Indirect tax newsletter

Cancellation of test customs values

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According to the cancelled resolution, for the purposes of control over truth and accuracy of the goods' customs value the customs authorities used information on average value of the goods (depending on tariff code and origin), calculated for past 6 months. Now this rule has been cancelled.

Officials say that cancellation of test customs values would ensure a fair customs valuation. For instance, previously these values were defined without due regard to volume, discounts and other conditions of concrete transactions and this caused disputes with business.

We expect that now customs offices would be more flexible in comparing the declared customs value with information available in their price database, and use more sources of price information (e.g., use price information of importers' industrial associations). As a result of this, we do not exclude cases where customs control would not accept the declared customs value of goods being imported.

Therefore, our recommendation remains valid that importers pay more attention to documentary support of the goods' customs value. If there are customs value disputes with the fiscal authorities, do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

The governmental resolution (*The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Cancellation of Resolution of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 724 dated 16 September 2015"* No. 686 dated 5 October 2016) becomes effective from the date of publication.



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