



CUSTOMS COOPERATION ASAPRA - CLECAT

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About CLECAT

The primary objective of CLECAT is to strengthen and improve the representation of the Logistics, Freight Forwarding and Customs Services industry in Europe.

19.000 multinational, medium and small freight forwarders and Customs agents are all within its membership.

European Freight Forwarders:

- ✓ Clear around 80% of all goods in Europe
- ✓ Handle 65% of cargo transported by road
- ✓ 95% of cargo transported by air and
- ✓ 65% of cargo transport by ship.



Why Cooperation in Customs

A changing world



Current times:

- Trade wars; duties, dumping, protectionism
- Shrinking of the EU; Brexit,
- Sanctions, prohibitions and restrictions
- Security, health and environmental requirements
- Anti-(tax)fraud and tax evasion
- Rise of e-commerce
- Even more advancing technology

“Trade is always changing, but every once in a while there are shifts that redefine how we do business.”

- 28 May 2018, European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström

International trade is not getting easier. Therefore, Cooperation in Customs is more important than ever

Different ways of cooperating

Government Cooperation

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- **Customs Cooperation;**
 - Between countries
 - EU – China, Joint Customs Cooperation Committee (JCCC) & Smart and Secure Trade Lanes (SSTL) project
 - EU – UK, future partnership to be arranged
- **Coordinated Border Management**
 - Between different border agencies
 - EU Customs & Maritime Single Window
 - Single Vat Area – new EU VAT system
 - Official Controls Regulation (OCR) - Veterinary & Phytosanitary inspections



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Trade Cooperation

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- **WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**
 - Between Trade Representatives & authorities
 - National Trade Facilitation Committees
 - EU level – Trade Contact Group
 - Different disciplines; legal, procedures/operations & information technology
 - Examples; UCC creation & implementation, ICS 2.0/PLACI, Centralised Clearance
- **Global cooperation**
 - WCO – WCO Data Model & eCommerce Frame Work
 - United Nations – Centre for Digital Business & Trade Facilitation (CEFACT); data & message standards, Transport conventions (CMR, Dangerous Goods, etc)
 - CLECAT – FIATA; Memorandum of Understanding
 - Cooperation with other trade bodies: Shippers, IATA, ICC, IRU, WSC, European Logistics Platform (ELP) & CONFIAD-CLECAT (CEN standard) etc



Concluding remarks

GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES IN CUSTOMS

- Trade barriers are increasing and border processes are becoming more complex and risky
- In order to keep goods moving and thus our businesses healthy, Customs Cooperation is key to continued success
- Cooperation in various ways and on different levels is needed
 - Between authorities, trade and authorities & trade between themselves
 - National – European – Global
 - Legal – Procedures – IT
- Cooperation requires Trust, Mutual understanding and a positive attitude





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