

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

CUSTOMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA



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In 2025, the Lithuanian Customs underwent a year characterized by intensity, responsibility, and significant change. Operating within a complex geopolitical environment, the Customs devoted its utmost attention to safeguarding the security of both the State and the European Union.

The supervision of the implementation of sanctions against Russia and Belarus remained one of our key priorities. Throughout the past year, import, export, and transit procedures were suspended on thousands of occasions upon the identification of risks related to the circumvention of sanctions. In response to increasingly sophisticated illicit schemes, risk analysis capabilities were strengthened on an ongoing basis and specialised control operations were carried out.

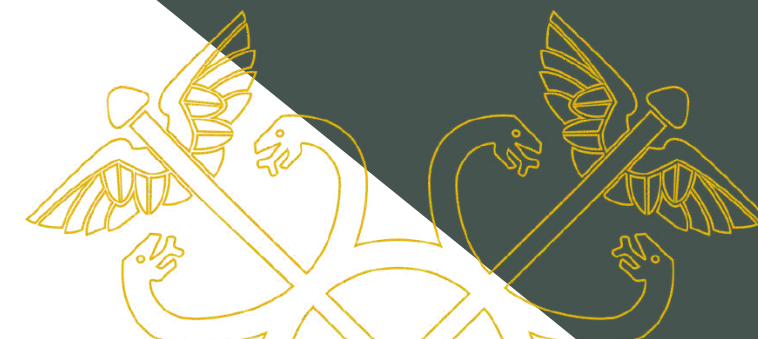
Significant attention was devoted to modernization initiatives. Information systems were upgraded to facilitate faster decision-making and to reduce the administrative burden on businesses. The Customs takes pride in being among the first in Europe to introduce artificial intelligence for freight inspection on railways.

Another major milestone was achieved in June 2025, when the Lithuanian Customs systems were integrated with the European Union's certificate exchange system, CSW-CERTEX.

The examination process for customs representatives was transitioned to a digital environment.

The strength of our institution lies in its people; accordingly, substantial investments were made to improve working conditions and promote staff well-being. Officers' salaries were increased, and work equipment, service vehicles, and uniforms were renewed. Professional training was further enhanced to ensure preparedness for future competency challenges. The successful implementation of the programme *New Generation Lithuania* enabled the strengthening of competencies among senior and mid-level managers.

Collaboration with the business community is an essential part of our activities. Together with the Customs Practitioners Association, we organized a major international conference that addressed strategic topics such as the implementation of an AI-based automated X-ray image analysis system, the expected changes in customs operations over the coming decade and the steps that need to be taken today to prepare for these transformations, as well as the European Union's Customs Data Platform.



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The Lithuanian Customs was also highly active on the international stage. We strengthened the capacities of the Customs Administrations of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina, actively represented Lithuania's positions in the Council of the European Union and the European Commission, and maintained close cooperation with partners from the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, and other countries. Support to Ukraine remained one of our key priorities - in 2025, assets worth more than EUR 200,000 were donated, bringing the total value of assistance provided since the beginning of the war to over EUR 2.2 million.

An important milestone in the near future will be the further strengthening of X-ray inspection capabilities. In 2026, new state-of-the-art X-ray inspection systems will be commissioned at the Stasylos and Kybartai border checkpoints, significantly enhancing the detection and screening of high-risk cargo.

In 2026, the Lithuanian Customs will embark on a series of ambitious projects and significant structural reforms. We will continue preparations for Lithuania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union and implement the consolidation of the Customs administration into a single legal entity.

We will place strong emphasis on the modernisation of services and launch the My Customs project, aimed at providing a more user-friendly and transparent experience. We will also actively prepare for the European Union customs reform, including the establishment of the European Union Customs Authority (EUCA), the development of the EU Customs Data Hub, and the overhaul of e-commerce rules. In addition, we will continue preparations for the taxation of low-value consignments from third countries, which will enter into force on 1 July 2026.

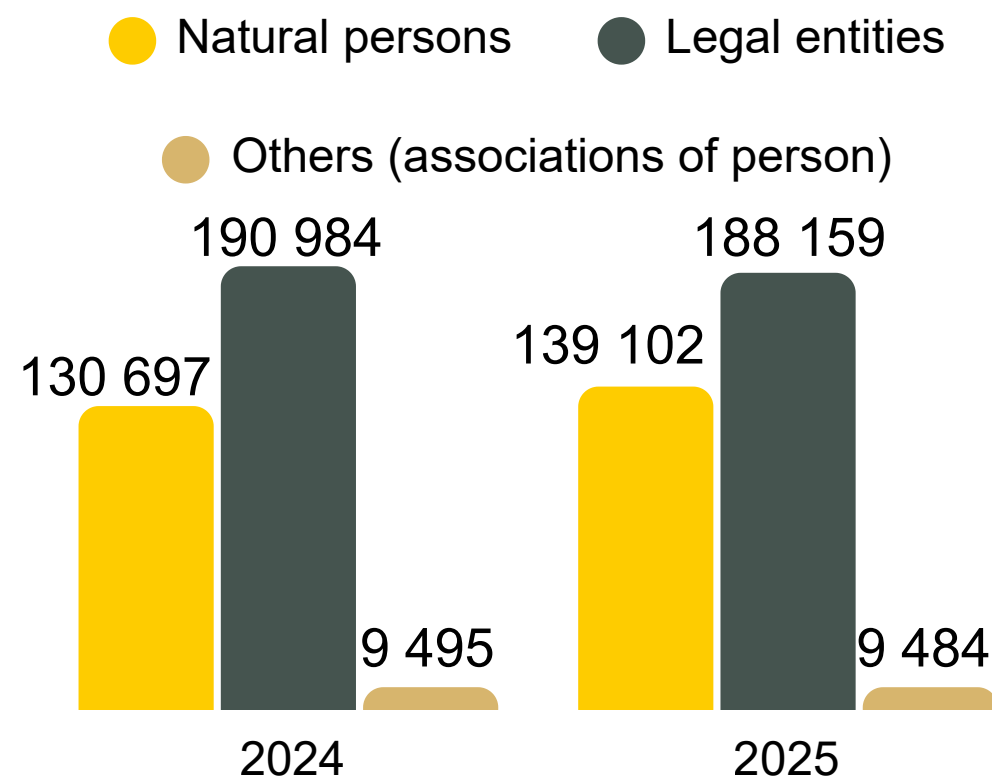
This report provides an overview of the key results and most significant accomplishments of the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania in 2025.



Our Clients

CUSTOMS OBLIGORS

In total, the Customs supervises 336,745 customs obligors, half of whom (169,466) are natural persons, legal entities, or other persons registered in Lithuania, while approximately 40 percent (133,254) are registered in other Member States of the European Union. The remainder are established in third countries. Compared to 2024, the total number of customs obligors increased by 5,569 individuals, primarily within the category of natural persons. In 2025, the Customs supervised 55,181 legal entities established and registered in Lithuania.



AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATORS (AEO)

The status of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) represents the highest level of reliability assessed by the Customs authorities. It is recognised not only in Lithuania and across the European Union, but also in third countries with which the European Union has concluded mutual recognition agreements for this status. Holders of AEO status may benefit from the simplifications granted in the areas of customs formalities as well as safety and security.

As of 31 December 2025, there were 172 valid AEO authorisations issued by the Lithuanian Customs (compared to 181 as of 31 December 2024).

INTRASTAT SYSTEM

In 2025, the Customs supervised 6,911 Intrastat obligors. A total of 50,103 Intrastat arrival statistical declarations and 39,474 Intrastat dispatch statistical declarations were validated. The effectiveness of Intrastat statistical data collection in 2025 amounted to 97.7 percent.

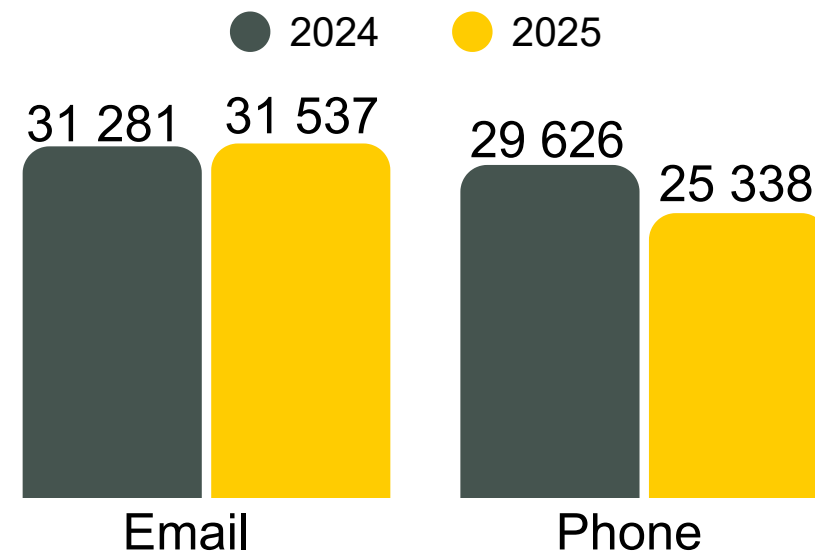


Training and Consultations

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED

In 2025, Lithuanian Customs received and responded to 56,875 enquiries submitted via the email address info@lrmuitine.lt and the customs information telephone lines (+370 5 266 5000 and +370 5 266 5001), representing a decrease of 6.62% compared with 2024 (60,907 enquiries). On average, 125 enquiries were handled by telephone and 101 enquiries submitted in writing or by email were processed each day.

The most common enquiries concerned simplified customs declarations, Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) numbers, the taxation of goods, and sanctions. In 2025, 89.79% of callers rated the telephone consultations provided by Lithuanian Customs with the highest score of 5 ("excellent"). Moreover, 47 consolidated and summarised Frequently Asked Questions were published, covering key topics such as the application of sanctions by the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania, the transport of goods by postal consignments, and the use of the Intelligent Customs Declaration Processing System (iMDAS).



