





CITI Brexit 2021 Preparedness meeting

Belgian Port preparedness for BREXIT

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FORWARD Belgium

Belgian Freight Forwarders Association

BE Customs

Customs

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- Recruitment of extra Customs staff
- Customs EORI-operation
- Customs Simplifications were promoted as per Brexit needs
- Set-up of BREXIT-working group at National Forum (BE Customs & stakeholders)



BE Customs



BE Ports

- Circulation plan at Port of Zeebrugge
 - safeguard the non-Brexit related flows
 - prevent congestion on roads & terminals created by :
 - => cargo/transport who are not ok
 - => transports without reservation/booking
 - => “Port-shopping”
 - => transport without a customs clearance solution



BE Ports

- Port Community System in place at ports of Zeebrugge & Antwerp

Zeebrugge : **RX/SeaPort**

Antwerp : **Nxtport**



BE Ports

Zeebrugge : RX/SeaPort

- ⇒ Purpose is to facilitate, optimize, digitize and secure the customs declaration flows within the port operations
- ⇒ Upon booking and prior to arrival customs declaration info should be registered at RX/Seaport
 - Smooth entrance at ferry terminals
 - Make sure that cargo is always customs cleared prior arrival at Ferry Terminals



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Zeebrugge : RX/SeaPort

⇒ **New tool** : IE-originated goods using the GB-landbridge will be able to register via RX/Seaport which will then be flagged and thus not subject to SPS selections/inspections upon arrival at port of Zeebrugge



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Port of Antwerp : NxtPort

- Registration MRN prior shipment is mandatory
- Ctr can enter terminal without MRN-registration upon arrival at TML (use of container terminals which have more space)



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- Both systems ensure messaging upon arrival to Customs electronically
- After shipment all docs will be electronically handled:
 - => Export declarations : put in Exit Confirmation
 - => Transit : will be handled properly (closed or handled as a transit office)



BE Ports



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- Recruitment of 115 Inspectors
- BCP's at BE-ports already existing as already connections with 3rd countries
- EU-regulations will be in force for GB-imports as from 1st January (no phased approach)

The logo for the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) is a circular emblem. It features a grey outer ring and a white inner ring. The center of the emblem is a dark red square with the acronym 'FASFC' written in white, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the entire slide is a light grey gradient with a large, faint circular graphic element that matches the FASFC logo's design.

FASFC



FORWARD Belgium

- Active in all working groups within the National Forum and extra Brexit working groups
- In order to improve the efficiency in customs related matters in general
- Organisation of Brexit seminars for members and for shippers about the role of the customs representative

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- Brochure about added value of customs broker and manual for Brexit-preparations
- As member of CLECAT also active in the Clecat Brexit Working Group

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Challenges

- Motivate industry to (still) start preps
- Most of companies no background with Customs
- Capacity to perform the increase of declarations (customs brokers / customs declarants) => last minute volumes?

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Actions of FORWARD Belgium members

- Start to contact beside the industry also the hauliers
- Analyse impact of their possible scenario's
- Set-up as much as possible EDI-communication with customers
- Creation of a web-application created by members for entry of Customs data
- Creation of several deferment accounts on the account of customers

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Concerns of FORWARD Belgium members

- Part of industry does not realize the impact of the sales-conditions (INCO-terms) like DDP and this in both directions
- Challenge here :
 - => indirect representation
 - => VAT-registration through fiscal representation mandatory
 - => no possibility for UK exporter to set up f or deferment account in Belgium

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