

## Development of Customs Law

EC Regulation No. 648/2005 amending the Customs Code extended the customs law of the Community to include security issues. However, concepts such as the AEO, advance information relating to import and export and the new risk analysis have not been "invented" by the European Union but reflect the "Standards to Secure And Facilitate the Global Trade Environment – SAFE" of the WCO, which apply globally. At the Customs Conference, presenters and an international panel of experts will examine the transposition of this framework. The conference will also focus on the future global flow of information and data as well as associated technical and legal problems.

## New Directions in German Customs Administration

As part of a comprehensive structural reform, the tasks of German customs are being changed in preparation for future challenges. Particular emphasis is given to ensuring the security of state and citizen. The extensive transfer of operative tasks to local authorities will of course have an effect on the future policies of the Federal Fiscal Authorities. The Customs Conference will present and discuss the recommendations of the BMF project group and the reactions of industry.

## Experience of the New Energy Tax Act

The Energy Tax Act been in force for a number of months now and has already been amended by the German Biofuel Quota Act (BioKraftQuG). The 19<sup>th</sup> European Customs Conference will provide an appropriate forum for representatives of industry and administration to air their views on this subject.

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**Note:** Presentations and speeches during the conference will be simultaneously translated (German/English/French)

**Venue:** Chamber of Commerce, Adolphsplatz 1, Hamburg

**Conference Office:** EFA: 21.6.: 9.00 - 18.00 + 22.6.: 8.00 - 13.00

**Conference Fee:** 540,- € für Mitglieder EFA, ODASCE, ASC 440,- € (incl. documents, compendium, food, refreshments)

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# Customs: A Transition from Revenue Collection to Security?

## Experience with the New Energy Tax Act

19<sup>th</sup>

# European Customs Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 in Hamburg

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## Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007

- 13.00 **Tour of the Customs Museum**, Alter Wandrahm 16, 20457 Hamburg
- 14.00 – 18.00 **Tour of the HHLA Container Terminal Altenwerder (CTA)** (by bus: meet at Customs Museum), supported by Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG
- 20.00 **Social Evening in Brauhaus Joh. Albrecht**, Adolphsbrücke 7, 20457 Hamburg

## Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007

- Chairman: *Prof. Dr. Peter Witte*, Fed. University AS, Münster
- 09.30 **Opening Speech**  
*Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang*, EFA  
**Welcome**  
*Dr. Jens Peter Breitengroß*, Vice-President of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce  
**Greeting**  
*Horst Kallenbach*, President of the Superior Finance Directorate, Hamburg
- 10.00 **The Development of European Customs Law – The View of the German Presidency of the Council 2007**  
*Rainer Ehmcke*, Fed.Min. of Finance, Bonn
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30 **The Development of European Customs Law – The View of industry**  
*Frank Görtz*, Lufthansa Technik AG, Hamburg
- 12.00 **Legal Remedies for Companies When Exchanging Information with Customs Administrations at International Level**  
*Dr. Lothar Harings*, Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg/ Brussels
- 12.30 **Discussion**  
Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Peter Witte*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **SAFE Framework of the WCO – Improving Security and Simplifying Customs Procedures: A Paradox?**  
*Michael Schmitz*, WCO, Directorate Compliance and Facilitation, Brussels
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.30 – 17.45 **Panel Discussion: Global Roll-out of the SAFE Framework and AEO Concept**  
Moderation: *Bryce Blegen*, Trusted Trade Alliance, Vancouver, USA
- Participants: *Dr. Susanne Aigner*, Europ. Commission, Brussels  
*Michèle Petitgenet*, ODASCE, Paris  
*Annegret Rohloff*, BMF, Bonn  
*Dr. Bettina Vogl-Lang*, BMF, Vienna  
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*Roland Hirt*, Directorate of Swiss Customs, Bern  
*Zhaokang Jiang*, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, Beijing and Washington, DC

*Malcolm McKinnon*, SITPRO, London  
*Godfried Smit*, EVO, Amsterdam  
*Kevin M. Smith*, General Motors, Detroit  
*Prof. Dr. David Widdowson*, CCES, Canberra

- 18.00 **Reception by Town Councillor Gunther Bonz**, Authority for Commerce and Employment of the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburg  
Town Council, Main Entrance, Rathausmarkt 1
- 20.00 – 23.00 **Harbour Tour on the HADAG Ferry “Max Brauer” with Musical Accompaniment** (*Customs Band, Berlin*)  
Meeting point: St. Pauli Landungsbrücken, Brücke 1-2

## Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

- Plenum: New Direction of the German Customs -**
- 09.00 **Proposals of the Project Group**  
*Dietmer Sturies*, Fed.Min. of Finance, Bonn
- 09.30 **Comments from Industry**  
*Reinhard Fischer*, Deutsche Post World Net, Bonn
- 09.45 **Discussion**  
Moderation: *Christoph Wolf*, DIHK, Berlin
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- Section 1: Development Perspectives in Customs Law -**
- 11.15 **Changes in the Export Procedure and Future Changes in Customs Procedures**  
*Michael Lux*, Europ. Commission, Brussels
- 11.45 **ITAIDE – Cross-Border Integration of E-Government: Solutions for Trade in Goods**  
*Prof.Dr. Yao-Hua Tan*, Information Management Group, Vrije University Amsterdam
- 12.15 **Advance Declaration: Effects and Solutions for Economic Participants**  
*Klaus Papist*, DAKOSY, Hamburg
- 12.30 **Discussion**  
Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Reginhard Henke*, Fed. University AS, Münster
- Section 2: Experience with the New Energy Tax Act -**
- 11.15 **The New Energy Tax Law: The Experience of Industry**  
*Bodo Brunsendorf*, Norddeutsche Affinerie AG, Hamburg
- 11.45 **The New Energy Tax Law: The Experience of Administration**  
*Peter Bille*, Fed.Min. of Finance, Bonn
- 12.15 **Discussion**  
Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Sabine Schröer-Schallenberg*, Fed. University AS, Münster
- Plenum: Closing Speech -**
- 13.00 *Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang*, EFA

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- [ ] I hereby make a binding registration for the 19<sup>th</sup> Customs Law Conference in Hamburg between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007.  
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