

billion US dollars, imports – 6.5 billion dollars. The import-export balance was negative in the amount 1 billion dollar, unfortunately¹.

The main export items traditionally were **oil and oil products** – 20.4%, **wood products** – 18%, **ferrous metals** – 10.4%, **furniture and building mechanism** (group 94); **fertilizers** (31) - 7.5%; **carts and parts of rolling stock** – 4.2%, **other machines and mechanisms** – 4.5%. A number of exported commodity groups are presented in Table 2².

Table 2 – **European tariff rates for Belarusian exports**

Commodity	Rate
Wagons, trolleys	5% / st.
Furniture	5,6%
Potassic fertilizers	0%, but for this moment they are forbidden to import

Thus, relying on above-mentioned, it can be declared that the tariff of the USA and Europe are identical both one to another in structure and in the concept of application, but differ from the tariff of the EAEU, since it does not have additional columns, the rates of which would be used in relation to preferential goods, countries that would be provided with MFN, for example, by the EAEU. So it can be surely said that the US and EU tariffs are more universal, multipurposeful, codified and more convenient to use which subsequently simplifies the process of calculating customs payments and other duties.

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«The Interaction of Border and Customs Control Services»

Research Field:

The Interaction of Border and Customs Control Services.

This article is devoted to the border and customs services' description; in particular, what kind of work the organizations do and what they represent, the both services' differences and

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² Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2658/87 of July 23, 1987 on tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff [Electronic resource]. – Mode of access: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A31987R2658>. – Access date: 04/07/2022.

similarities, how the interaction between the services is carried out, and how they ensure the effective development and the efficient functioning of the State.

If briefly described, the border control officers are governmental employees who check people and their documents directly at the border check point, and customs officers are the governmental employees who check what kind of goods and belongings people who are crossing the border possess and carry out.

Customs authorities and border service authorities belong to the state administration bodies the main purpose of which is to ensure national security at the state border and around the border area. Economic and border security depend on their well-established joint activities to fulfill the duties and tasks assigned to them by the State. The similarity of the border and customs authorities lies in their function to protect the State as well as in their activities which are closely related to the state border.

The Customs Service of the Republic of Belarus is of key importance in the regulation of foreign trade relations of our country. The main activities of the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus are to ensure the full and timely payment of customs duties, the detection and suppression of offenses in the customs sphere, and the conduct of customs control.

The Border Control Service plays an important role, too. Among its main functions one can single out the organization of the protection of the State Border of the Republic of Belarus and the organization of the processes for legal passing through the border by individuals and their vehicles. The important qualities for those who want to work for border control services are the responsibility, stress resistance, confidence, discipline, tact, erudition, and intuitiveness.

Customs and border authorities are the «face» of the State as they stand for the security of the Republic of Belarus. The employees of these services are the first to be seen by any person who is crossing the border. We believe that the work of the border authorities is impossible without the cooperation with the customs services. Therefore, their interaction and cooperation are essential for the development and functioning of a strong State.

The process of crossing the state border of the Republic of Belarus is carried out in accordance with the cooperation of customs and border authorities. The assistance of these two services is necessary both for the economic security and for the protection of the state borders of the Republic of Belarus. The interaction of the border and customs authorities is manifested if persons illegally crossing the border transport goods which are prohibited or restricted for the import or export.

The interaction of customs and border authorities most often takes place at road and rail check points and at airports, since both the border control of people who are crossing the border and the customs control of their luggage are carried out at the same time.

The objectives of the interaction are as follows:

1. To reach the efficient work of the border and customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus during the implementation of the organizational and practical measures while maintaining the economic interests of the Republic of Belarus;
2. To carefully coordinate the work of both services when people are passing through the border check points, as well as their vehicles and goods;
3. To create and protect the conditions that will enhance the acceleration and improvement of the quality of border and customs control work process;
4. To effectively use the forces and tools of data collection when performing the tasks that are assigned and entrusted for functional performance.

The most effective joint activities of the border and customs services can happen only on the basis of the timely and detailed plan clarifications. At the same time it is vital to discuss and agree on variations or changes of actions which are different in nature, as well as to implement joint operations in the event of a change in any external or internal organizational circumstances. Also, without maintaining regular communication between the services it is hardly feasible to exchange information on the situation. That is why, frequent working and professional contacts between officials of these services is one of the guarantors for the increase in the effectiveness of ensuring national security. And constant monitoring of the precise implementation of the agreed procedures when implementing the tasks is the preferred method of achieving the goals set for both services.

The Border Authorities of the Republic of Belarus report to the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus on emerging circumstances concerning a number of issues like:

- the persons who are directly or indirectly involved into illegal displacement of goods and vehicles at the state border;
- the ways and/or methods of illegal transportation of goods and vehicles across the border;
- the new factors that can cause a destabilization of the situation at the border crossing check point and on its territories;
- the attempts made by organized criminal groups to involve officials of the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus into criminal activities.

In its turn, the Customs Services of the Republic of Belarus inform their colleagues on a number of issues like:

- the facts that may cause the deterioration of the situation at the border and on the border territory;
- the attempts made by specially organized criminal groups to involve the military personnel of the border services of the Republic of Belarus into criminal activities;
- the new ways, forms, and methods of illegal movement of goods and vehicles across the state border;
- the persons or groups of persons engaged in illegal activities on the border area; the information about their accomplices as well as tactics and with a separate request about persons who are administratively liable for the violation of the national and international customs legislation.

Summing up, it is important to highlight that the interaction between the customs and border services of the Republic of Belarus plays a big role in the country. These services ensure the implementation and proper conduct of both customs and border control of goods, citizens, and vehicles. The interaction between the customs authorities and the border services ensure the economic security of the Republic of Belarus and the protection of the state border of the Republic of Belarus. The interaction of these services can be considered as a mutual assistance, mutual support, and mutual cooperation. Without close contact between the customs services and the border services it would not be possible to carry out the control at borders efficiently, as it is done currently.

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«Technical means of detection and identification of explosives»

Research area:

Modern technical means as a basis of the effective border management.

Until recently for search of explosives canine services which possess such advantage, as ability to find out vapours of explosives in a mode of real time at their concentration in air to 10-16 g/sm³ were involved. To implement such a function in technical devices is not an easy task,