UPDATED WEBSITES

On 1 July, the online portal of the Integrated Tariff of the Republic of Lithuania (LITAR) was updated, providing access to up-to-date information on applicable tariff regulation measures. As of 1 September, the external website of the Customs was migrated to portal *Mano vyriausybė* (My Government), with the website's content reviewed and updated.



TRAINING FOR CUSTOMS CLIENTS

2 seminars were organised for business representatives on the topics of dual-use goods control and the harmonised application of sanctions. Together with the Ministry of the Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency, a seminar was held on the implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. 4 online seminars were delivered on the following subjects: 15 Most Relevant Questions, Sanctions, Current Issues in Declaring Goods in Postal Consignments, and Preferential Origin of Goods. Training sessions were organised for individuals wishing to provide customs representation services in Lithuania, with 11 participants trained. A total of 149 individuals applied to take the professional qualification examination, and 41 individuals were granted the qualification.

With the implementation of a project co-financed under the programme *New Generation Lithuania*, the Customs Training and Examination Information System of the Republic of Lithuania (DEKLARIS) was created in 2025 - enabling customs representatives to undergo training and examinations digitally.



Engagement and Cooperation with Business

CUSTOMS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Customs Consultative Committee was established to conduct consultations and to examine other customs-related matters relevant to economic operators. In 2025, the Customs Consultative Committee and its subcommittees convened 12 meetings across the territorial customs offices. The predominant topic was the sanctions imposed on Russia and Belarus in response to the war launched against Ukraine. The meetings also included presentations and discussions on exporters' responsibilities when exporting or re-exporting goods, the implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulation, the provision of guarantees to the Lithuanian Customs, professional training, business–customs partnership, the functioning of the customs consultation network, the reorganisation of operations at cargo posts, and other related issues.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Together with the Customs Practitioners Association, an International Customs Ecosystem Conference was organised on 6–7 October. During the conference, the business community was presented with a number of topics of current relevance, including the implementation of the project for an AI-based automated X-ray image analysis system, the changes expected in customs over the next decade and the actions needed today to prepare for them, as well as the European Union Customs Data Platform.

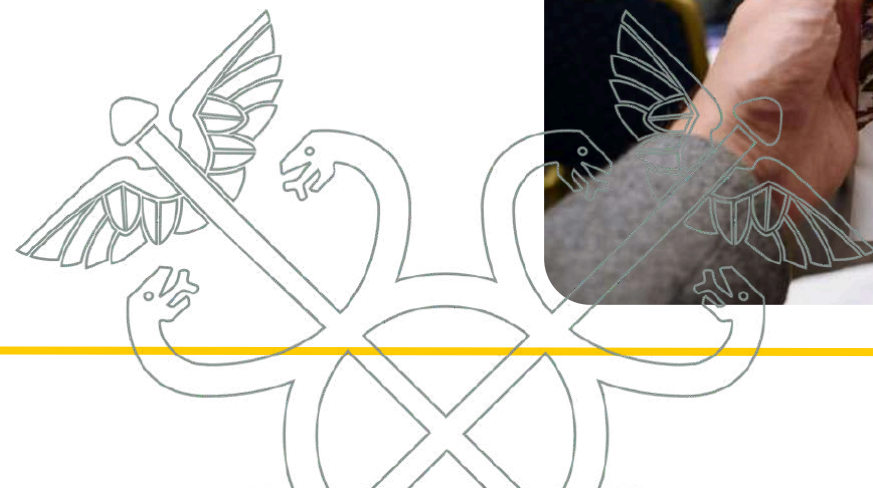


ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

4 round-table meetings were organised, addressing the following topics: the use of alternative evidence for closing transit procedures and confirming the exit of exported goods destined for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus; issues related to customs information systems; the review of the European Union Customs Reform; and the new functionality of the Integrated Tariff Information System of the Republic of Lithuania (LITAR).

OTHER MEETINGS

In March 2025, during a meeting with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts, the progress of the e-ATA project and the next steps were discussed. In May, a meeting was held with representatives of the Lithuanian National Road Carriers Association (LINAVA). In July and September, consultations took place regarding the import of low-value consignments from China into the Republic of Lithuania. In November, a consultation was organised for Lithuanian carriers concerning actions taken by Belarus, along with other related meetings.



Streamlining Customs Clearance

CUSTOMS SINGLE WINDOW ENVIRONMENT

On 17 June, the Intelligent Customs Declaration Processing System (iMDAS) and the National Transit Control System (NTKS) were interconnected with the European Union Certificate Exchange System (CSW-CERTEX). At present, customs no longer requires the submission of 11 categories of documents issued by other authorities, as these are available through the EU CSW-CERTEX system and are verified automatically. The European Union Customs Single Window environment will continue to be rolled out in phases until 2031 and is expected to significantly reduce administrative costs and expedite customs clearance.

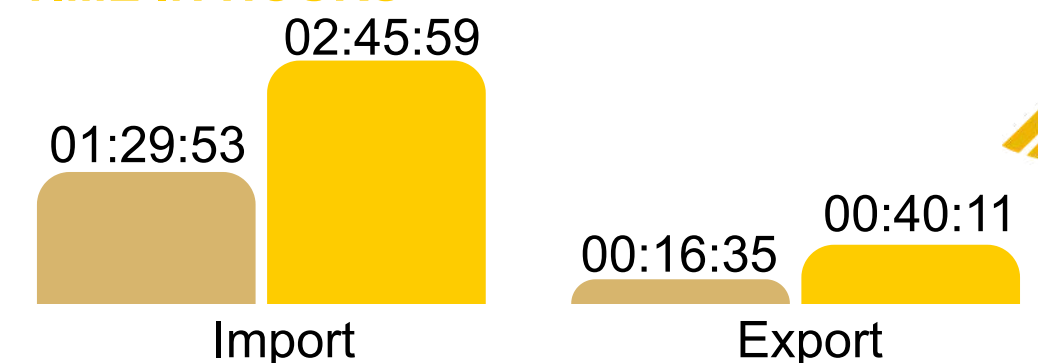
ACCELERATION OF INTERNAL PROCESSES

In 2025, user-friendly interface improvements and solutions aimed at reducing manually entered data were implemented for customs officers within the Integrated Customs Information System, ensuring faster customs clearance processes. Enhancements were made to the iMDAS, NTKS, Customs Authorisation System (MLS), Customs Valuation System (PREMI), Sample Management System (MĖGIS), Control Management System (KOMANDORAS), Guarantee Management System (GVS), the Tax Accounting and Control Information System (MAKIS), and the Risk Management and Audit System (AUDITAS). In addition, new integrations and automation tools were developed. The customs risk management process was reviewed, and new rules for customs risk management both prior to and during customs clearance were prepared.

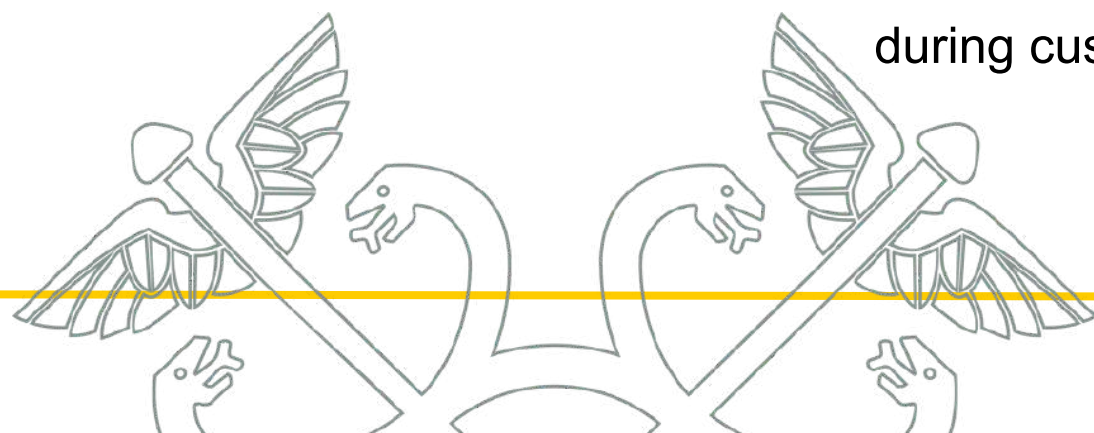
APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING FOR SERVICE TIMES

To reduce carriers' waiting times and to optimise the workload of customs officers, pilot tests were carried out at three customs cargo posts - the Marijampolė Cargo Post, the Savanoriai Cargo Post, and the Šiauliai First-Category Cargo Post. As of 1 September, a system for advance queue reservation for road vehicles was implemented through a dedicated online portal.

