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H7

# IMPORT DECLARATION - SUPER REDUCED DATASET



e-commerce

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## WHAT IS E-COMMERCE?

“All movements made via a computer network, for example the Internet, resulting in the physical flow of goods subject to customs formalities.”



## WHAT IS THE H7 DECLARATION?

The H7 declaration is an import customs declaration with a super reduced dataset for packages with a value less than 150€

Exclusion: excisable, prohibited and restricted goods



## CONTEXT

- Exponential growth of e-commerce over the past decade
- Exemption of VAT for goods with a value up to 22€
  - ➔ significant loss in revenues for Member States
  - ➔ non-EU suppliers have a competitive advantage



## EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

1. Abolition of the VAT exemption for imported goods of low value (up to 22€)
2. Special schemes for the collection of the import VAT and Super reduced data set import declaration (H7)



## EU LEGISLATION FOR CUSTOMS

Member States must adjust their IT declaration system by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021\*  
to:

- Enable Economic Operators (EOs) to declare goods up to 150 € using a customs declaration (H7) that requires less data than a standard declaration.
- Remove the existing VAT exemption for goods of low value (up to 22 €).

\*was originally planned for January 1st 2021



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AUTOMATION ?

- An increase of the volume of declarations received:
  - ⇒ All imported goods under €22. Currently a verbal declaration is enough.
  - ⇒ Booming of e-commerce (estimation: 7 500 000 declarations/day).
- New data model EUCDM
- Data collection
  - More possibility for risk analysis on our side (safety and security)

→ create a new system able to handle the load of declarations



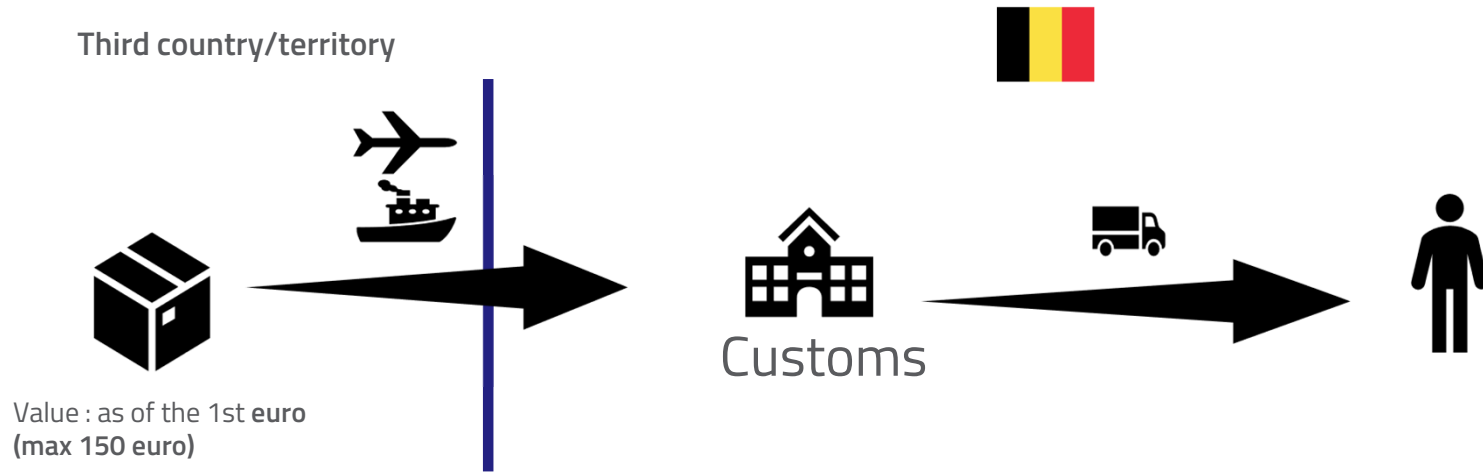
## HOW

- New IDMS (Import Declaration Management System)
- Same process as with import, but specifically for e-commerce:
  - ⇒ Declaration receipt
  - ⇒ Data validation
  - ⇒ Risk analysis (SEDA)
  - ⇒ Control (Befacs)
  - ⇒ Financial treatment (financial module PLDA)





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# SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR THE COLLECTION OF VAT

- IOSS\*
- Special Arrangements

\* Import One-Stop-Shop



## WHAT IS IOSS ?

IOSS (Import One Stop Shop)

= Facilitation for the payment of VAT

Why?

- Abolition of the franchise of 22€
- Obligation to pay VAT in the consumer's country



## WHAT IS IOSS ?

How?

