-president of Romanian National Agency of Fiscal Administration – director of National Customs Authority, regarding circulation of the Community goods transported between Romanian and Bulgarian Ports on the Danube (T2L document stating the Community status of the goods).



Legal Frame

The Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube, (Romania full rights member state), signed at Belgrade on 18 August 1948 is providing in article 27 the following:

“When both banks of the Danube belong to the same State, the latter shall **have the right to place goods in transit** under seal or in charge of the customs officers. Such State shall also be entitled to require the master or owner of a vessel to make a written declaration stating only whether or not he is carrying goods the importation of which is prohibited by that State but shall not be entitled to prohibit the transit of such goods. These formalities shall not entail an inspection of the cargo or delay its transit. The master or owner of a vessel making a false declaration shall be liable under the law of the State to which the declaration was made.”

“When the river Danube forms the frontier between two States, vessels, rafts, passengers and **goods in transit shall be exempt**, while afloat, **from all customs formalities.**”



Improvements of customs offices on Danube

For better flow of goods at border crossing on Danube and an improved border management we have:

- harmonize the procedures and the practices used by the Romanian and the Bulgarian agencies (customs and border police) at the border, in line with EU standards and best practice;

(PHARE project BG/RO 2000 (RO002.03.01) regarding FACILITATION OF DANUBE BORDER CROSSING)

- improve co-operation and regular information exchange between the Romanian border control authorities and the Bulgarian/Ukrainian counterparts;

- acquisitions of specialised equipment for Customs control, telecommunication equipment, Hardware, Basic Software, and Software Development for exchange of information has been done for the Customs offices and the Danube river border crossing check-points in order to allow exchange of information between them and between the relevant Bulgarian/Ukrainian counterparts for fluidisation of the traffic.



Customs controls

- Entry point: customs control for the vessels is done at the first Romanian customs office situated on the Danube
- Exit point: customs control must be done at the last customs office from the port where the vessel is leaving the Romanian sector of the Danube into international journeys.



Transit declaration

- a. For non-EU goods at the customs office of departure customs formalities must be done – an external transit declaration must be lodged in the NCTS-RO application.

- b. For EU goods (Community goods) – no guarantee/transit formalities needed, only the proof of status of the goods (T2L document).



General remarks

- Type of goods transported on Danube are in general raw material as phosphate, iron ore, coal, etc.
- Considering journeys from the lower Danube Sector we have:
 - departure customs offices: Constanta Port, Galati, Constanta South, Braila, Tulcea;
 - destination customs offices: Giurgiu, Calafat, Drobeta Turnu Severin, Orsova.



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Statistics

Tons/Modes of transport for 2011 with countries of destination/departure Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria (only for import), Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan

Export

Mode of transport		Annual flow of traffic (in thousand tons)
Total:		7008.27
1	Maritime	5378.91
2	Railway	442.83
3	Road	1062.47
4	Air	5.30
8	Inland water	118.71
99	Others	0.05

Import

Mode of transport		Annual flow of traffic (in thousand tons)
Total:		5745.22
1	Maritime	2473.97
2	Railway	1478.96
3	Road	1160.56
4	Air	0.38
8	Inland water	631.15
99	Others	0.20

Statistics

Export/Import traffic flows regarding countries of goodsdestination/departure for 2011 for all modes of transport

Country of destination		Annual flow of traffic (in thousand tons)
Total:		7008.27
AM	Armenia	3.92
AZ	Azerbaijan	6.83
GE	Georgia	272.47
IR	Iran	71.58
KG	Kirghizstan	2.67
KZ	Kazakhstan	15.95
MD	R. Moldova	630.35
TR	Turkey	5159.05
UA	Ukraine	825.13
UZ	Uzbekistan	20.32

Country of departure		Annual flow of traffic (in thousand tons)
Total:		5745.23
AM	Armenia	0.51
AZ	Azerbaijan	5.06
BG	Bulgaria	21.27
GE	Georgia	121.10
IR	Iran	66.48
KG	Kirghizstan	1.40
KZ	Kazakhstan	56.60
MD	R. Moldova	314.93
TR	Turkey	1737.11
UA	Ukraine	3395.10
UZ	Uzbekistan	25.67



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