AVERAGE DECLARATION PROCESSING TIME IN HOURS



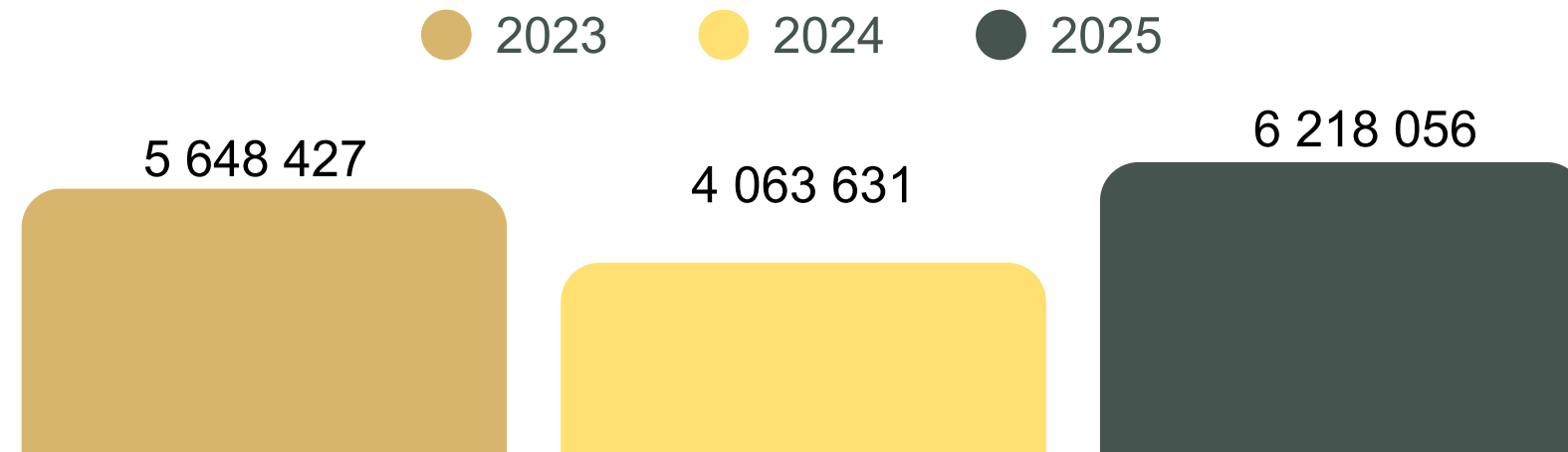
- AEO status holders
- Others



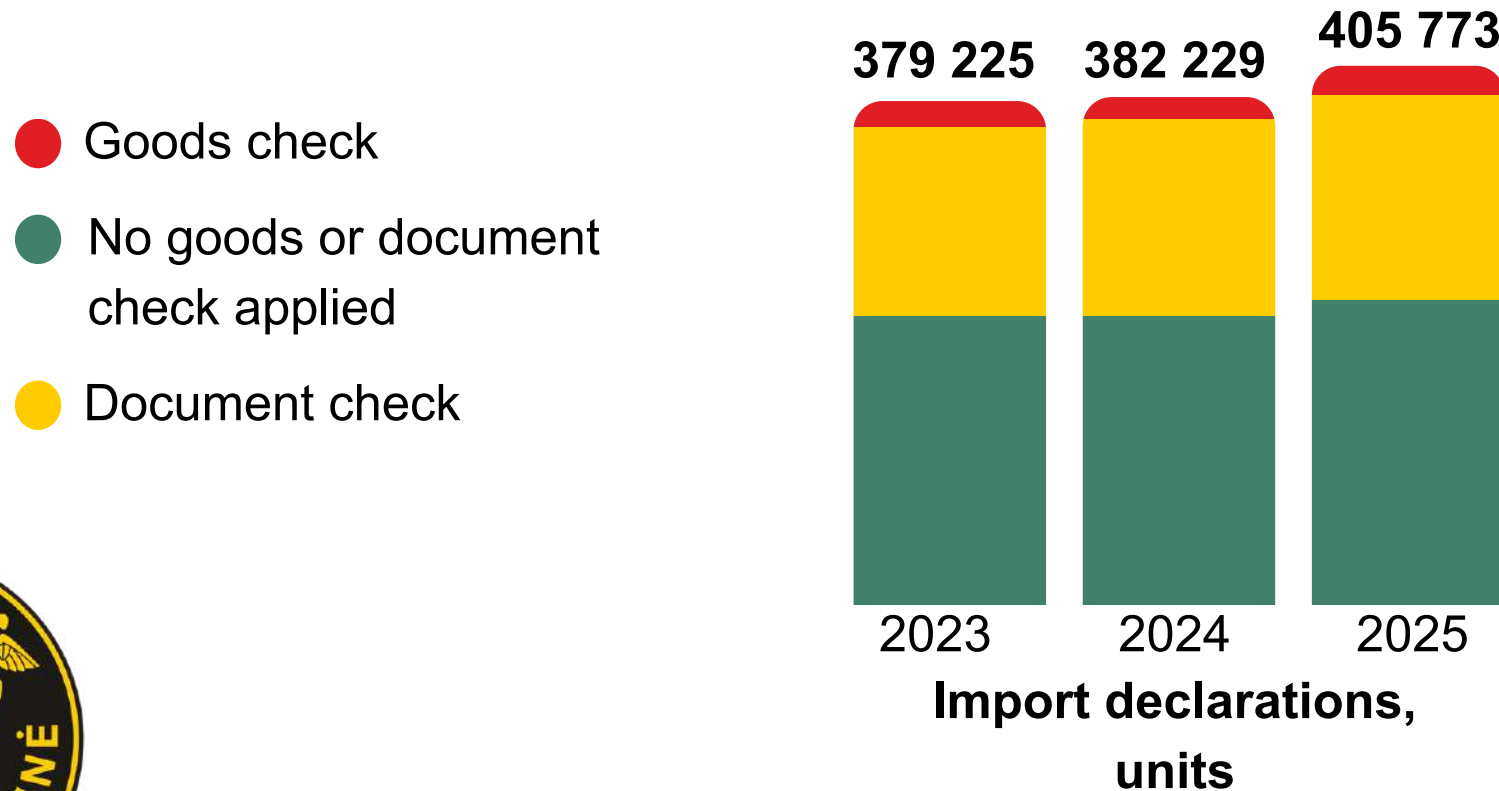
Increased Number of Processed Customs Documents

In 2025, the Customs processed more than 8.43 million customs documents (compared to 6.43 million in 2024). The 31 percent increase was driven by a significant rise in the number of low-value and postal consignment declarations.

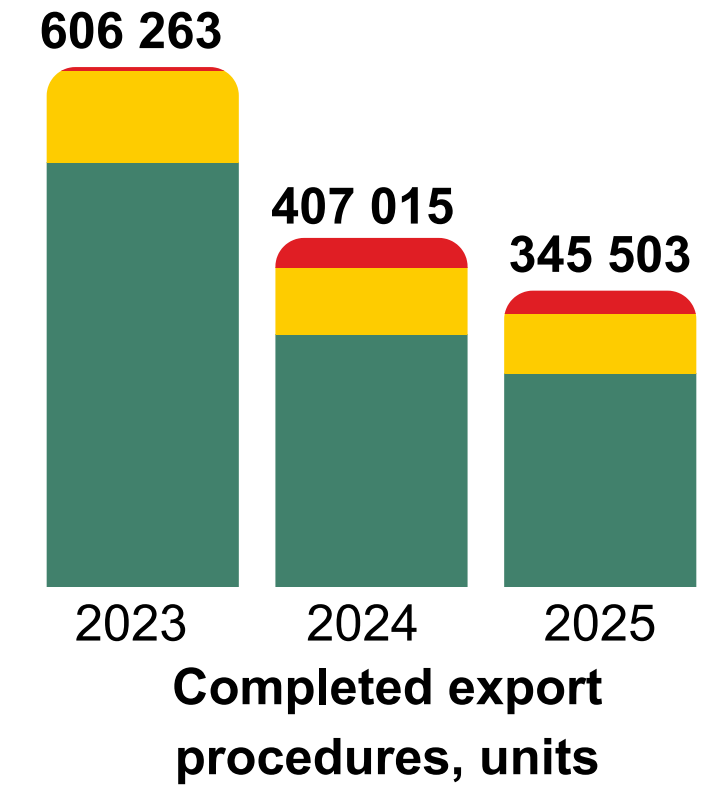
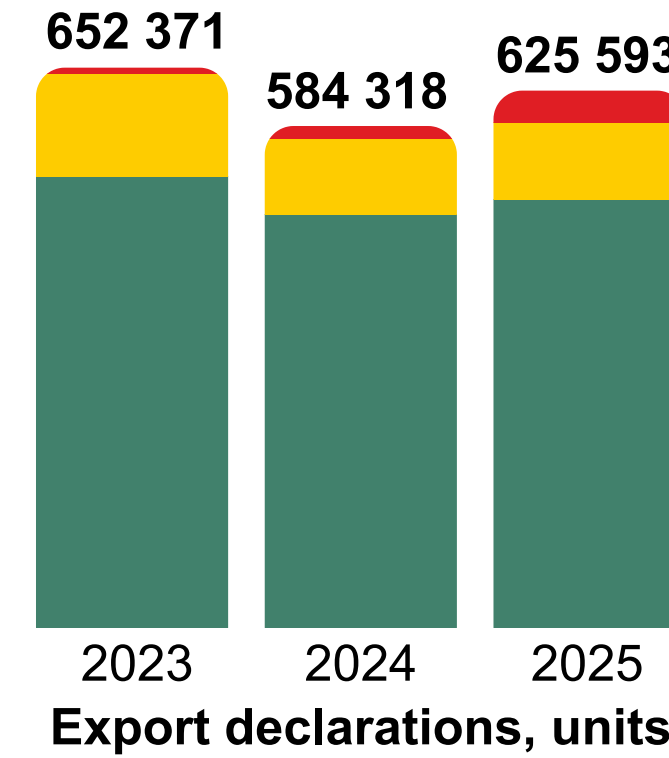
LOW-VALUE SHIPMENT DECLARATIONS, UNITS



