



Union Customs Code – mid-term evaluation

About this consultation

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Feedback period

26 April 2021 - 19 July 2021 (midnight Brussels time)

Topic

Customs

Target audience

All EU and non-EU citizens and other stakeholders are welcome to contribute to this consultation.

Contributions are sought in particular from economic operators in the area of customs (e.g. import/export SMEs, companies, customs brokers, professionals in the trade supply chain, etc.), customs authorities, national authorities in relevant areas (e.g. market surveillance, antifraud, health and safety compliance, etc.), consumers, private citizens, academics.

Why we are consulting

The Union Customs Code (UCC) provides the comprehensive EU framework for customs rules and related IT systems that are adapted to a more globalised trade environment and modern communication tools. It aims at facilitating cross-border flows of goods while protecting the financial and economic interests of the Union and the Member States and the safety and security of European citizens. The UCC was adopted in October 2013 and most of its substantive provisions entered into force in May 2016. The UCC is a package composed of the main Regulation (EU) 952/2013 and a number of legal acts laying down the supplementing rules, the procedural rules for its implementation, and a work programme for the development and deployment of a set of electronic systems necessary for carrying out customs processes. As the Customs Union is an exclusive competence of the Union, customs legislation is adopted at EU level while its implementation is the responsibility of the Member States via their national customs administrations. In 2018 in a Report to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Commission committed to carrying out, by 2021, an interim evaluation of the UCC legal and IT framework in order to take stock of the state of play of implementation in all Member States, to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence of the UCC with related policies and its EU added value, and to draw lessons. The aim of this consultation is to gather views and experiences of interested parties (including customs authorities, businesses, individuals, and other stakeholders) regarding the UCC and its implementation. These views will be used to inform the conclusions of the interim evaluation and help to identify ways to improve the functioning of the UCC.

Responding to the questionnaire

You can contribute to this consultation by filling in the online questionnaire. If you are unable to use the online questionnaire, please contact us using the email address below.

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