



The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**125 years reliable partner
and source of information
for entrepreneurs**



A powerful
and balanced
voice for business



Third century in benefit of trade and industry

The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry was established in 1895.

An independent, non-governmental organization for assistance, promotion, representation and protection of the business interests of its members.

The activity of the Chamber is based on the principles of voluntary membership, autonomy and self-financing.

BCCI seeks to establish straightforward and ethical relations among the business circles.

BCCI and the 28 Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry are united in the Unified System of Bulgarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry which has about 52 000 members – traders, corporations, associations, etc.



BCCI in turbulent times

- Active 28 Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Servicing companies on-line and in the Chamber offices
- Security measures for staff and visitors
- Constant dialogue with the Government for reducing the negative impact of COVID-19 on economy
- Most of the proposed measures are taken into consideration on national and European level
- Priority – guaranteed movement of goods and raw materials along the trans European corridors and maintaining the import/export activities
- Regular update of the measures proposed after consultations with regional, sector organizations as well as European and international partners

The role of the BCCI

- Officially recognized social partner – takes part in the social dialogue (government, businesses, trade unions)
- Defending the interest of its members or the businesses
- Promotion of the international economic relations
- Provision of a great number of services to the business
- Council of Sectorial organizations – 90 organizations
- Settlement of trade disputes



International participation

 International Chamber of Commerce

 EUROCHAMBRES



Association of the Balkan Chambers
(ABC)

 BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)

 **CEFTA**
Central European Free Trade Agreement
SECRETARIAT

Central European
Free Trade
Agreement (CEFTA)

 Southeast European
Cooperative Initiative (SECI)

 **GS1**
The global language
of business

International Association GS1



World Trade Centers Association



Enterprise Europe Network



Regional Cooperation
Council (RCC)



Central European Initiative (CEI)



Silk Road Chamber of
International Commerce

Our services

Trade Register

Modern electronic register (in English and Bulgarian). Keeps data for all members of BCCI, quick registration procedure, comprising Public and Restricted part. Registers representative offices of foreign persons. Issues and validates foreign-trade documents, ATA carnets, force majeure certificates.

Arbitration Court

Out-of-court tribunal institution for fast and efficient settlement of private law property disputes, four times lower taxes for big claims in comparison with the taxes, applied by public court.

Enterprise Europe Network Centre (EEN)

The Centre provides information on EU matters and services to companies, predominantly SMEs, from various branches.

Fairs and exhibitions

Organization of national and international specialized exhibitions in the country and abroad.

Our services

Business delegations and forums /in Bulgaria and abroad/

- accompanying governmental representatives – presidents, prime-ministers and ministers
- BCCI initiatives
- bilateral meetings between interested companies of the relevant countries

Seminars, presentations and conferences

- Seminars on topics of interest for BCCI members
- Local or international lecturers
- Conferences on hot economic issues

Short and long term trainings

- on entrepreneurship & business planning
- SMEs training on successful preparation of proposals under the Operational Programmes “Competitiveness” & “Human Resources”

Business information

- Infobusiness bulletin - daily on-line edition which is distributed to 7000 subscribers
- b2b matching
- International cooperation – offers for joint activities, joint ventures, tenders, etc.

Force-Majeure Certificates

- ▶ In accordance with the international practice and in the capacity of an independent organization - member of ICC, Eurochambres and other international organizations and institutions, the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry issues Force-Majeure Certificates.
- ▶ The Force-Majeure Certificate is a document for relieving of responsibility for failure to perform one's obligations or delay in the performance of obligations under a transaction caused by some unpredictable circumstance.
- ▶ Unpredictable (force majeure) circumstance is an unforeseen and irresistible event of emergency nature arisen after the conclusion of the contract, thus impeding its execution.

BG BARCODE



- ▶ On-line platform
- ▶ Manufacturers and brand owners from various sectors upload information about their products
- ▶ the information is comprehensive
- ▶ the attributes are in compliance with the requirement of Regulation 1169/2011
- ▶ Any type of product with a barcode starting with 380 can be included in the platform
- ▶ The information is useful for consumers, trade partners, retailers, online platforms, regulators, etc.

NEWS

2019 is one of the most successful years for the cooperation between BCCI and the Commer



UPCOMING EVENTS



WTCA's General Assembly and B2B session, Taipei, 1-4 March 2020

2020-03-01

Video



BCCI® in the media

Big gear change ahead in

Tsvetan Simeonov: For

BCCI Sets Up Bulgarian-Saudi

NEWS FROM BCCI



BCCI reminds companies to use the online services of its Trade Register

Documents, Certificates of Origin of goods, ATA Carnet... [More](#)



Invitation for online event "Bulgaria and Azerbaijan – trade and investment partners"

20 May 2020, 11:00 hrs [More](#)



The General Assembly of the World Trade Centers Association is postponed to 2021

The global coronavirus pandemic has set a new pace of work even for powerful organizations such as the WTCA [More](#)

BULGARIA IN EU



EC supports Bulgarian micro and small companies with EUR 88 million scheme

The support will take the form of grants [More](#)

LABOUR POLICY



Employees under labour contract and gross average wages and salaries, first quarter of 2020

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in March 2020 was 1 321 BGN. [More](#)

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION



Four orders will be in force during the epidemic situation in the country, decreed by the government to be in effect until 14 June

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Registration of economic operators with the Centralized Automated Information System „Electronic Public Procurement“

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TOURISM IN BULGARIA



Late start for the summer season in Bulgaria

Measures are being prepared to support tourism [More](#)

SCIENCE NEWS



Aluminum cored wire without analogue in the world is developed by the Institute of Electronics

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A researcher from IIES-BAS is among the ten outstanding young persons in Bulgaria for 2020

The Outstanding Young Persons of Bulgaria is a program that honors the achievements of young Bulgarians [More](#)



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COMPANY NAME

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Introduction



Established more than 120 years ago (1897) as a Court of Conciliation at the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Sofia the AC has heard and settled civil disputes between legal persons at least one of them being seated outside Bulgaria. Its jurisdiction was obligatory for the foreign trade enterprises from the states members of Comecon based on the Moscow Convention of 1972 and voluntary based on an arbitration agreement entered by the parties.

It began to act as a voluntary arbitration court between natural and/or legal persons domiciled, resp. seated in Republic of Bulgaria since 1989.

The Executive Bureau of the BCCI adopted Rules and Tariff for Arbitration "Ad hoc" Assisted by the AC at the BCCI on 17th of January 1989.

The Rules on Expedient Procedure in Arbitration Cases, applicable to domestic disputes of claim amount up to BGN 10 000, is in force as of 1st January 2005.

For the last 20 years only the Arbitration Court has settled about 5,600 cases, natural, resp. legal persons of 40 countries in the world being parties to them.

The latest amendments to the Rules of the AC at the BCCI are in force since 1st of February 2002.

Updated lists of arbitrators for international and internal disputes are in force since 1st of January 2005.

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