



EU CUSTOMS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MODERN TRADE?

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016

13.30 – 20:00

WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

RUE DU MARCHÉ 30, 1210 BRUSSELS

#CustomsDay2016

PROGRAMME

We would like to invite you to a high level conference on “EU Customs – Making a difference in modern trade?” being organised on 7 September 2016 at 14:00, hosted at the World Customs Organization in Brussels.

Commissioner Moscovici, Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, will make the keynote address at the outset of the conference and Alisa Tiganj, Member of Cabinet Commissioner Bulc, Transport, will close the proceedings.

The conference, which will be attended by leading company representatives, industry experts and top regulators, aims to challenge attitudes on the role customs play as an economic driver, both in Europe and on the global market. In particular, participants will seek to identify the areas that hold customs policy and procedure back from playing a more central and positive role in trade facilitation, without undermining the controls necessary for safety, security and equal treatment.

The conference will look at two important issues:

- The vision of a future EU customs strategy driving trade
- A path to the vision through lessons learnt during the modernisation process



13:30 **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**

14:00 **WELCOME ADDRESSES**

Kenneth BENGTSOON, President, EuroCommerce

Kunio MIKURIYA, Secretary-General, WCO

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Pierre MOSCOVICI, European Commissioner for Customs

A VISION OF CUSTOMS AS A COMPETITIVE ELEMENT OF TRADE FACILITATION

MODERATOR – Ana HINOJOSA, Director of the Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO

14:30 **SETTING THE SCENE**

Steve PARKER, President, CLECAT, *Competitiveness in the field of EU customs: what needs to change?*

14:45 **PANEL I - VIEWS FROM TRADE & LOGISTICS**

Lars KARLSSON, KGH

Steven POPE, DHL

Walter VAN DER MEIREN, UPS

Antonis KASTRISSIANAKIS, European Commission, DG Taxud, Director

PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

ACHIEVING THE VISION THROUGH LESSONS LEARNT

MODERATOR – Rob VAN KUIK, Dutch Ministry of Finance, Counsellor Customs Policy & Legislation

16:30 **PANEL II - EXPERIENCE WITH THE CUSTOMS CODE MODERNISATION PROCESS**

Bernd STADTLER, Hugo Boss, Head of Customs

Ulrika LYCKMAN-ALNERED, Perm. Rep. of Sweden to the EU, Counsellor

Damian VICCARS, World Shipping Council

Andreas SCHWAB, MEP

Philip KERMODE, European Commission, DG Taxud, Director

PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Christian VERSCHUEREN, Director-General, EuroCommerce

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Alisa TIGANJ, Member of Cabinet **Violeta BULC**, European Commissioner for Transport

18:15 **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Please direct any questions you might have to event@eurocommerce.eu