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REPORT

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Info : The questions from CRSNP are in black normal format.
The replies from customs are in blue italic format.

1. Electronic DV1

Questions per 18/9

1) DV1: working ok, no major issues any more.

It's possible to add costs in foreign currency and make use of the conversions by Customs, but potential rounding issues.

DV1 topics will be removed from the agenda.

2. EORI for Import

1) Where a company has an EORI number but no VAT-number, the PLDA system requires always a code Y040 (VAT number) also for scenario's where there is no VAT number.
This should be changed.

Problem has been forwarded to our Legal Department. Confirmation is needed before PLDA will be changed.

3. Adapt customs systems to UCC

Organization of ICT-workgroup for data analyses

UCC Compare Cuscar data definition with UCC annex B G3 and G4 definition

The comparison was made on 5/5/2017.

The comparison was made and distributed by email to Customs and all members on 7/5/2017.

The members found considerable differences in concept and data definition between both messages. For further information please refer to the email.

The members would like to be informed on the next steps/planning taken by Customs.

If a BPM session would be advisable some members would like to participate.

Next week there is meeting with the national forum to discuss how we will proceed.

Update: First meeting European Project Group on 11 and 12 September. 13 Member States .Goal is a BPM and Common Specifications for the members of this Project Group

Next meeting: 23 and 24 October 2017. If needed in the upcoming meetings members of the group WG ICT – Softwareleveranciers will be consulted.

4. CEFEG

UCC GEFEG: has Belgian Customs decided to use the GEFEG tool for UCC data modelling and the creation of the message specifications?

Please advice status.

Tender for tool was published. Tender was necessary because Inspecteur van Financiën didn't agree because there was a problem with the rules of monopoly. Meanwhile we have only received an offer from the company Gefeg. In the upcoming weeks the offer will be transferred to Inspecteur van Financiën and the tool will be installed.

5. Starteam number 23222

Customs will, together with IBM and ICT, investigate whether following statuses can be transmitted.

- Financiële afhandeling opgestart (contante betaling)
- Klaar voor controle
- Controle door MODA

Because the upgrades to CCFP and CCRM have taken place in the meantime, this issue remains on the agenda.

Planning ?

As mentioned during the last meeting, this will be integrated during the review of the import process

6. Integration Export process

For air freight Kristian VDW wants this topic to be treated with priority. Everything would be in place to definitely start this process.

The pilot companies have received the information and the involved members of CRSNP follow this up.

As we understood BAFI distributed a message whereas the electronic process would be mandatory as from 1/9.

On the other hand also a communication around "Brucloud" was introduced.

Moreover Customs distributed a circular on 10/5.

Integration export process air cargo: no major issues in sending the charge reports for air cargo.

The members ask for a timing of the next processes: transfer message and export manifest.

29426, 29427 en 29428 have to be solved before export manifest can be used.

Transfer message can be tested.

7. Limit of 999 tariff items in declaration

In XML it is only possible to send a few hundred items per declaration (200 to 300) without time-out. In EDIFACT it is however possible to send 999 items without time-out. According to CRSNP, it is not working in XML due to:

- The XML message is much larger than the EDIFACT message?
- The XML message is converted to an EDIFACT message before processing by Customs?

Limit of 999 tariff lines: this has improved, but 999 lines is still problematic. Important topic for the WG ICT.

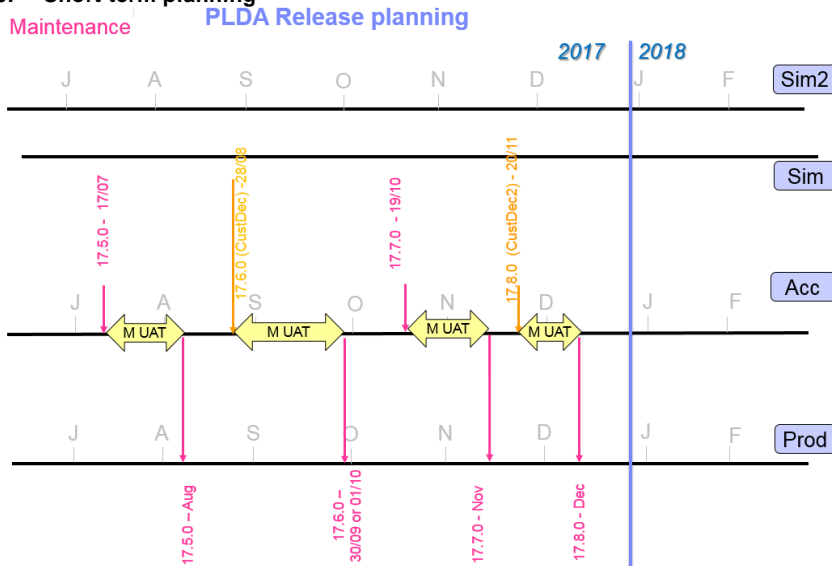
Extra monitoring has been added by our ICT Department. More info has been transferred to IBM.

