

The demands that modern customs law makes on economic participants

The current reforms - motivated by security concerns - in European customs law are leading to profound changes in customs processes in undertakings and administrations. For example, the model of the "approved economic participant", the obligation to declare goods before importation or exportation and the fundamental switch to electronic communication require customary procedures to be harmonised and made transparent. Absent the status of approved economic participant, an undertaking will no longer be qualified to import or export. However, the changes will also affect freight companies and other service providers in foreign trade transactions. The 17th European Customs Conference will discuss the legal framework conditions and explore the question concerning whether the demands made on economic participants under the modernised customs law can be said to represent an improvement.

Economic participants under the lens of risk analysis

Risk analysis and risk management are playing an increasing role in business life. The aim is to create an equal level of protection when supervising the international supply chain. Against this background, the EU is creating common risk criteria and issuing harmonised rules for risk management. The Decentralised Evaluation of Participants (DEBB) in Deutschland, which has recently been set up in Germany forms part of this strategy. Regardless of the risk of individual consignments, it is established how great the probability is that participants directly or indirectly contravene customs provisions. Many legal questions in this field remain unanswered - the Customs Conference 2005 aims to clarify a number of issues.

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Wednesday, 8 June 2005

20.00 Uhr
Evening at the Schaumburger Hof
 Am Schaumburger Hof 10
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 (separate registration required)

Dr. Christian Haid, Chamber of Commerce,
 Steiermark, Graz
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 BDI Customs Working Committee

Thursday, 9. June 2005

Moderator:
 Prof. Dr. Peter Witte, FH des Bundes, Münster

10.00
Opening
 Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang, Chairman
 EFA, Münster

Welcoming speech
 Dr. Peter E. Kruse, Board of Directors, Deutsche Post World Net, Bonn

10.15
The future role of customs
 Jouko Lempiäinen, Director "Compliance and Facilitation", World Customs Organization, Brussels

11.00
Break

11.45
Customs as the partner of commerce – is this still the case?
 Hans-Joachim Stähr, Ministerial Director, BMF, Bonn

12.15
Approved economic participant and central customs clearance
 Michael Lux, Department Leader, TAXUD, Brüssel

12.45
Lunch Break

14.00
The Modernisation of the Customs Code: An advance or retrograde development for commerce?
 Reinhard Fischer, Deutsche Post World Net, Bonn

14.30
The legal position of the approved economic participant
 Dr. Walter Summersberger, Independent Financial Senate (UFS), Salzburg Office

15.00
Break

15.30 – 17.00 Uhr
Podium discussion
 Prof. Dr. Reginhard Henke, Federal Technical College, Münster

Participants:
 in addition to the day's presenters:

18.00 Uhr

Reception by the Mayoress of Bonn
 Town Hall, Markt 6, Bonn

20.00 Uhr
Boat trip along the Rhein
 Ferry dock "Alter Zoll", Brassertufer, Bonn

Friday, 10 June 2005

09.00
Risk analysis as a means of fighting corruption
 Brigitte Erdmann, Consultant Customs Department, OLAF, Brussels

09.20
DEBBI and the approved economic participant
 Frank Herrmann, Superior Official Councillor, BMF, Bonn

09.40
Assessment of Participants in Austria
 Kurt Matoy, Vice Project Leader, BMF/Customs Coordination, Vienna

10.00
Break

10.50
Excise duty movement under electronic control (EMCS)
 Dr. Martin Scheuer, Ministerial Council, BMF, Bonn

11.10
Podium discussion
 Moderator:
 Dr. Klaus-Peter Müller-Eiselt, Judge at the BFH, Munich

Participants:
 in addition to the day's presenters:
 Dr. Heiko Willemis, BDI, Berlin
 Rüdiger Schoen, Customs Director, Siemens AG, Erlangen
 Markus Zeller, Risk Analysis Director, Superior Customs Directorate, Bern, Switzerland
 Ewald Plum, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Stuttgart

13.00 Uhr
Closing remarks
 Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang,
 Chairman EFA, Münster

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