



### 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)





#### Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain

- 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





