

The Union Customs Code

Opportunities for supply and logistics chains in Europe
deriving from efficient B2G2B communication

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A MODERN FRAMEWORK
FOR CUSTOMS AND TRADE

Role of customs

- Protecting the financial interests of the EU & Member States
- Protecting the EU from unfair and illegal trade (e.g. counterfeit, firearms, smuggled cultural goods, endangered species) while supporting legitimate business activity
- Ensuring the security and safety of the EU, and protection of the environment, where appropriate in close cooperation with other agencies (e.g. phytosanitary, environment, agriculture)
- Balancing customs controls with trade facilitation²

UCC – some key elements

- Full automation - total shift to paperless
- Cooperation with other border agencies
- Work towards a Single Window
- Reinforce AEO status: obligations plus benefits

AEO benefits

- Customs simplifications (e.g. Centralised Clearance, EIDR, Self-Assessment, Guarantee waivers/reductions)
- Fewer physical and document based controls
- Prior notification of controls, priority in the carrying out of controls and choice of place of controls
- Recognition in other countries under mutual recognition agreements

Risk management and inter-agency cooperation

- Inter-agency cooperation & information sharing = key objective of 2014 COMM Strategy and Action Plan for improving Customs Risk Management (RM Strategy).
- Progress report of July 2016: cooperation between customs and enforcement agencies still a challenge. IT costs high. Work ongoing
- RM Strategy supports the EU Maritime Security Strategy, in particular the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) to combat terrorism/security threats.

Trade facilitation: Simplifications & single window

- EIDR (Entry into Declarants' Records) – for reliable traders customs prepared to accept company records in place of customs declarations
- E-manifest pilot – work with "DG MOVE" colleagues in COMM on harmonisation of all maritime reporting formalities including customs
- EU Single Window: economic operators would lodge only once, electronically, all information required by customs and non-customs laws for EU cross-border movements of goods

Thank you

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