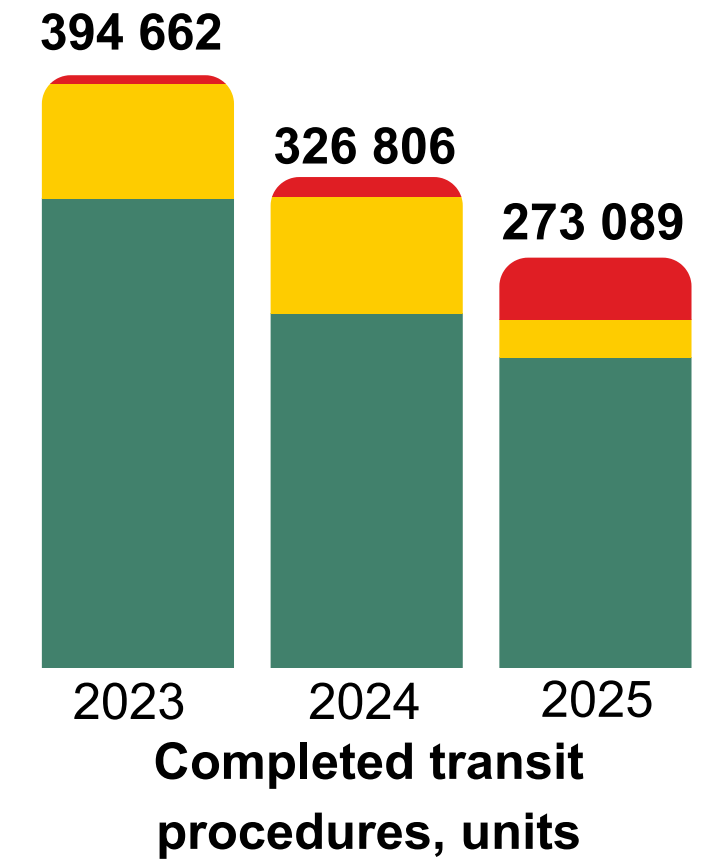
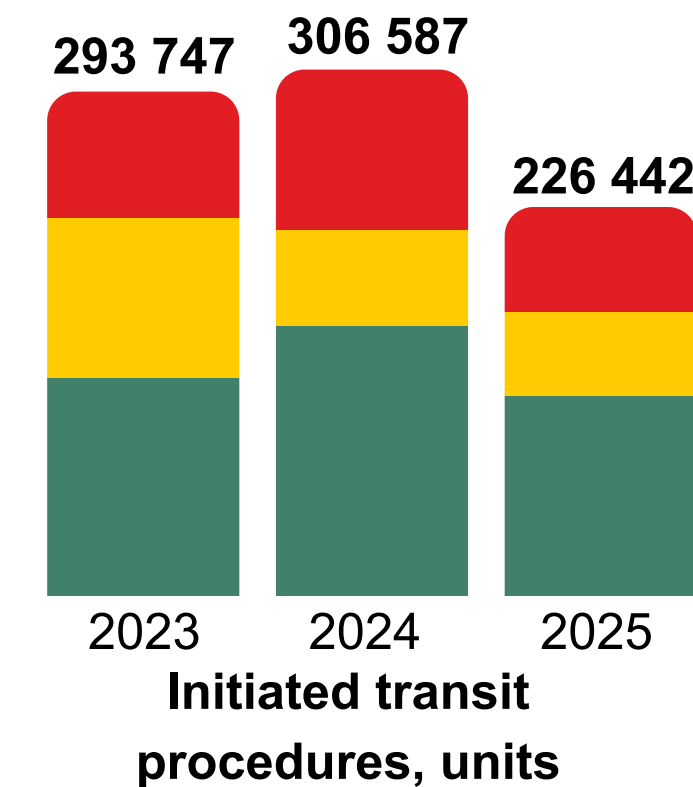
IMPORT



EXPORT



TRANSIT

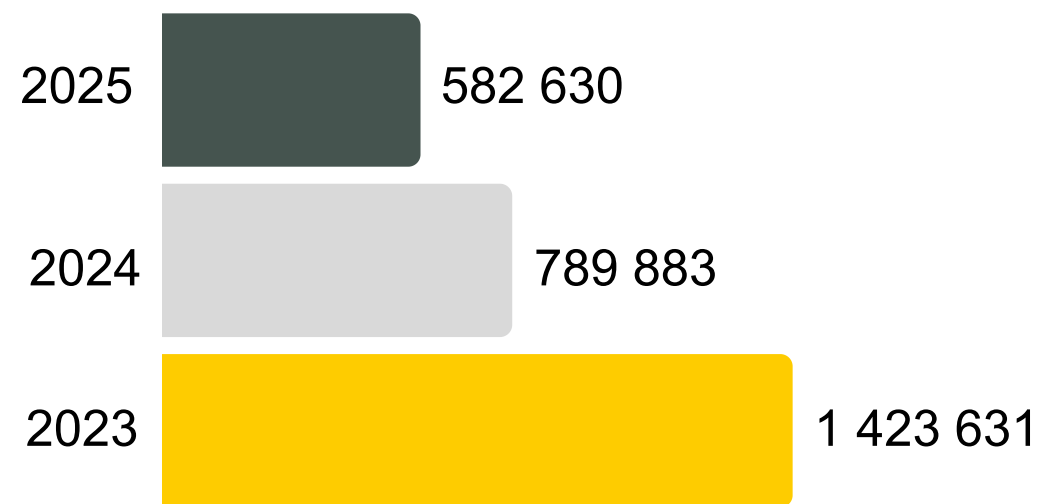


Decrease in Transport Flows with Russia and Belarus

In response to changes in the geopolitical environment, several international road border checkpoints were closed (currently, only four remain operational). In addition, following the incursion of meteorological balloons from Belarus into Lithuanian territory, traffic through the Medininkai road border checkpoint was temporarily restricted and traffic through the Šalčininkai road border checkpoint was suspended from 26 October to 19 November.

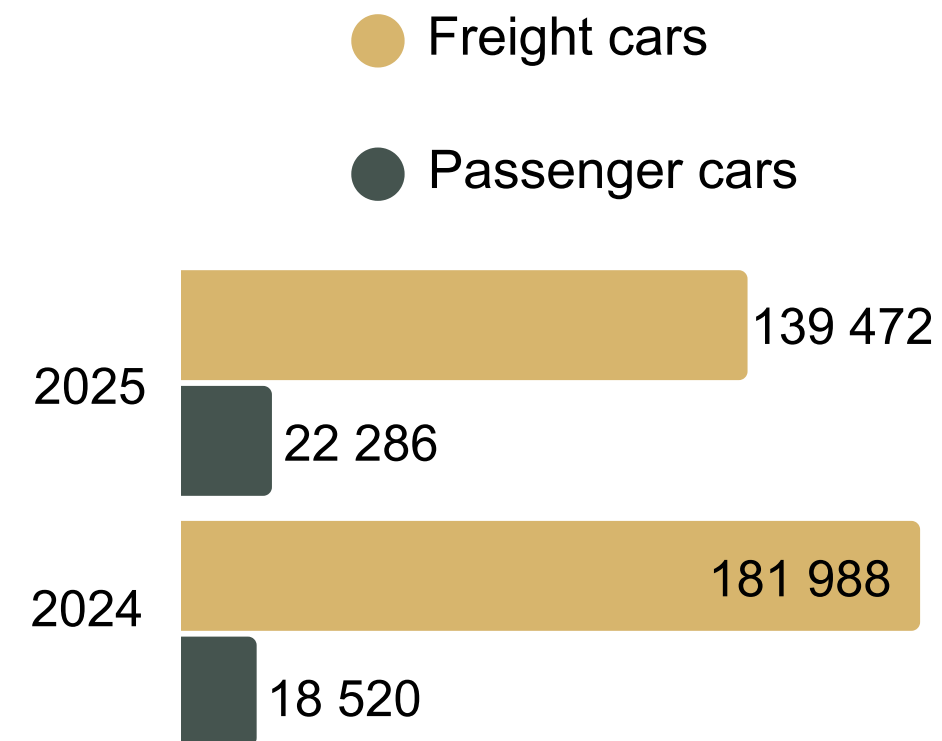
TRANSPORT FLOWS CROSSING THE LITHUANIAN BORDER

In 2025, a total of 582,630 vehicles (freight trucks, buses, and cars) crossed Lithuania's border with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus. 101,728 vehicles out of which were inspected using X-ray control systems (all inbound loaded freight vehicles were scanned).



INBOUND RAIL CAR TRAFFIC TO LITHUANIA

In 2025, a total of 161,758 rail freight cars entered Lithuania from third countries via the borders with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus. 76,846 of which were inspected using the X-ray inspection system at the Kena railway station.



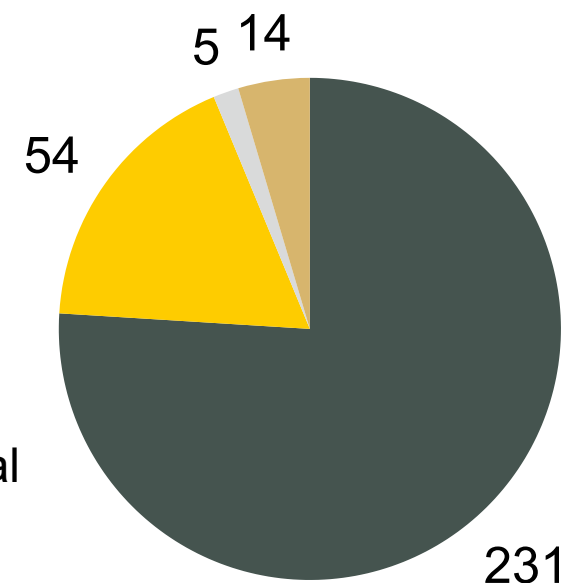
Post-Clearance Audits

INSPECTIONS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS

In 2025, 304 inspections and investigations were carried out concerning the economic and commercial activities of individuals in the Republic of Lithuania related to the application of customs and other legal regulations. This represents an increase of 20.6 percent compared to 2024 (252 inspections). As a result of these inspections, EUR 15.23 million in additional duties and taxes were assessed (compared to EUR 20.832 million assessed in 2024), the majority of which (93%) were attributable to violations of international sanctions.

