



The report of the Secretary General

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Activities of the Secretariat in the field of customs

Amendment of the IP's of the current customs code

Customs Code Committee Meetings

- 26th June 2008
- 10 and 11 June 2008
- 28 October 2008

Main focus of intervention:

- Future of alternative proof and its inclusion into the current CC's IPs rather than only under the MCC
- Availability of computerized system from 1 July 2009 in all EU 27
- Open Movements under ECS

Trade Contact Group (TCG)

11/07/2008

25/09/2008 (Mr. Pinto)

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Activities of the Secretariat in the field of customs

E-customs

Electronic Customs Group

74th ECG Legal Meeting: 10/07/2008

77th ECG Legal Meeting: 17/09/2008

83rd ECG Legal Meeting : 05/11/2008

Informal ECG Meeting on BCP_ 25/06/2008

Informal ECG Meeting on BCP_ 28/07/2008

Main focus of intervention:

- Practical operation of ICS, ECS Phase 2, EORI and AEO
- Business contingency plan after 1 July 2009
- Other (Customs Portal etc.)

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Activities of the Secretariat in the field of customs

Modernized Customs Code

- OCEAN took in the meetings on the Working Group of the Implementing Provisions of on the import, export and transit procedure
- Four 2-Day meetings:
 - Athens, Greece - May,
 - Felixstowe, United Kingdom – July ,
 - Marseille, France - October
 - Vuokatti, Finland – December - tbc



Main focus of intervention:

Drafting of legislation regarding Arrival & departure of goods, General rules on customs status and customs procedure

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THREE SUBGROUPS:

- **Subgroup A - Import/Export, Centralised clearance**
- **Subgroup B - Suspensive procedures and procedures with economic impact**
- **Subgroup C - General rules, customs debt**

OCEAN is involved in Subgroup A through its “Business & Trade Association” connection

OCEAN can propose amendments to the entire legal text through the TCG

Require study of the legal text :

2 methods:

- By association
- By OCEAN Working Group



Activities of the Secretariat in the field of customs

Modernized Customs Code

- **TITLE I & II: General provisions**
- **TITLE III: Customs debt and guarantees**
- **TITLE IV: Arrival of the Goods**
- **TITLE V: General rules on customs status and customs procedure**
- **TITLE VI: Release for free circulation and relief for returned goods**
- **TITLE VII: Special procedures (Customs Procedures with Economic Impact, Customs Warehouses and Free Zones, and End-Use of Goods)**
- **TITLE VIII: Departure of goods from the customs territory of the community (Community goods, Permanent exportation, Temporary export, Temporary exit, Non-Community goods – re-exportation)**

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■ TITLE V General rules on customs status and customs procedure

CHAPTER 1
Customs status of goods

CHAPTER 2
Standard customs declaration

- Time-limits for lodging customs declarations,
- Content of standard and incomplete declarations,
- Supporting documents,
- Entry in the records, Paper-based declarations,
- Oral declarations, Letters, postcards, printed matter and consignments

CHAPTER 3
Simplified customs declarations

- Granting, suspension,
- Revocation of authorisations for simplified declarations,
- Single authorisation for the simplified declarations
- Use of simplified declarations
- Centralised clearance

CHAPTER 4
Verification of customs declarations

CHAPTER 5
Release of goods, measures to be taken where release is not possible and disposal of goods



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Modernized Customs Code

Meeting of the Subgroup A in Genova, Italy in February 2009

- OCEAN made the proposal to host the next meeting of the Subgroup A meeting MCCIP's. This meeting will bring the
 - European Commission (DG TAXUD)
 - Customs officials
 - Trade representatives
- to Genova, Italy for three days in early February 2009.

Discussion focus:

Implementing provisions on Export procedures

Activities:

- Visit of the Port of Genova
- Visit of a European shipsupplier company (with customs procedures)
- Discussion with Italian customs on the E-customs system



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Modernized Customs Code

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In addition, there will be about 10 trade representatives and 3 EU Commission officials.



Activities of the Secretariat in the field of customs

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■ Business and Trade Associations Partnership

- OCEAN has established links with 3 business and trade associations in order to pool resources at meetings

EUROCOMMERCE – Retail, Wholesale

EUROCHAMBERS - Chambers of Commerce

BUSINESS EUROPE – Producing business

- This enables OCEAN to be represented at customs meetings where they would not normally be invited

- Minutes are shared

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Other Activities of the Secretariat

Maritime Security

■ Participation in the Stakeholders Advisory Group on Maritime Security (SAGMaS)

- 10th meeting - 26 June 2008
- 11th meeting - 4 September 2008
- EU – US Stakeholder meeting 29 September 2008
- 12th meeting - 17 November 2008

4 principal issues:

- Future of EPAIC
- Maritime Security Measures
- IMO
- US Security initiatives

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Other Activities of the Secretariat

Veterinary Issues

■ Animal Health

- Botswana (FMD)
- Brazil :
 - traceability/526 cattle holdings
 - approved states

■ Import control – Revision of the rules (97/78)

- Working group on 3rd June
- Ad hoc meeting on 14th October
- Advisory group on 3rd November
- Specific query (art. 12 and art. 13 – 97/78)

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Other Activities of the Secretariat

TAXATION: Excise Duties and EMCS

- **OCEAN is part of the EXCISE CONTACT GROUP of EUROPEAN FEDERATIONS OF ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

- Meeting on 11th September 2009 (Mr. De Haas)
- Letter to COM concerning changes in the excise duty regulation
⇒ Harmonized interpretation for EU Shippers
- Meeting of Mr. De Haas with Commission on EMCS

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Other Activities of the Secretariat

VISIABILITY OF OCEAN

- **Participation at events of OCEAN/ISSA members**
 - Participation at the BASS Annual Assembly
 - Participation at the 53rd ISSA Convention

- **The Ship Supplier**
 - Distribution of “The Ship supplier” to European Commission

- **OCEAN Webpage**
 - Update of content

- **OCEAN Newsletter**

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PART 3 *What are your priorities?*

- *Priorities for 2009 ?*

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Priorities for 2009

What are your priorities?

- MCCIP Subgroup A event in February 2009
- Meetings of the customs WG – regular or ad-hoc?
- OCEAN Webpage
- Policy ok?: VECM – Veterinary – Excise – Customs – Maritime Security
- Other

1/2009: Czech
Presidency of
the EU



2/2009: Swedish
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Thank you for your attention

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