The declaration H7 has to indicate a valid IOSS number

### Customs:

- checks de validity of the IOSS number
- in a local DB (local node IOSS-DR) - synchronized with the European IOSS DB
- does NOT collect VAT
- sends data the monitoring intermediary Surveillance 3

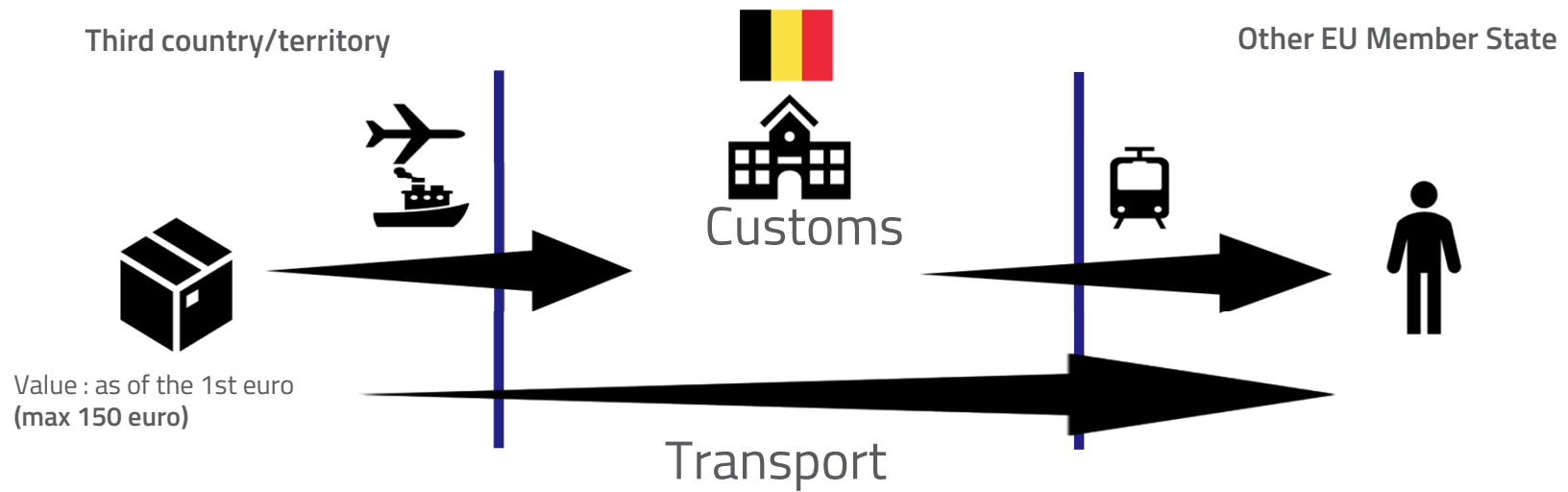
### VAT:

- directly collects VAT
- receives the declaration data through Surveillance 3

The declarant submits a declaration in the OSS system to pay VAT



# FLOW H7 - IOSS



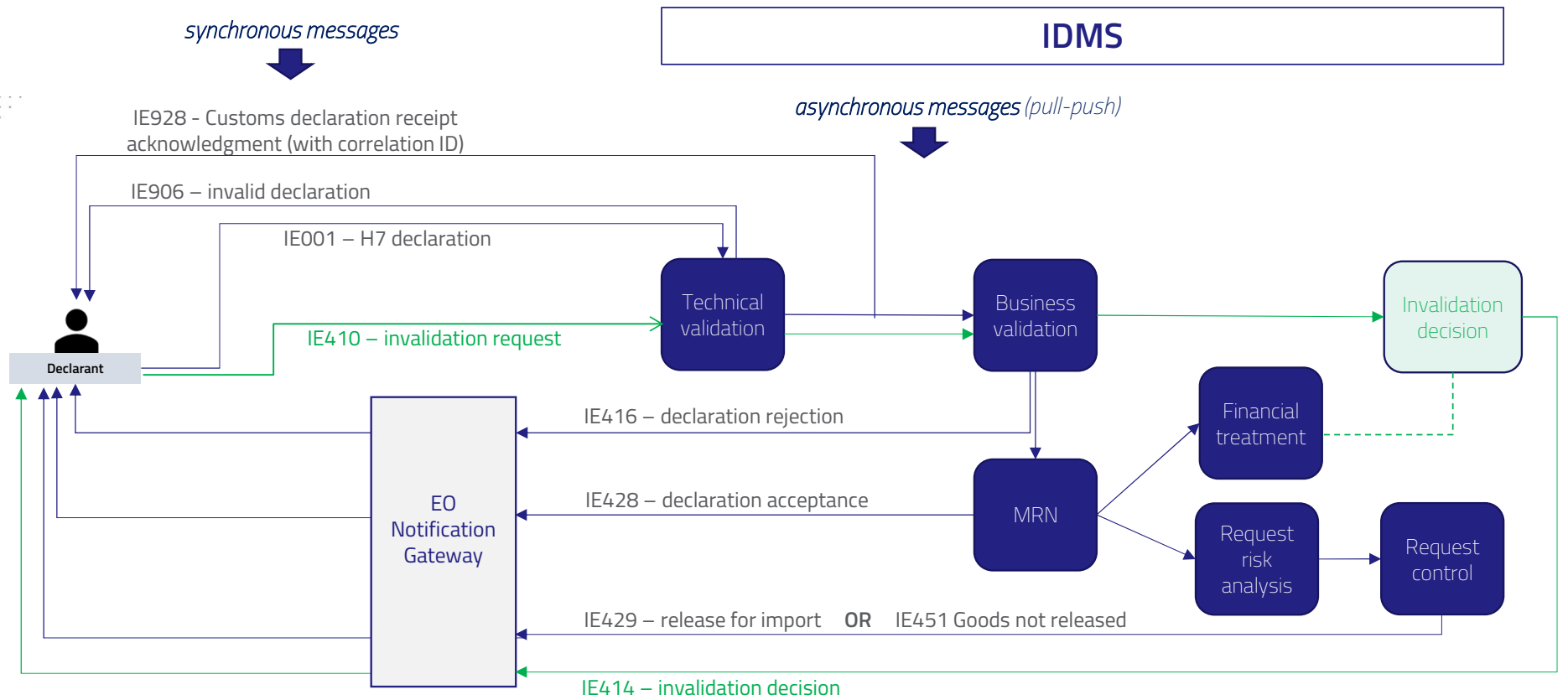


## WHAT IS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS?

- Facilitation of the VAT payment for postal and courier companies only
- Monthly payment of VAT to customs
- Requires a special authorization



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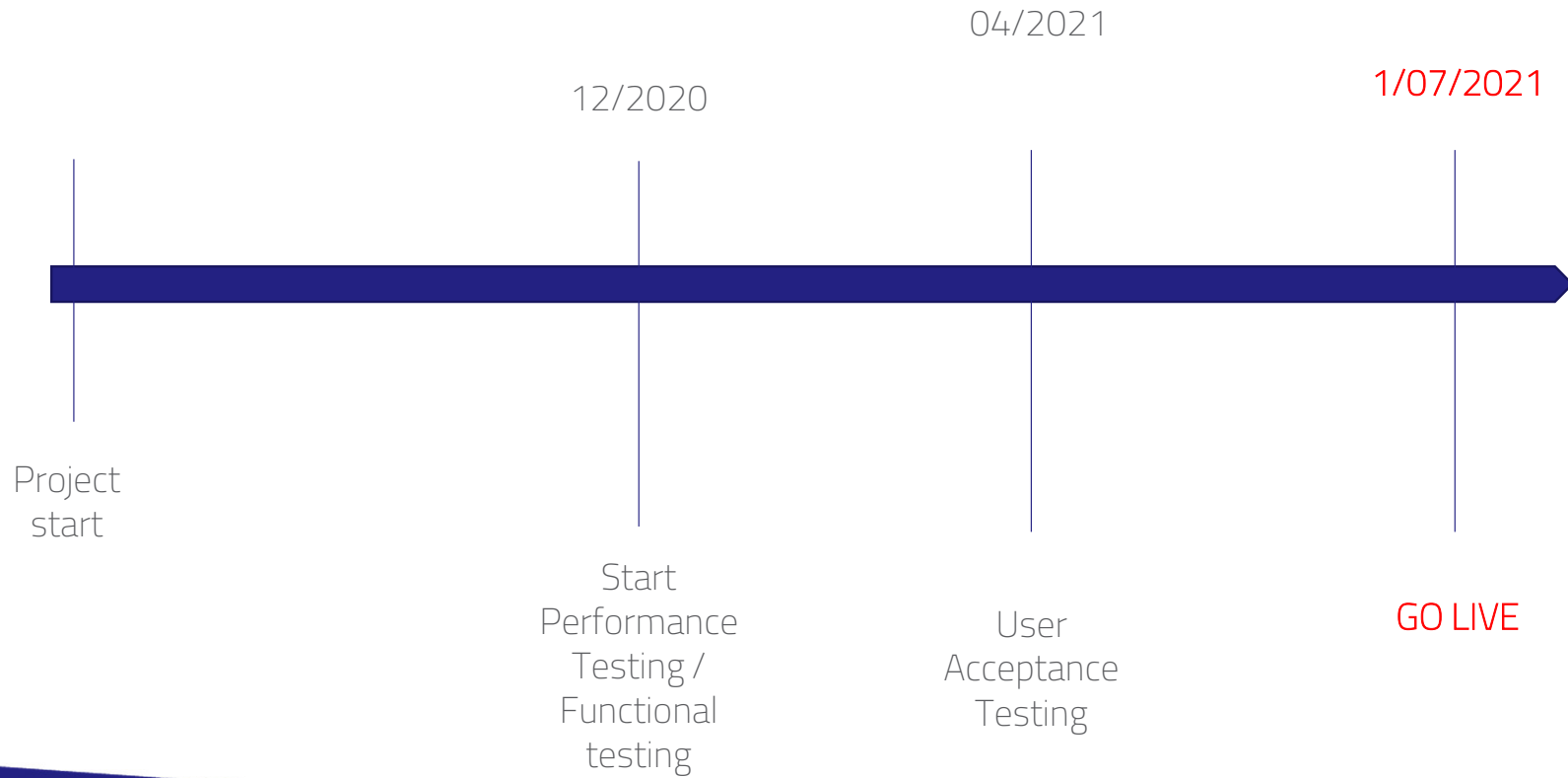
## HOW TO CONNECT TO IDMS

- Token to be able to send messages: username and password
  - To be asked to the Helpdesk through a form
- Response messages will be through polling or call back
  - For the call back url : need to contact the Helpdesk





## TIMING H7





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