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS' ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, UNITS

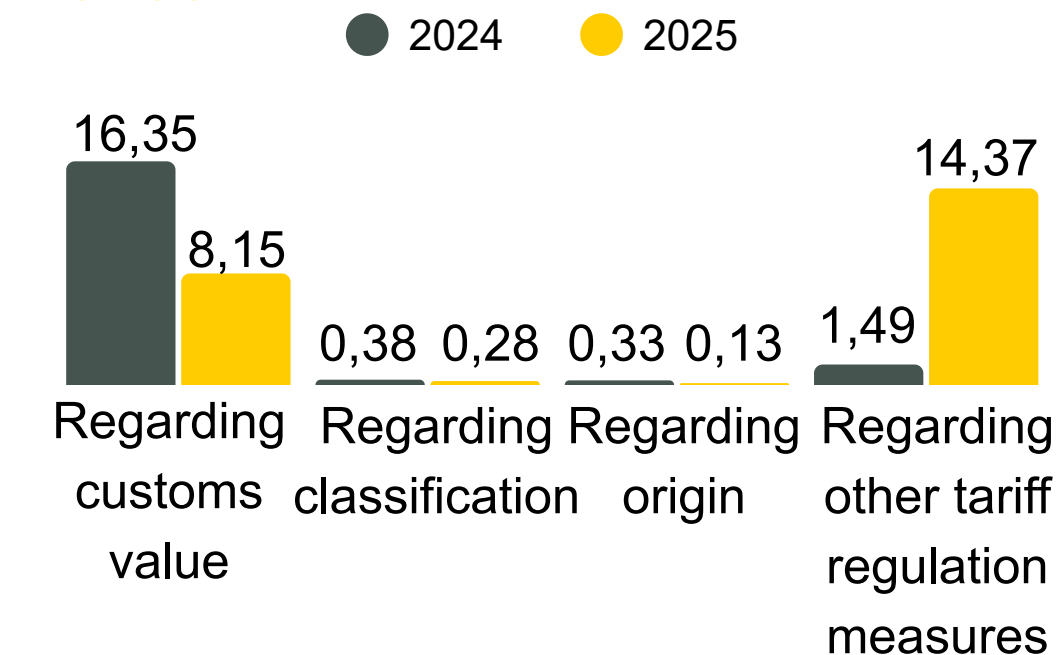
- Targeted Customs Audits
- Tax Audits
- Checks under the Common Agricultural Policy
- Investigations of Violations of International Sanctions Resulting in Fines Imposed on Legal Entities



LABORATORY TESTS

In 2025, the Customs Laboratory examined 3,114 samples (2,412 in 2024) and issued 2,373 analytical reports. The largest share of samples, 23%, consisted of goods broadly classified as metals, followed by food, alcohol and tobacco products at 13.13%, and petroleum products at 5.73%. Based on the results of laboratory analyses, the Combined Nomenclature code was revised for almost 80.43% of the goods sampled (85% in 2024).

REVIEWS OF THE APPLICATION OF CUSTOMS VALUE AND TARIFF REGULATION MEASURES, MILLION EUROS



As part of controls on the customs valuation of imported goods and post-release verification of the application of tariff measures, the accuracy of customs declarations for 15,648 consignments was checked resulting in additional tax assessments of EUR 22.933 million. In 2024, 20,697 consignments were verified and an additional EUR 18.550 million in taxes was assessed.



Tax Revenue Increase by 21.4% Compared with 2024

TAX COLLECTION

In 2025, the Customs collected EUR 224,861,863 in customs duties, excise duties, and VAT for the state budget (in 2024, EUR 185,173,443 was collected). The increase in tax collection was driven by a rise in customs duties within the goods categories of chemical products, machinery and equipment, transport vehicles and their components, as well as plant products.

OTHER REVENUES

In addition to tax revenues, the Customs Administration transferred EUR 761,062 to the state budget from state fees, interest on services, fines, and confiscated goods.

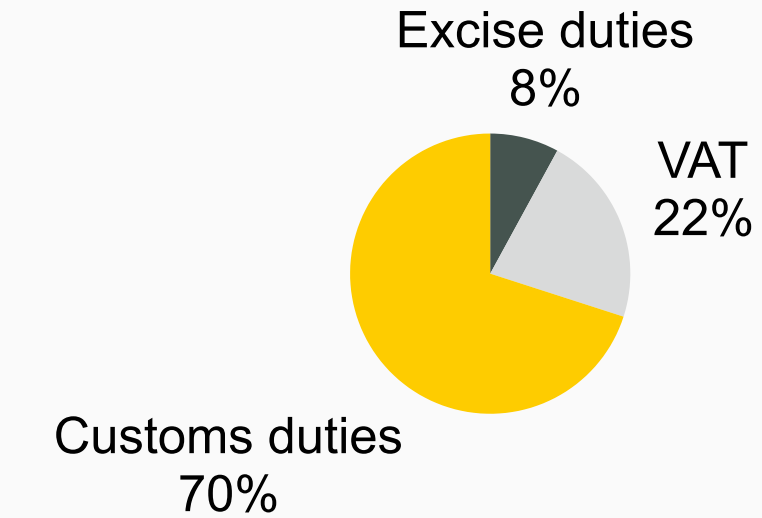
IMPORT VAT ADMINISTRATION

In 2025, the calculated import VAT on imported goods amounted to approximately EUR 2,910,959,000, of which:

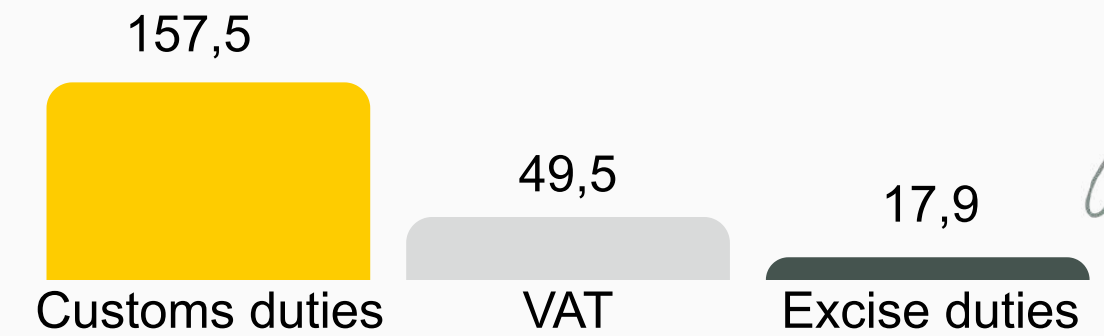
- EUR 47,458,000 fell under the administrative responsibility of the Customs;
- EUR 2,863,501,000 was transferred for administration to the State Tax Inspectorate.



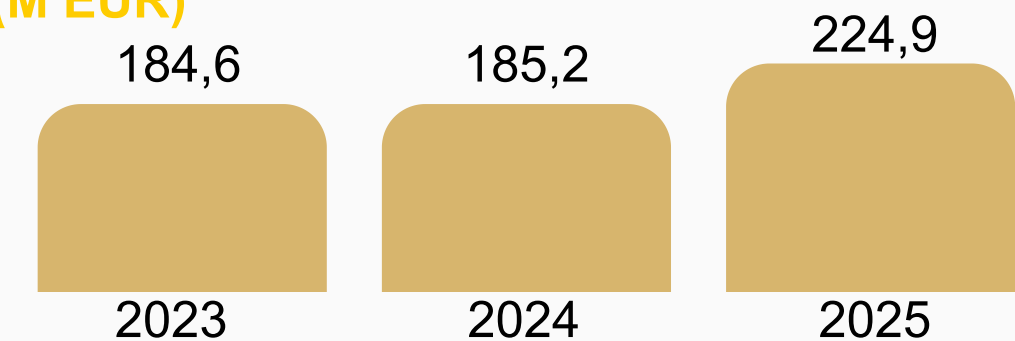
TAXES ADMINISTERED BY THE CUSTOMS (%)



TAX COLLECTION (M EUR)



TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED (M EUR)



Largest Heroin Seizure in Lithuania's History

NARCOTIC AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

In 2025, Customs initiated 110 pre-trial investigations (93 in 2024) into the smuggling of and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Among them, 102 investigations (91 in 2024) concerned narcotic drugs detected in postal consignments.

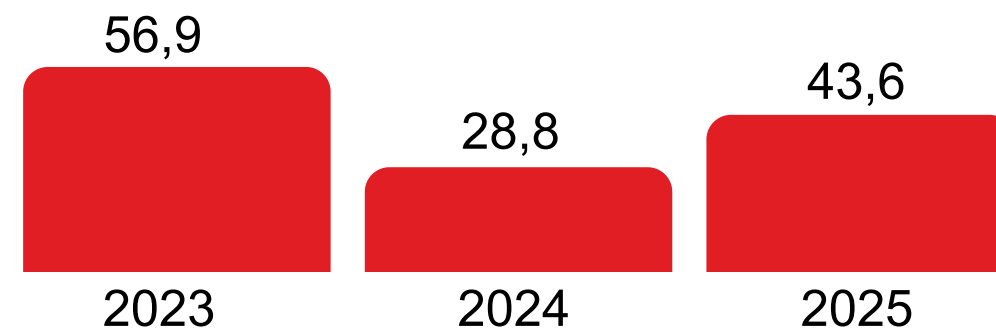
In 2025, narcotic substances were most frequently transported to Lithuania from Germany and the Netherlands, as well as from the United States. Cannabis, amphetamine, and mushrooms with hallucinogenic or psychotropic properties accounted for the majority of the substances involved.

More than 877 kg of narcotic and psychotropic substances were seized. On 14 November, officers of the Customs Criminal Service intercepted a truck transporting 498 kg of heroin - the largest heroin smuggling shipment ever seized in Lithuania.

TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Of all tobacco products seized in 2025 (70.2%) were intercepted within the country, 29.6% – at the border with Belarus and 0.2% – at the border with Russia. The majority of cigarette smuggling cases (81%) were detected based on information obtained through criminal intelligence operations.

