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**“CUSTOMS DEVELOPMENTS
- THE REAL WORLD VIEW”**

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CURRENT ISSUES - TAXUD

- Modernised Customs Code Implementation Procedures
- Authorised Economic Operators
- Customs Valuations
- VAT on shipping services
- Actions on Misdeclared Cargo

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- Modernised Customs Code Implementation Procedures/1
 - Political pressure to introduce July 1st 2013
 - Trade Contact Group (TCG) does not believe this is achievable
 - Significant reduction in simplifications and other enhancements currently available to industry
 - Lack of consultation between TAXUD and TCG
 - Impossible deadlines for consultations
 - Failure of TAXUD to accurately represent TCG concerns to MS
 - No tripartite meetings, Commission/MS/TCG
 - Commission looking for one voice from industry
 - Sheer volume of information to be processed

CURRENT ISSUES - TAXUD

- Modernised Customs Code Implementation Procedures/2
 - TCG calling on TAXUD to increase level of consultation to that indicated in the agreed ToFR
 - Commission should appreciate and respect the level of knowledge and experience available within industry and utilise same to best advantage
 - Currently TCG is concerned the consultation is a box ticking exercise rather than a
 - So far as possible same level of information should be provided to trade as to MS – and with same timelines to allow adequate consultation
 - Amended documentation must clearly show where changes are made
 - Need to take action on 27 major outstanding items

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- Authorised Economic Operators
 - Still no defined, tangible benefits for accredited companies leading to...
 - Very poor take up across Europe, presently only approx. 2,750 companies with AEO status (2,200 in ECASBA Member States)
 - MCCIP may force companies to apply for AEO in order to gain access to simplifications

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- Customs Valuations
 - Significant concerns over changes to method of determining valuations for customs purposes
 - “First sale/last sale” rule
- VAT on shipping services
 - No consistency in application

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- Actions on Misdeclared Cargo
 - ECASBA letter to TAXUD January 2009, followed up with meeting March 2009.
 - Apparent lack of interest within TAXUD to rectify, Member State issue
 - May 2010, WSC taking up with TAXUD, ECASBA providing support to WSC so hopeful of progress