8. Electronic Consolidation (Globalisatie)

For the moment the project has been set on hold because there is a huge difference in the received statistics from the software houses and from the Customs offices. Further investigation is needed.

Statistics are clear, but the Project is still on hold. Some questions have to be answered but the project manager of PLDA didn't find the time yet.

9. Short term planning



10. Expired certificates

How can we, using a Get Status message, after the renewal of an expired certificate request the status of a particular declaration?

It may concern thousands of messages. Many declarations with an Exit Confirmation or "Regularisaties" are not confirmed through the normal IT channels and are retrieved using a Get Status message. How can this be solved ?

David Vandendriessche will attend the next meeting

We are looking forward to his solution proposal.

11. REX

As we understand, in future, trade agreements will all be subject to the Rex system and there is a transitional period foreseen. At this moment only a Form A can be replaced by a REX certificate. However also other trade agreements (EUR1 related documents) will be replaced with mandatory REX certificates. Is there a source where members can find the evolution of the mandatory dates of implementation ?

If the extra agreements use the same code C100, PLDA doesn't have to be changed. To be confirmed once we have received more info of our legal department

The mention of REX certificates depend on 4 different codes. Whether it is REX related or not and whether the value is over or under 6000 eur.

If a shipment is stored in a customs warehouse and it has a value above 6000 euro and is REX related a particular code is used to put it in the bonded warehouse (IE REX + value>6000).

If later, when importing from this arrived shipment a smaller quantity to a customer in the EU with a value less than 6000 euro, the code still remains the same (IE REX + value>6000). Because the original certificate is used and is issued for a shipment value above 6000 euro.

Correct ?

Question has been forwarded to Luc Verhaeghe.

Is there a WSDL service available in order to check automatically the REX numbers ? And if not, is this planned ?

No WSDL available. Rex-number can be validated on the European website:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/eos/rex_validation.jsp?Lang=en

We suggest to ask this WSDL to the European Commission via the Trade Contact Group.

The question was submitted to the EU COM and reply received

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Sent: dinsdag 27 juni 2017 17:03

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Subject: RE: Trade Request: REX number and EORI

Dear Mr Miret,

Thank you for your email.

We have already received similar requests since the application of the REX system beginning of 2017. We understand that manual verifications of REX numbers on the TAXUD website is difficult to manage from a practical point of view.

Therefore, we are considering with the IT department how/when a validation with a webservice could be implemented, similarly to what is done for EORI numbers.

We will keep you informed when there is a decision on the implementation.

Kind regards

FONTAINE Christophe

Preferential origin (Asian countries and GSP)

no open issues

Item will be removed from the agenda

12. Direct representation

Please supply the validation rules for a declaration in direct representation.

What fields and which value should be entered in the PLDA declaration in order to make a valid direct representation declaration ?

Validation rules are in the file DeclarationValidations.

In case a declarant wants to use direct representation he needs to have a customer account of the type 'Direct Representation'.

Only one account (Borgrekening+) for all the companies he represents in direct representation.

13. EMCS AGD import

According to an email message received before noon from Jurgen Van Hooylland the AGD IMP will be replaced by an EMCS message.

As we understood a customs authorization is mandatory.

The members request the planning for operational use from Customs.

It's not a customs authorization but a seed (excise) authorization that will be mandatory. It will be a new type: registered consignor. Our excise department will publish as soon as possible the necessary info about this topic.

14. NCTS :

a) NCTS Roll out (pdf)

It is still not clear what offices will be using the new NCTS application and when they will be activated. Can this be clarified ?
*New offices will be rolled out shortly/finally i.e. BE408000 and BE432000. We hope still before the end of June. Others will follow once we notice no major issues (or the issues solved).
The idea is to have them changed by clusters of ESD/TAO. Starting up with "Gent"-offices.
The goal is to have by the end of 2017 all offices in NCTS-RW.*

Is there a planning for the next offices after the ones that have been announced?

*BE408000 and BE432000 have been switched to NCTS-RW.
The roll-out for next offices depends about how big and troublesome the lessons learned are from this roll-out.
Except the fact that the next offices to be rolled out will be in Flanders, we did not come up with a newly fixed planning yet.
Please note however we already came to the conclusion no more than 2 offices will be migrated at a time.
In any case we do stress upon the fact
Traders must be aware they should have their email-address for receiving the TAD linked to their EORI (eori.be@minfin.fed.be)
Traders working in Simplified procedure, should ask regional KLAMA-services to check if their authorisations are correctly and fully registered in the DB of Authorisations. Once their authorisations are registered in this DB, they can ask ncts.helpdesk@minfin.fed.be to register their UNLO-Code also in the actual NCTS so they can start using the UNLO-code instead of the VP-code.
The use of "camion...truck" as identity of means of transport, is yet not allowed, and in the new system checked by the system. So this is not something new.
Before we roll out a new office we do the exercise in TEST with PROD-data. For traders it means that if they ask for it, they can already test if their application is congruent to what is coming up.*

b) NCTS XML ?