SEIZED TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, (M EUR)



CIGARETTES SEIZED IN LITHUANIA (THOUS. UNITS)





Enhancing Transparency in International Trade

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

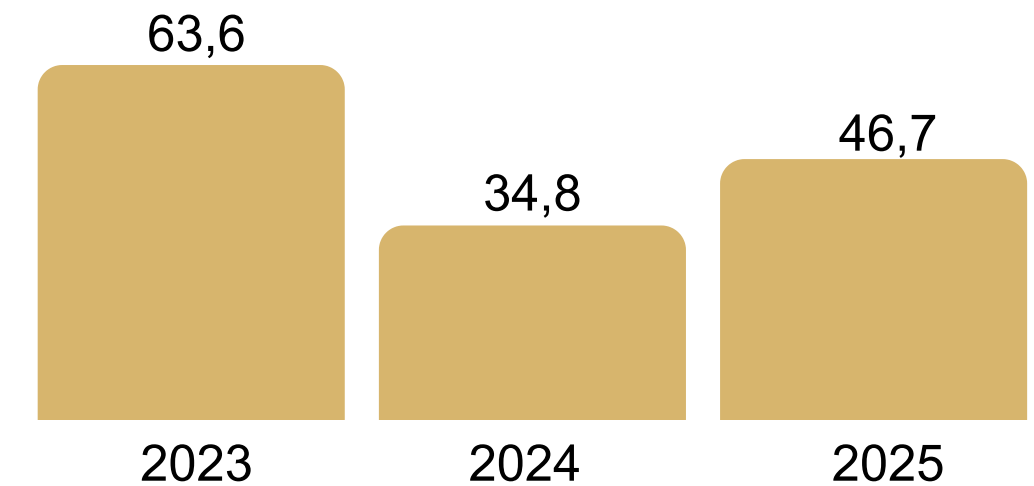
In the area of intellectual property rights (IPR) protection, the Customs carried out 3,809 inspections in 2025 (4,634 in 2024). A total of 24 national applications for IPR protection were examined, while 1,830 requests on the same matter were received from other Member States. Customs identified 136 cases in which goods were detained on suspicion of IPR infringements (337 in 2024), resulting in the detention of 181,750 items (334,547 in 2024).

CITES

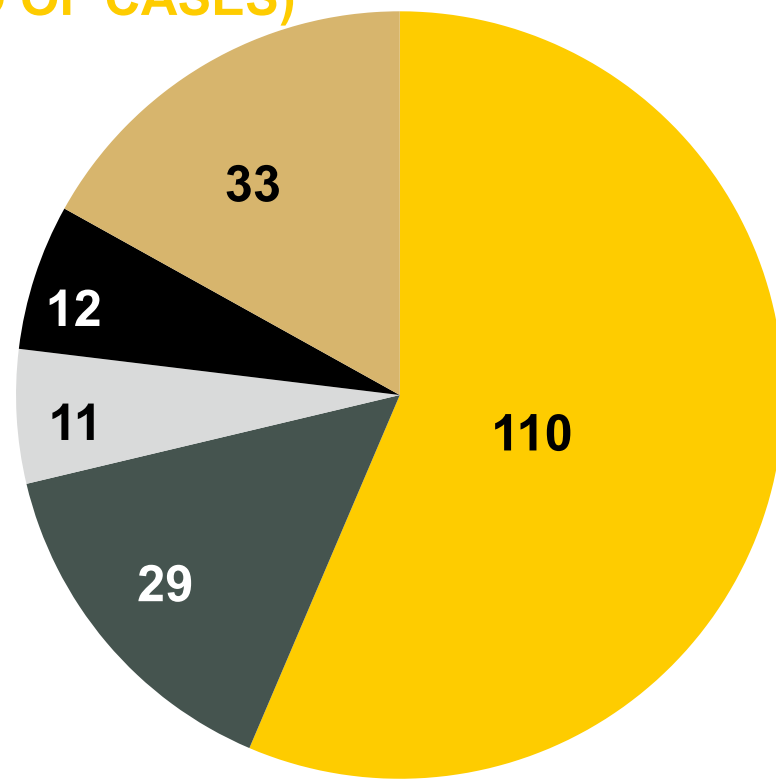
Customs carried out 2 seizures of goods (8 in 2024) in the framework of implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). One infringement was identified.

VALUE OF DETAINED GOODS, MILLION EUROS

Cigarettes accounted for the largest share of the value of goods seized in 2025, amounting to EUR 43.62 million. Customs also seized alcohol worth EUR 0.26 million, cash amounting to EUR 0.28 million, petroleum products valued at EUR 0.009 million, and other goods worth EUR 2.52 million.

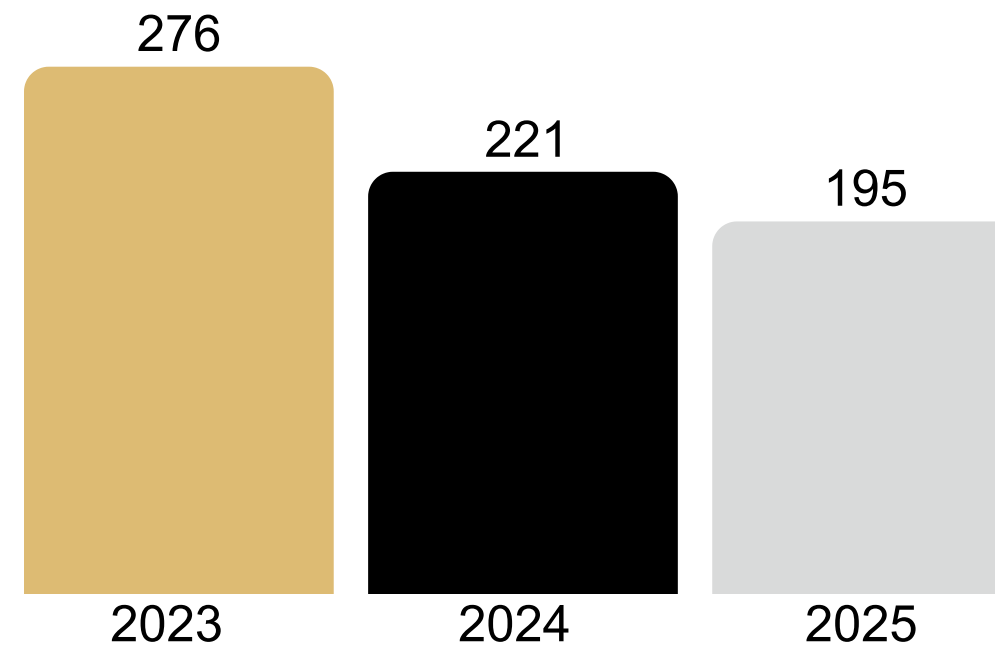


PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATIONS (NO OF CASES)



- Smuggling and illegal possession of narcotic and psychotropic substances
- Smuggling and/or illegal possession of tobacco products
- Illegal transportation of cash
- Violations of international sanctions
- Other crimes

INITIATED PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATIONS (NO OF CASES)



IDENTIFIED VIOLATIONS (NO OF CASES)

Violations	2024	2025
Administrative offence protocols	3,672	3,471
Goods seizure protocols	1,702	1,472
Pre-trial investigations	221	195
Other	153	91
Total	5,748	5,229

APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

In 2025, in implementing international sanctions, Customs denied the entry of goods on 2,749 occasions, refused the release of goods on 10,225 occasions, and denied the application of the transit procedure on 5,647 occasions. Customs also initiated 1,361 administrative offence proceedings and launched 118 investigations into infringements of international sanctions.

In 2025, Denmark joined the agreement between Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Finland, and Croatia on the application of harmonised control measures related to the implementation of sanctions.

In 2025, a multilateral project entitled *Strengthening Customs Controls to Prevent the Circumvention of International Sanctions*, funded under the European Union Technical Support Instrument, was launched. The project brings together the customs administrations of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Finland, Croatia and Denmark. It was initiated and is coordinated by the Lithuanian Customs.



Positive Staff Turnover Trends

PERSONNEL

As of 31 December 2025, the Lithuanian Customs Administration employed 1,893 staff members, including 1,397 officers, 209 career civil servants, and 287 employees. The gender composition of the Customs workforce was 56% women and 44% men.

TURNOVER RATE

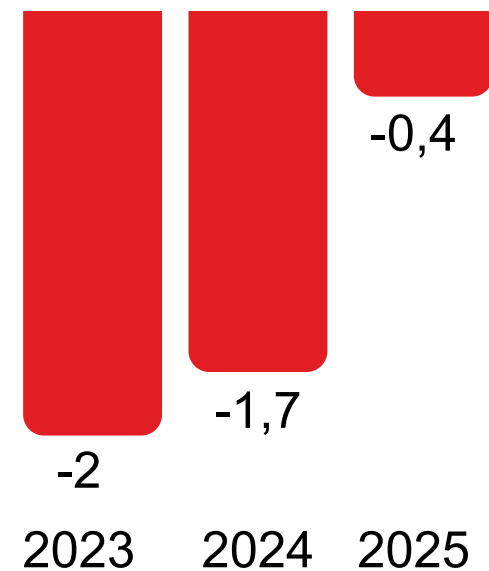
The negative staff turnover ratio recorded in the Customs since 2022, with annual departures exceeding new hires, continued to improve. Nevertheless, as of 31 December 2025, there were 370 vacant positions across the Customs system.

TRAINING

In 2025, 204 training events were held at the Customs Training Centre, providing training to 2,756 participants: 2,594 customs staff, 115 business representatives, 28 representatives of state institutions, and 19 cadets. The total duration of all training activities amounted to 6,275 academic hours.

CORRUPTION PREVENTION

A total of 24 anti-corruption training sessions were delivered to customs officers and cadets, with 892 customs employees and cadets trained overall. Additionally, 86 preventive interviews were held with newly recruited customs employees on topics related to corruption prevention, threats to national security, and loyalty to the state and the service. Eight cases of attempted bribery involving customs officers were recorded in 2025 (15 in 2024). Four pre-trial investigations were initiated (3 in 2024), in which 9 customs officers (3 in 2024) were formally suspected of committing corruption-related criminal offences.

