

## Development of the Customs Union

The defining element of a customs union is effective customs law. Although the application of the Modernized Customs Code is imminent it can only be realized with appropriate implementing provisions. The 21<sup>st</sup> Customs Law Conference in Linz examines the progress of this project. At the same time, it discusses the restrictions resulting from "world customs law" – mainly with regard to the obligation of equal application by Member States. The conference will also consider the legal nature of guidelines issued by the Commission that aim to ensure the equal administrative enforcement and prevent discrimination in cross-border trade in goods.

## Mutual Recognition of Security Standards

Now that the AEO has been introduced, it is important to monitor the progress in ensuring the mutual recognition of this concept at international level. As part of the C2B partnership programmes there are many other concepts that, as part of the SAFE-Framework of the WCO, attribute customs and commerce a central role in ensuring supply chain security. The Customs Law Conference features a panel of experts who will take stock of international developments in this field.

## Information Technology in Customs and Excise Law

The philosophy of e-Customs demands a pan-European und global flow of information and data as well as solutions for related technical, organizational and legal problems. The introduction of ICS, ECS, SASP or e-TIR in EU customs law shows that important legal steps have already been taken in this respect. A parallel development is the emergence of related legal areas. EMCS is an IT procedure for the transportation of goods subject to excise duties and documents the individual phases. The 21<sup>st</sup> Customs Law Conference will examine its practical implementation and implications for commerce.

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**Please note:** There will be simultaneous translation (German/English/French) of presentations and discussions.

**Conference venue:** Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Bismarckstr. 1 / Landstr. 49, A-4020 Linz

**Conference office:** EFA: 18.6.: 8.30 am – 6 pm + 19.6.: 8.00 am – 1 pm

**Conference fee:** 540,- €; for members of EFA, ASC, EVO, ODASCE, 440,- € (incl. documentation, conference compendium, buffet, refreshments)

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**The number of participants is limited; a confirmation of registration will be sent to you.**

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Bismarckstr. 1 / Landstr. 49  
4020 Linz, Austria

## Wednesday, 17. June 2009

- 2.30 – **Tour of VOEST Alpine, Linz**  
 5.30 pm Meeting and bus-transfer: Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Bismarckstraße 1, 4020 Linz
- 6.00 pm **Members' meeting**  
 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein,  
 Bismarckstr. 1 / Landstr. 49, 4020 Linz
- 8.00 pm **Participants' social evening at the "Josef" local brewery**  
 Landstr. 49, 4020 Linz

## Thursday, 18. June 2009

- Chairman: *Prof. Dr. Peter Witte*, Fed. Uni. of Appl. Sc., Münster
- 9.30 am **Welcome / Opening Speech**  
*Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang*, EFA
- Centre of Commerce and Cultural Capital: Linz09**  
*Dr. Erich Watzl*, Vice-Mayor of Linz
- Austria and the European Customs Union**  
*Dr. Reinhold Lopatka*, State Secretary at the Fiscal Ministry, Vienna
- 10.30 am **DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUSTOMS UNION**
- Moderation: *Dr. Andrea Reuter*, Chairperson of the Customs Office St. Pölten Krems, Wiener Neustadt
- The Modernized Customs Code: Progress of Consultations concerning the Implementation Regulation**  
*Jean-Michel Grave*, Head of Unit, European Commission, Brussels
- 11.00 am Tea Break
- 11.45 am **Legal Challenges for the European Customs Union in relation to Global Trade**  
*Prof. Dr. Achim Rogmann*, Brunswick European Law School, Wolfenbüttel
- The Legal Nature and Binding Effect of Guidelines Issued by the European Commission**  
*Dr. Lothar Gellert*, Regierungsdirektor, BMF, Bonn
- 1.00 pm Lunch, sponsored by 
- 2.30 pm **State of the C2B-Partnership Programme and Mutual Recognition**  
 Moderation: *Bryce Blegen*, Trusted Trade Alliance, Vancouver (WA)
- Riitta Passi*, PICARD Programme Manager, World Customs Organization, Brussels
- Dr. Susanne Aigner*, Head of Section, European Commission, Brussels
- Serge Gummy*, Departmental Leader, Swiss Superior Customs Directorate, Bern
- Zhaokang Jiang*, Sandler Travis, Peking
- Prof. Dr. David Widdowson*, CCES, Canberra
- Warren Hastings*, Vice President Global Trade, Cardinal Health, Dublin (Ohio)

- Jürgen Böer*, Schott AG, BDI Customs Working Group, Mainz
4. 30 pm Tea Break
- 5.00 pm **Progress of EU Association and Partnership Agreements**  
 Moderation: *Dr. Frank Altemöller*, University of Münster
- Christopher Kangoye*, Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania
- N.N.*, European Commission, Brussels
- 6.00 pm Conclusion
- 7.30 pm **Boat trip on the Danube** sponsored by 

## Friday, 19. June 2009

- 9.00 am **- Workshop 1: Product Piracy -**  
 Moderation: *Gerda Koszinowski*, Main Customs Office Nuremburg
- Günther Häring*, Federal Fiscal Directorate, South-East, Nuremburg/Munich
- Marian Niestedt*, Rechtsanwalt, Graf von Westphalen, Hamburg
- 9.00 am **- Workshop 2: Excise Tax -**  
 Moderation: *Matthias Bongartz*, Fed. Univ. of Appl. Sc., Münster
- Amendment of the EU Energy Tax Directive**  
*Alexander Wiedow*, Director, European Commission, Brussels
- IT Procedure EMCS**  
*Eliane Mehner*, BMF, Bonn
- Hauke Wrobel*, British American Tobacco, Hamburg
- 10.30 am Break
- 11.30 am **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN CUSTOMS**  
 Moderation: *Dr. Bettina Vogl-Lang*, Group Leader Customs and Excise, BMF, Wien
- User Requirements concerning the Automated System of Importation**  
*Michael Lux*, Head of Unit, European Commission, Brussels
- Transit Procedure e-TIR**  
*Jean Acri*, IRU Secretariat, Geneva
- Single Authorization for Simplified Procedures**  
*Alfred Hiebl*, CEO MIC Datenverarbeitung GmbH, Linz
- Franz Hägele*, Customs Manager EMEA, Sigma Aldrich Chemie GmbH, Schnelldorf
- Fons van der Heijden*, Director, Philips Electronics Nederland B.V., Eindhoven
- Dr. Christian Haid*, Chamber of Commerce, Graz
- 1.20 pm **Closing Speech**  
*Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang*, EFA
1. 30 pm Closing lunch

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 I herewith make a binding reservation for the 21st Customs Law Conference in Linz on 18. and 19.06.2009.  
 I am a member of the EFA/EVO/ODASCE/ACS  
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