**Ziegler received an XML MIG from France in the English language and distributed this to all members.
Will the XML format also be implemented in Belgium and what is the planning ?**

Except for the UCC-XMLchanges, customs IT has not yet any clear view upon when and what the XML-implementation will become. This is an issue originating from our IT-team.

What is a fact is :

- a. Our communication using SMTP is considered a security-issue for our IT-department so they want NCTS to change*
- b. Our servers used for communicating are very old.*

c) NCTS Update (1 oct NL)

*There is an international update indeed.
The changes have to our knowledge no big-bang impact in BE itself regarding traders.
The update will be installed 27/09 from 12h-14h*

15. Cuscar

- 1) more explanation is required about RTO and extra function code 8.
General question from CRSNP to provide more information on the business context and a functional description, use cases / scenario's, exact meaning of extra fields etc.
*The process is explained under section "3.4 Movements between RTO's".
The field details are explained under section "4.6 The GROUP 7".
The relevant information on the RTOs is marked in the color Turquoise.*
- 2) About the new field for the representation (direct/indirect):
 - a. Is it possible to change the value of the representation ? At present only CNI or EQD data is chaged, but this is on header level. Can we do a change message with only the header ? It is not possible in PLDA. Will probably only seldom be used.
A modification of direct / indirect representation is currently not taken into account.
 - b. Which EORI must be submitted, always the one from the declarant ? Is this the EORI of the Ship owner/operator when direct representation and the EORI of the agent when indirect representation ?
Reply not yet received from the claims department.
- 3) We understand that the function code 8 can be used for the transfer from one RTO to the next.
It says that this must be carried out by the RTO operator, but can it also be done by the ships owner/agent as representative for the RTO operator.
For function code 8, PLDA will validate that the sender is linked to the given RTO of destination's EORI number.
Is an addition of the RTO of destination by the ships owner/agent (if not yet known on first submission) not anymore through code 5 (replace) ?
The functionality for code 5 is not changed: the RTO of destination can be changed through a CUSCAR function code 5.
And the addition of the extra parties such as EORI of the terminal not anymore through code 2 (addition) ?
The functionality for code 2 did not change.
- 4) Moreover there is a new qualifier "CG" in the NAD segment within of the articles.
It reads : "CG = only needed if CN/RFF is not unique within TS":
Does this mean that this must be used if the B/L number is not unique ?
*A Summary Declaration for temporary storage can be communicated by different ship agents. PLDA creates different "Summary Declaration Parts" for each ship agent.
So, for such cases, the B/L will be repeated over the several parts, hence will be not be unique for the Summary Declaration.*

16. PLDA Test

PLDA test:

- a. some document codes are not accepted, for example codes 5545 until 5549 (ST 29412).
Codes have been added
- b. declaration type EU (EVA countries) doesn't work and cannot be tested (ST 29415).
Last Friday(22/9/2017) patch has been installed.
- c. slow response times every Monday morning
Further investigation is ongoing.

17. Locations codes box 30

The codelist is not complete.

The query was done manually. 1/10/2017 codelist download failed due to wrong sender domain id. List will be resent.

18. Evaluation Brucloud

Customers of several CRSNP members are sending copies of the IE507 (charge report) to BruCloud.

Do these customers get faster exit confirmations?

Initial feedback doesn't seem to indicate a difference with the companies that don't send a copy to BruCloud.

Question to all CRSNP members to further investigate and measure and compare the response time of the exit confirmations.

If there are no differences there is no reason for questioning the level playing field.

As we understand the advantage of sending a copy to Brucloud is the fact that in that case no excel lists have to be given to customs in Zaventem.

The item is transferred to the WG Exit next Friday.

19. Evaluation NxtPort

No experience or feedback from the members on the development or use of API's.

We expect from the Customs Authorities that they treat all communication providers to Customs equally, maintaining a level playing field.

20. Globalisatie / Consolidated declarations

Foreseen 21/11/2017 10:30 h in Brussels NG

21. Meeting Raad van bestuur CRSNP/WG ICT met Chris De Clercq & Bart Cieters

14/11/2017 at 13:30 in Brussels NG

22. Meeting on communication

IT Customs wants to move NCTS and PLDA to the same communication protocol

Following protocols are offered : Web services/FTP/AS2/IDcard or token.

A separate meeting will be organized by the CRSNP communication providers for the members that perform communication.

Descartes will take the initiative and inform the result to customs.

23. Next meeting ICT software providers:

meeting room A08. As always from 10 to 12.00 h.

*Next ICT Meetings are foreseen on
Thursday 16 November*

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