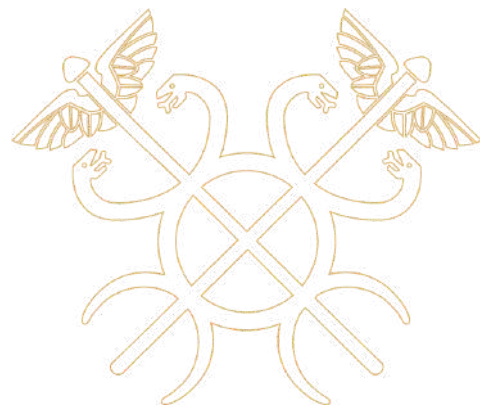


Graduation of the First Cohort of Customs Professional Training Cadets

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

On 9 January 2025, training began at the Customs Training Centre for 19 trainees who had signed service admission contracts. On 25 July 2025, the academic year concluded and the cadets took the oath of office.

Following a new selection process held on 26–27 August 2025, 30 candidates signed enrolment agreements. The second cohort of cadets commenced studies on 1 September 2025 and is expected to complete the academic year on 3 April 2026.



PROMOTION OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICER PROFESSION

A plan of action entitled *Become a Customs Officer* was approved to promote careers in Customs and attract prospective candidates to Customs recruitment campaigns. As part of its implementation in 2025, 55 student internships were organised within the Customs system. Customs participated in 24 in-person and virtual career fairs and career days. Activities of the Customs were presented 34 times at universities and high schools; and 5 practical sessions were held with students from educational institutions. Customs social media channels featured 72 informational posts promoting recruitment competitions and selection procedures. A link to the Lithuanian Customs website was added to the website of Mykolas Romeris University, and educational institutions were contacted on four occasions with requests to share information about Customs career opportunities.



Investing in Our People

STRENGTHENING THE CUSTOMS COMMUNITY

A range of events were organised for the Customs community, including the annual community festival, a hiking event, Cake Day, a Christmas get-together and other activities. Teams of customs officers were also formed to participate in events organised both by Customs and by external organisations. A total of 194 meetings involving Customs management, heads of administrative units and employees were held. Important occasions commemorated during the year included the state commemoration of the Medininkai massacre, anniversaries of the establishment and restoration of Lithuanian Customs, International Customs Day, national holidays and other significant events.

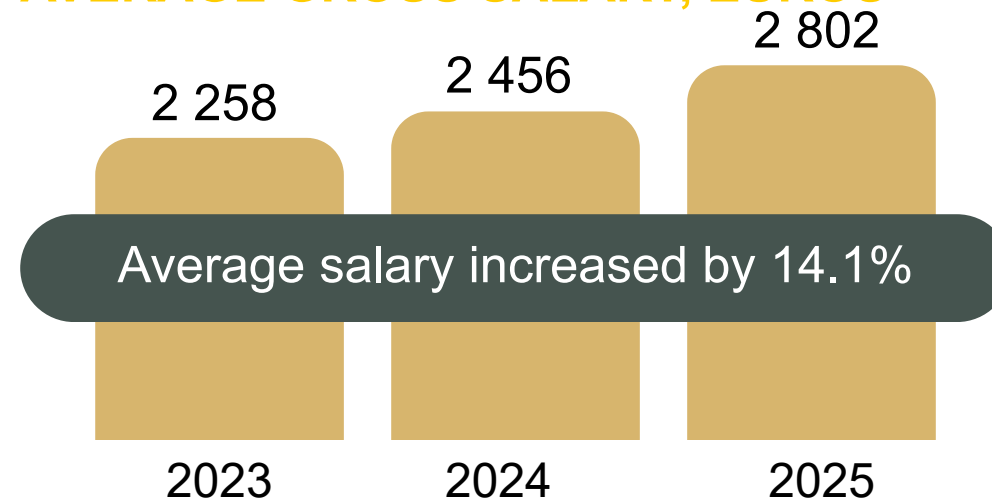


IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS

In 2025, the renovation of the administrative building of the Klaipėda Territorial Customs Office was completed, and repair works were carried out in the administrative premises of the Customs Training Centre and the Customs Laboratory. Working conditions were improved at the Šalčininkai and Medininkai road border checkpoints, the Molo seaport post, and other locations. New workstations were established at the Kybartai and Raigardas road border checkpoints, as well as at the remote workplaces of the Kaunas Centras cargo post in Panevėžys and Marijampolė.

New service uniforms for officers and workwear for staff were procured, along with 11 new service vehicles, office equipment, mobile communication devices, and other tools necessary for operational activities.

AVERAGE GROSS SALARY, EUROS

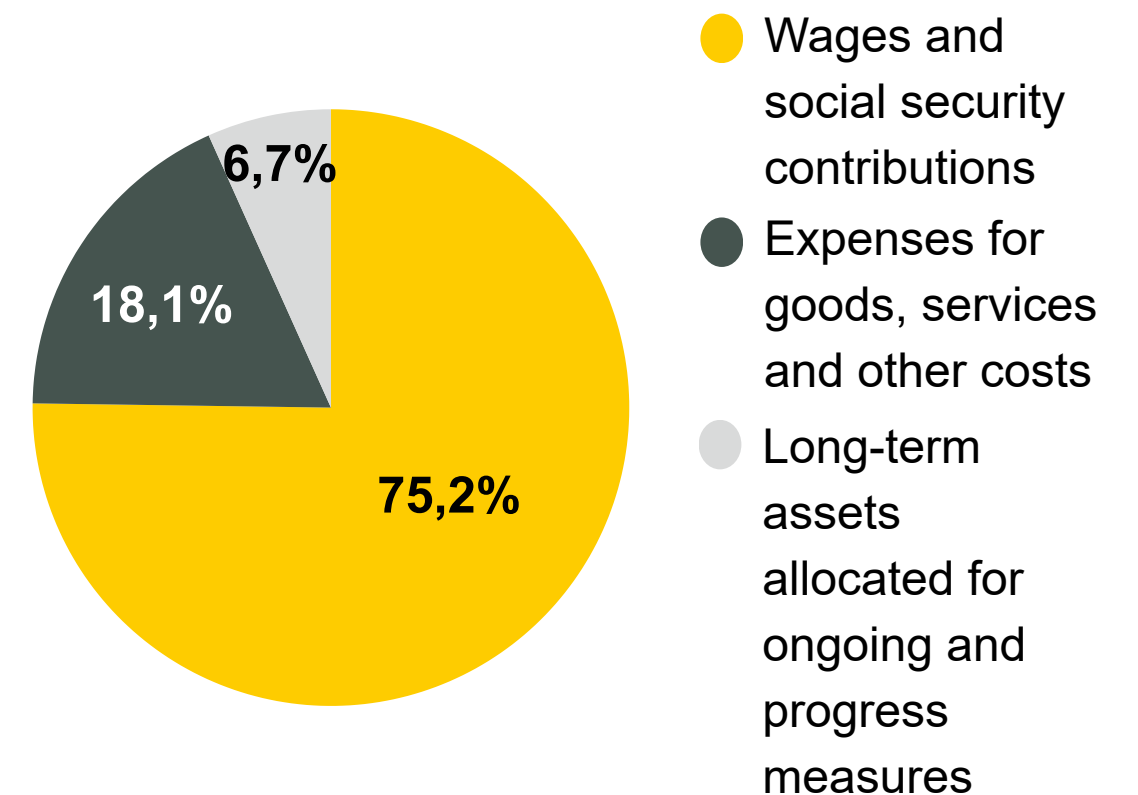


DIALOGUE WITH SOCIAL PARTNERS

In 2025, seven meetings were organised under the Sectoral Collective Agreement of the Lithuanian Customs. During these meetings, issues related to physical preparedness, working hours and schedules, length of service, remuneration, commemorative gifts, allocation of bonuses, training arrangements, disciplinary responsibility, and performance evaluation were discussed.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

In 2025, EUR 80.0 million was used (98.3 percent of the allocated appropriations).



Progress-Driving Projects

In 2025, the Lithuanian Customs implemented 29 projects financed from 14 different funds and financial instruments, of which 16 projects were completed. Funding was allocated for 7 new projects.

UNION CUSTOMS CODE WORK PROGRAMME

Implementation of the IT projects under the Union Customs Code (UCC) Work Programme was largely completed in 2025. The second phase of the Centralised Clearance for Import project is scheduled for completion by 9 June 2026.



ENHANCEMENT OF THE E-CUSTOMS SYSTEM AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Further enhancements were made to the Integrated Customs Information System. The Customs Declaration Processing, Risk Assessment and Control, National Transit Control, Sample Administration and other systems were upgraded, and the necessary interfaces were developed. Work also continued on the implementation of two state data governance initiatives.

CONTROL MEASURES

Using funding from the Union Anti-Fraud Programme, spatial data collection, processing and analysis equipment was procured and deployed for the Customs Criminal Service. International meetings were organised to strengthen efforts to combat excise-related fraud in the Baltic Sea region and within the European Union.

Equipment necessary for this purpose was acquired from the Internal Security Fund, along with seven sets of special-purpose technical tools intended for criminal intelligence activities. Relevant training was also organised.

Budget funds were used to install a traffic control system at the Šalčininkai road border checkpoint and to procure a density meter. Funding provided under the Customs Control Equipment Financial Support Instrument was used to procure customs control equipment, including five endoscopes, four portable backscatter X-ray inspection devices, and stationary X-ray inspection systems for the Stasylos and Kybartai border checkpoints. In addition, three items of laboratory equipment were acquired for the Customs Laboratory, and three new laboratory testing methods were introduced.



Achievements under the *New Generation Lithuania Plan*

In 2025, the projects under the programme *New Generation Lithuania* falling within the competence of the Customs and aimed at reducing the VAT gap were completed, and the established targets were achieved.

5 NEW METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS

In 2025, an AI-based automated X-ray image analysis system (DIRVA) was developed for the detection of undeclared goods, as well as a customs data analytics model incorporating an object-relation data analysis method. A machine-learning model was implemented to assess the reliability of customs value data provided in customs declarations and to calculate the potential amount of additional duties.

In 2024, a data analysis method for determining the reference amount of guarantees was implemented, along with a rules-based data analysis method in the area of tariff regulation.

