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#### Abstract:

Smuggling is a fraud which affects gravely the social relations in the field of the customs system or which is of interest for this system. In this article we are presenting particularities of this phenomenon at the Western border of Romania, namely: illicit cigarette traffic, counterfeit goods traffic, illegal traffic in stolen cars and equipments, illegal traffic of arms, ammunition and prohibited substances, illegal drug traffic. Among the causes, conditions and circumstances that determined, encouraged or facilitated the committing of the criminal offence of smuggling, we may mention the following: the existing geopolitical situation in this part of Europe; the existence of limitations regarding the import or export of certain goods; the existence of measures of protection of the national economy, established by instituting customs duties, excise duties; the intensification of the traffic of goods and travelers; the existence of different prices or qualities for the same products.

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