

Implementation of the "Authorised Economic Operator"

The concept of the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) is now firmly anchored in European customs law. According to Article 5a of the Customs Code, an AEO enjoys facilitations in relation to customs security inspections as well as procedural simplifications. However, the exact form that the AEO will take in businesses and administrations is still uncertain. The 18th European Customs Law Conference will continue to critically assess the introduction and implementation of the AEO concept: in particular, the conference will examine and discuss requirements and procedure relating to authorisations, legal consequences, sanctions and effects on the organisation of companies.

Customs and Excise

Customs and excise are linked in a number of ways. This is also shown by the new requirement to declare goods before importation. After all, the summary declaration at the customs office of import at the external border is not far off a central customs clearance. The importer's communication partner is the domestic customs office which provides the border customs office with information necessary to carry out risk analysis and levies import duties itself. However, this model will only work if excise rules are amended without encouraging rampant excise fraud. Therefore, the interfaces between customs and excise will once again form a focal point of the conference.

New Developments in the Law on Customs Preferences and Energy Taxation

The use of customs preferences is of immense importance for the European economy both in relation to import and export. The European Commission has submitted a Green Book which lists proposals for the future of preferential rules of origin and which will considerably change existing practice. The first implementation of these plans is manifested in the new rules of origin for developing countries. For the first time, representatives from the Commission and industry will speak about this subject at the symposium. The new Energy Tax Act heralds structural and systematic changes for many German companies. It also contains new developments brought about by European Community Law. The Customs Law Conference will inform delegates of the Act in time for its entry into force.

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Note: Presentations and speeches during the conference will be simultaneously translated (German/English/French)
Venue: Neckar Forum Esslingen, Hauffstr. 6, 73728 Esslingen
Conference office: EFA: 1 June: 9.00 - 18.00 + 2 June: 8.00 - 13.00

Conference fee: 540,- €; for members of EFA, ODASCE, ACS 440,- € (incl. documentation, conference compendium, food, refreshments)

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Wednesday, 31 May 2006

8 p.m. **Social event at the Einhorn wine-cellar**
Heugasse 17, 73728 Esslingen

Thursday, 1 June 2006

Conference Leader: *Prof. Dr. Peter Witte*, FH des Bundes, Münster

10 a.m. **Opening Speech**
Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang, EFA

10.15 **Customs and security policy as a challenge for the organisation in companies**
Peter Michael Belz, AEB GmbH, Stuttgart

10.45 Tea Break

- Implementation of the "Authorised Economic Operator" -

11.45 **Framework of Standards and AEO**
Larry Burton, World Customs Organization, Brüssel

12.15 p.m. **The Status of the Authorised Economic Operator**
Dr. Susanne Aigner, European Commission, TAXUD, Brussels

1.00 Lunch

2.00 **AEO and C-TPAT**
Michael D. Laden, Trade Innovations, Minneapolis, USA

2.30 **The Authorised Economic Operator: Industry's Point of View**
Bernd Stadler, Hugo Boss AG, Metzingen

3.00 Tea Break

3.30 – 4.00 **Round Table Discussion concerning the implementation of the Authorised Economic Operator**
Prof. Dr. Peter Witte, FH des Bundes, Münster

Chaired by :
Prof. Dr. Peter Witte, FH des Bundes, Münster

Participants:
Dr. Bettina Vogl-Lang, BMF, Vienna
Michèle Petitgenet, ODASCE, Paris
Malcolm McKinnon, SITPRO, London
Roland Hirt, Chief Directorate of Swiss Customs, Bern
Dr. Dierk Hahn, BMF, Bonn
Dr. Wolfgang Uhlig, BMF, Bonn
Kay Masorsky, Ernst & Young AG, Stuttgart
Jürgen Böer, Schott AG, BDI-Working Party for Customs, Mainz
Reinhard Fischer, Deutsche Post World Net, Bonn

6.30 – 8 p.m. **Reception by the Mayor of the City of Esslingen**
Altes Rathaus, Rathausplatz 1, Esslingen

Friday, 2 June 2006

- Section 1: New Rules on Preferential Origin-

9 a.m. Uhr **The Future of Preferential Origin**
Jean-Michel Grave, European Commission, TAXUD, Brussels

9.20 Uhr **The Expectations of European Business**
Ralph Kamphöner, Eurocommerce, Brussels

9.40 Uhr **Discussion**
Chaired by: *Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang*, Münster University

- Section 2: The New Energy Taxation Act -

9.00 **The New Energy Taxation Act – The Administration's Point of View**
Peter Bille, BMF, Bonn

9.20 **The New Energy Taxation Act – Industry's Point of View**
Günter Roeder, BASF AG, Ludwigshafen

9.40 **Discussion**
Chaired by: *Matthias Bongartz*, Federal Training College, Münster

10.00 Tea Break

- Plenum: Customs and Excise -

11.00 **Central Customs Clearance**
Michael Lux, European Commission, TAXUD, Brüssel

11.00 **Combating Excise Fraud**
Norbert Haag, Central Federal Office for Taxation, Bonn

11.40 **Legal and Practical Problems Facing Industry**
Dr. Christoph Wäger, Ernst & Young AG, Frankfurt

12.00 **Discussion**
Chaired by: *Prof. Dr. Reginhard Henke*, FH des Bundes, Münster

13.00 **Closing Remarks**
Prof. Dr. Hans-Michael Wolfgang, EFA

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I would like to take part in the informal social evening on 31 May 2006 with [] persons.

I would like to take part in section [] on Friday morning from 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.

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