INTEGRATED VEHICLE AND GOODS CONTROL SYSTEM

The Integrated Vehicle and Goods Control System (TRAKIS) was developed, along with five of its interfaces with the systems administered by the State Tax Inspectorate, the State Border Guard Service, the Border Control Points Directorate, Klaipėda State Seaport Authority, and UAB SOFTRA.

NEW SKILLS FOR CUSTOMS STAFF AND CLIENTS

The Lithuanian Customs Training Management and Administration Information System was developed, together with six digital training modules for Customs staff (including four VR-based customs control training modules), as well as the Lithuanian Customs Training and Examination Information System (DEKLARIS) intended for Customs clients. A total of 263 Lithuanian Customs officers and clients received training.



Active Members of the International Community

CONTRIBUTION TO EU REGULATION

In 2025, 18 Lithuanian positions were prepared, coordinated and submitted regarding draft European Union legal acts falling within the competence of the Customs, along with 21 positions for meetings of the European Commission committees and working groups. Additionally, 97 coordination entries were prepared in response to requests from other institutions.

CUSTOMS ATTACHÉS

To ensure appropriate representation of Lithuania's economic interests and to prepare for the upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the network of Customs attachés was expanded. At present, special Customs attachés are posted in Brussels, London, Kyiv and The Hague, and one additional attaché will begin service in Brussels this spring.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The Lithuanian Customs continues to provide steadfast support to Ukraine in its fight for freedom. In 2025, 70 vehicles and other supplies were transferred to Ukraine as humanitarian assistance, with a total value of EUR 200,000 (the overall value of assistance provided since the beginning of the war currently exceeds EUR 2.2 million).

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Cooperation with the Member States of the European Union was further strengthened, with meetings held with counterparts from Italy, Finland and other countries. In addition, matters related to cooperation, information exchange and other issues were discussed with representatives of Japan, Albania, the United Kingdom, the United States, Israel, Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia and Georgia.



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

A development cooperation project titled *Strengthening the Capacities of the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova in the Area of Customs Valuation in the Context of Customs Reforms under the EU Accession Negotiation Process* was implemented. Together with partners, the European Union Twinning Programme project *Strengthening the Capacities of the Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina* was completed, and participation in the European Union programme *Support for Public Finance Management in Ukraine (EU4PFM)* was concluded.



CRITERIA FOR THE STRATEGIC ACTIVITY PLAN (1)

Amount of prevented damage to the state (million euros)	32	62,4
Percentage of standard import declarations processed within 0-60 minutes from all standard import declarations	78	74,46
Stability of information systems for processing transit, import, and export declarations (percentage)	98,5	99,49
Progress of work programs related to the development and implementation of electronic systems provided for in the Union Customs Code (percentage)	100	97,74
Percentage of serious and grave offences investigated from those registered (percentage)	44	66
Average duration of pre-trial investigation (in days)	130	162

● 2025 planned ● 2025 actual (achieved) ● 2025 actual (not achieved)



CRITERIA FOR THE STRATEGIC ACTIVITY PLAN (2)

Share of destroyed and sold goods from the remaining inventory (accounted for) in the Type III open warehouse administered by the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania (percentage)	37	60,58
Progress of the project <i>Fight against excise fraud in the European Union</i> (percentage)	60	58,33
Percentage of officers trained to perform customs control activities in the fisheries sector (percentage)	2	2,35
Progress of the project <i>European Customs Practices Network (PEN-CP)</i> under the EU research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 (percentage)	100	100
Representation of the positions of the Republic of Lithuania under the Customs programme at meetings, sessions, working groups, and other events organized by the European Commission (percentage)	100	100
Voluntary employee turnover (percentage)	37	38,98

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 ● 2025 actual (achieved)
 ● 2025 actual (not achieved)



CRITERIA FOR THE STRATEGIC ACTIVITY PLAN (3)

Implementation of the activities of the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme project <i>Flexible System Extending Automated Surveillance Capabilities and Enhancing Situational Awareness with Indefinite Adaptability</i> (percentage)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px;">30</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px;">30</div> </div>
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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE PROGRESS MEASURE INCREASING (IMPROVING) TAX COMPLIANCE

Share of the illegal tobacco products market (percentage)	14	19,5*
Public trust in the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania (according to <i>Spinter Tyrimai</i>) (percentage)	68	72,48
New data analysis method applied in the Customs Guarantees Management System (units)	1	1
New data analysis methods applied in Customs risk management (units)	2	2
New data analysis method applied in the area of customs valuation (units)	1	1
Interfaces created with the information systems of external data-managing institutions and with vehicle, goods and traffic management systems (units)	5	5

Data for 2024. Data for 2025 will be published in August 2026

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE PROGRESS MEASURE

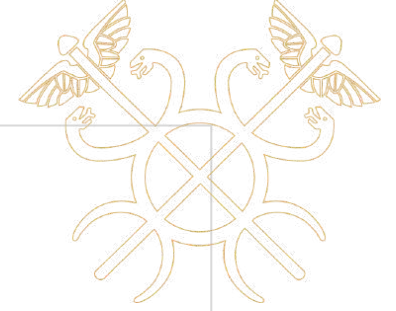
INCREASING (IMPROVING) TAX COMPLIANCE

Digital training modules on customs declaration procedures developed to strengthen customs control and customer service skills (units)	2	2
Traffic control system installed at the Šalčininkai road border checkpoint (units)	1	1
Density meter procured (units)	1	1
Implemented new analytical methods in the Customs Laboratory (units)	3	3
New laboratory equipment purchased (units)	2	2
Virtual-reality–based customs control training models developed to strengthen customs control and customer service skills (units)	4	4
Training sessions conducted to strengthen customs control and customer service skills (participants trained)	118	118

● 2025 planned ● 2025 actual (achieved)



INDICATORS OF THE NATIONAL AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN*



Cases of drug and precursor seizures (units)	132	110
Increase in the number of cases of drug and precursor seizures in postal and express delivery services` shipments (percentage)	5	12
Percentage of newly recruited officers trained at the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania	100	87

● 2025 planned ● 2025 actual (achieved) ● 2025 actual (not achieved)



*Monitoring indicators and target values for the 2024–2026 plan of the National Agenda on drug, tobacco, and alcohol control, consumption prevention, and harm reduction until 2035



Objectives for 2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF SANCTIONS

Implementation of sanctions will remain one of the priorities of the Customs in 2026. We will continue to strengthen control measures and international cooperation to prevent the circumvention of sanctions. Communication efforts will be expanded, and training on the proper implementation of sanctions will be organised.

REORGANIZATION OF CUSTOMS SYSTEM

This will be the most ambitious reform of the customs system, integrating all customs institutions into a single legal entity. This consolidation will simplify administrative processes and create opportunities for more efficient use of financial and human resources.

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

Intensive preparations will continue for Lithuania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2027.

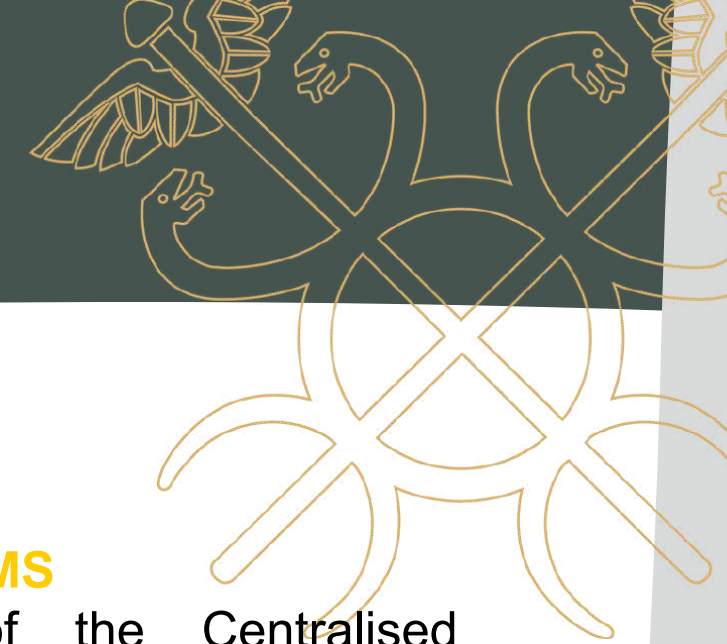
IMPROVING BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The digital services portal *My Customs* will be launched, and the operations of customs checkpoints will be centralised. Efforts will focus on addressing disruptions to customs clearance processes that cause significant deviations from average clearance times. Additional measures will be introduced to improve business oversight and reduce unnecessary requirements and administrative burden.

EU CUSTOMS REFORM

Preparations will continue for the most ambitious reform of the European Union customs framework to date, aimed at establishing a European Union Customs Authority, creating an EU Customs Data Hub and fundamentally reshaping the rules governing e-commerce. Preparatory work will also be undertaken for the administration of the EUR 3 handling fee on goods imported in low-value consignments.





STRENGTHENING OF CUSTOMS

CONTROL

Customs controls will be further strengthened to reduce the illicit tobacco market and combat the smuggling of goods. Efforts to disrupt criminal networks under the CLEAN project will continue, while the procurement of new inspection equipment, including three high-power X-ray inspection systems, will be accelerated.

ANTI-CORRUPTION ENVIRONMENT

Customs resilience to corruption will be strengthened by reducing opportunities for corrupt practices. Cargo customs checkpoints will be consolidated to enable their relocation from business premises. A body-worn camera system and other measures will be introduced.

UPDATES OF IT SYSTEMS

The second phase of the Centralised Clearance for Import project provided for in the Union Customs Code Work Programme will be completed in 2026. Seven new projects will be launched to implement the necessary updates to the Integrated Customs Information System. These updates are related to changes in the European Union Customs Data Model, the launch of the EU Customs Data Hub, the development of the EU Customs Single Window environment, the administration of the fee for low-value consignments, and other obligations assigned to Customs under the European Union and national legislation.





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