



Belgian preparedness for BREXIT

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BE Customs

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BE Customs



- 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 Ports

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- 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



 Port Community System in place at ports of Zeebrugge & Antwerp

Zeebrugge : **RX/SeaPort**

Antwerp : Nxtport



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



Zeebrugge: RX/SeaPort

⇒ <u>New tool</u>: 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



- 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)





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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 GBimports as from 1st January (no phased approach)

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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 for deferment account in Belgium





