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Sent by email only to:
secretariat@midr.gov.md

Subject: Your letter dated 30 July 2025 on the EU tachograph retrofit

Dear State Secretary,

Thank you for your letter ⁽¹⁾ regarding the applicability of the smart tachograph retrofit obligation to vehicles registered in the Republic of Moldova.

I can confirm your understanding that the retrofit obligation for vehicles engaged in international transport within the EU applies only to vehicles registered in the Union, as well as certain other non-EU countries under various international agreements. The obligation does not apply to vehicles registered in the Republic of Moldova.

DG MOVE has clarified the scope of the smart tachograph retrofit to Member States several times. Nevertheless, a guidance document is also currently being finalised in this regard and will be published on the website of DG MOVE in due course.

Fines being imposed on this basis are therefore likely and unfortunately the result of individual mistakes of enforcers, and not systematic enforcement practices of Member States, as this obligation remains relatively new.

Moving forward, where any such fines have been imposed on operators established in Moldova, I would therefore invite you to either reach out directly to the competent

⁽¹⁾ Your reference: Nr.11-4043. Our reference: Ares(2025)6669257.

authorities of the Member State in question, or to Mr Jean-Louis Colson, Head of Unit for Road Transport in my Directorate (jean-louis.colson@ec.europa.eu) who may – on the basis of evidence (such as fines and police reports) that you can share with us – also contact the authorities of the Member States’ in question to ensure proper application of EU law in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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