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Romania: Gateway on the Black Sea

Romania has Constanța, the largest port on the Black Sea, and a single authority for cybersecurity across all sectors. The NIS2 rules have applied since early 2025 and are now being enforced.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	SEAPORT	NIS2 TRANSPOSITION	DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY
Romanian	Constanța (Black Sea)	OUG 155/2024, approved by Legea 124/2025	ANSPDCP

VAT
21% standard rate

Romania as a market for South America

Romania is one of the larger markets in the eastern part of the EU. Its industry ranges from vehicle manufacturing (Dacia in Mioveni, Ford in Craiova) to machinery and food processing. Many IT firms in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca and Iași work for clients in Western Europe. For South American suppliers there are openings in food and agricultural goods, and also in intermediate products and software. To see what Romania currently buys from your country, check Eurostat's foreign trade database (Comext).

The Port of Constanța is the largest port on the Black Sea and has container terminals. Part of the overseas cargo, however, arrives through ports in Western Europe or on the Adriatic and reaches Romania by truck or rail. Which route is cheaper depends on the shipping line, the goods and the final destination.

What is the same across the EU and what applies nationally

Tariff rates, rules of origin and product regulations apply in Romania as in any other EU country. You will find the details in the guide [Exporting to the EU](#).

Watch out for these national points:

- Language: labels, instructions and warranty terms for consumers are expected in Romanian. This is governed by national consumer law; your importer knows the details.
- Packaging: beverage containers fall under a deposit return system (Sistemul de Garanție-Returnare, SGR) set up by government decision HG 1074/2021 and run by RetuRO. Producers and

retailers must register with it, and those who fail to do so risk fines.

- Taxes: the standard VAT rate is 21%. The currency is the leu (RON).
- Authorities: customs is handled by the Autoritatea Vamală Română.

For VAT, there are two cases to keep apart. For goods, the importer pays import VAT at clearance and later deducts it as input tax. For services to Romanian businesses, such as remote maintenance of equipment or software development, you invoice without Romanian VAT and your customer accounts for it (Art. 196 of the VAT Directive). Get your customer's VAT identification number and check it in the Commission's VIES database.

NIS2 in Romania

Romania transposed [NIS2](#) by emergency ordinance: Ordonanța de urgență nr. 155/2024, published in the Monitorul Oficial on December 31, 2024. Parliament approved it with amendments through Law 124/2025 in July 2025. The old NIS1 law, Law 362/2018, has been repealed.

The competent body is the Directoratul Național de Securitate Cibernetică (DNSC). It supervises all sectors, also serves as the national CSIRT and keeps the register of essential and important entities. Some sectors have their own authorities in addition, such as ANCOM for telecommunications. Companies in scope must notify the DNSC within 30 days. In practice this only became possible with two DNSC orders published on August 20, 2025; the deadline for companies that were already in scope has since passed. One Romanian peculiarity: medium-sized managed security service providers already count as essential entities.

What this means for you as a supplier: your Romanian customer has to submit a risk assessment and a maturity self-assessment to the DNSC. In doing so, it will also review its service providers. If you are a software company in Montevideo working for a Romanian energy utility, be ready to document your reporting channels, access rights and updates.

Prepare your answers before the questionnaire arrives. That means a contact for security incidents who can be reached at night and on weekends, a list of your subcontractors and cloud providers, evidence of backups and updates, and a short description of how you grant and revoke access. Keep these documents ready in English and you will save time in every tender. A GRC platform such as [Sightadel](#) can hold them as tasks and evidence, so they stay current between tenders.

Data protection and supply chain

The [GDPR](#) applies. The supervisory authority is the Autoritatea Națională de Supraveghere a Prelucrării Datelor cu Caracter Personal (ANSPDCP). For processing on a customer's behalf you need a contract under Art. 28 GDPR, and for transfers to a country without an adequacy decision you need

standard contractual clauses.

There is no national supply chain law. The requirements come through international groups and through the EU rules on the [CSDDD](#).

What Romanian customers typically ask for

Many Romanian industrial customers belong to Western European groups and adopt their supplier rules: [ISO 9001](#) as the baseline, IATF 16949 in the automotive industry, and [TISAX](#) for suppliers to German carmakers. For IT service providers, [ISO 27001](#) is the usual evidence, especially since their customers may fall under NIS2 themselves.

Retail chains and food processors ask for certificates such as IFS or BRCGS ([food safety](#)). For agricultural goods like soy or beef, due diligence under the [EUDR](#) comes on top.

Where to get help

- The Camera de Comerț și Industrie a României (CCIR) is the national chamber of commerce; the Bucharest chamber (CCIB) has held a Romanian-Brazilian business forum together with the Brazilian embassy.
- Romania's embassies in South America have economic sections.
- The Enterprise Europe Network has contact points in Romania.
- Imports and tariffs are handled by the Autoritatea Vamală Română.

FAQ

Who is responsible for NIS2 in Romania?

The DNSC (Directoratul Național de Securitate Cibernetică). It is the supervisor, the CSIRT and the registration body all in one.

Since when has NIS2 applied in Romania?

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What is the VAT rate in Romania?

The standard rate is 21%.

Is it better to ship to Romania via Constanța?

That depends on the shipping line and the final destination. Ask your freight forwarder about both routes, via Constanța and via Western European ports.

Which tool helps me document evidence for a Romanian customer's NIS2 review?

[Sightadel](#) supports NIS2 and ISO 27001, is available in Spanish and Portuguese and is hosted in Germany. For questions about vulnerabilities your customer can see from the internet, [veyrisk](#) provides a report.

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European Data Protection Board: members: https://www.edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/about-edpb/members_en

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RetuRO Sistem Garanție Returnare: <https://returosgr.ro/>

Port of Constanța (CN APM Constanța): <https://www.portofconstantza.com/>

Autoritatea Vamală Română: <https://www.customs.ro/>

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