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# THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET ABROAD WILL BECOME TRANSPARENT – THE PARLIAMENT ADOPTED DEREGULATION DRAFT LAW NO. 2365

Almost every Ukrainian has seen the "Work Abroad" ad with offers of mediation services for job search, in particular, in EU countries. Usually, the searcher had to pay the intermediary a certain amount of money in advance for such services – but there were no guarantees that the intermediary would really find him a job, and not steal the money and disappear. On March 20, 2023, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding the Protection of the Rights of Labour Migrants and Combating Fraud in Employment Abroad", which was sent to the President of Ukraine for signature. The law removes the license for the business activity of mediation in employment abroad and replaces it with the "notifiable principle". From now on, intermediary companies will only notify the Ministry of Economy that they plan to mediate employment abroad by submitting a declaration. At the same time, state bodies of control and supervision will retain the right to inspect such companies. Details on the adopted law available in our press release.

## RELAUNCH OF FISHERY INDUSTRY OF UKRAINE: DRAFT LAW 7616 ADOPTED AS A WHOLE

State administration in the field of fisheries will be relaunched. The Parliament of Ukraine adopted in the second reading the revolutionary draft law No. 7616, which will positively affect the development of the "fish business" in Ukraine. The document was developed by specialists of the BRDO together with the State Agency of Reclamation and Fisheries of Ukraine, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine and business representatives. The changes proposed by the law are explained in our news piece.

## COMPENSATION FOR DESTROYED AND DAMAGED HOUSING: PRESIDENT SIGNED THE ADOPTED DRAFT LAW 7198

The President signed the draft law 7198 recently adopted by the Parliament. The Law creates a compensation mechanism for Ukrainians whose real estate was damaged or destroyed as a result of the Russian Federation's military aggression against Ukraine. It will allow those who are currently homeless to receive assistance at the expense of the state budget of Ukraine. BRDO team participated in the development of the document. The detailed explanation on how a person can get compensation for destroyed or damaged housing and what needs to be taken into account during the implementation of draft law 7198 is available on BRDO website.

# IMPROVEMENT OF STATE INSPECTIONS – THE PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE APPROVED DRAFT LAW 5837

The Committee on Economic Development of the Parliament of Ukraine recommended for consideration draft law No. 5837, which reboots the system of state control and introduces new principles of state inspections of businesses. State inspections have always been associated with corruption among Ukrainian entrepreneurs. After all, the existing state control system is mainly focused on detecting violations in business and applying sanctions in the form of fines. Year after year, every second inspection records a violation, but the number of violations, despite the applied fines, does not decrease. In addition, entrepreneurs appeal the imposition of fines in court in their favour. All this does not contribute to a real reduction of risks at enterprises, trust in regulatory bodies, and also creates an unnecessary burden on the judicial system of Ukraine. What is envisaged by the draft law? Read in our press release.

#### THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE STATE ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM FOR 2023-2025

The government approved the State Anti-Corruption Program for 2023-2025, which was developed by the BRDO team. The State Anti-Corruption Program (SAP) is a strategically important document for Ukraine, developed by the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption (NACP) together with partners and public organizations for the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2021-2025. The DAP is a step-by-step plan that includes more than 1,700 measures to reduce corruption and ensure integrity in 15 areas. Among these areas, in particular, are state regulation of the economy, judiciary, defence, law enforcement, customs and taxation, urban planning and land management, corporate management of state enterprises. Each of the planned SAP activities has its own performance indicator and executors, which will allow monitoring the implementation of the Program in real time. In the future, it is planned to develop a public online system that will help everyone monitor the progress of the implementation of the document by area.

## THE PUBLIC DEMANDS TO OPEN REGISTERS AND RENEW ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION – A STATEMENT

After the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, a number of state institutions hid some public information, in particular in the form of open data about their work, closed state registers and suspended information about their work. Such a policy significantly worsened the transparency of the work of state bodies and local self-government bodies, and citizens lost operational access to open data, which is of significant public interest. Closedness of state registers and lack of access to socially important data leads to corruption, lack of accountability and responsibility and, most importantly, to loss of trust in key state institutions. In the conditions of war, this has devastating consequences, because the war did not become an obstacle for corruption, and the closure of public information created the basis for its spread. Therefore, a number of public organizations, including BRDO, published a <u>statement</u> with a list of demands to the state.

## **DEREGULATION CONTINUES – THE RESULTS OF THE WORK OF THE IWG ON DEREGULATION IN MARCH**

The Interdepartmental Working Group on Issues of Accelerated Review of Instruments of State Regulation of Economic Activity (IWG on Deregulation) has started its work in January 2023. BRDO prepares analytics on the necessity of maintaining or canceling regulations, the priority of digitization of state regulatory tools, participates in meetings and helps to implement the decisions of the IWG, in particular, to develop legal acts. In March, the following recommendations were developed:

- 1. to cancel or modernize a third of the instruments of state regulation from the sphere of the Ministry of Infrastructure;
- 2. to abolish 49% of regulatory instruments in the field of the Ministry of <u>Health</u>; 3. to cancel 14% of instruments of the Ministry of Culture. 38% of the Ministry of E
- 3. to <u>cancel</u> 14% of instruments of the Ministry of Culture, 38% of the Ministry of Education, 40% of the State Cinema Agency.

Apart from that, based on the IWG recommendations, the following decisions were made:

- the Government <u>canceled</u> the need to obtain the approval of the State Reserve when the Ministry of Economy issues licenses for the import of raw cane sugar into Ukraine (within the tariff quota);
- several outdated regulatory instruments in the sphere of competence of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine were canceled;
- the Government <u>approved</u> the draft of the Decree of the President of Ukraine on the repeal of some Decrees that previously introduced state regulatory instruments.

The IWG is headed by First Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yulia Svyrydenko and Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov. The meetings are also attended by representatives of leading analytical centres, in particular the BRDO.

#### INFOGRAPHICS: EXPLAINERS OF WHAT TO DO IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

BRDO created a cross-sectoral initiative in coordination with state authorities to create infographic instructions with explainers for businesses and citizens on what to do in different situations. In particular, the following instructions were designed (in Ukrainian):

- Connecting the service of National Roaming
   Official accounts of funds for reconstruction due to military aggression of the RF
- 3. <u>European Green Deal and railways: transforming the market of freight transportations of Ukraine into a "green" one</u>
  4. Statistics of Ukrainian emigration because of the war
- 5. How does Russia circumvent port sanctions and how can it be prevented?

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