EU Single Window Environment for Customs (EU SWE-C)

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EU Customs Union

Single common customs territory with no border controls on the goods moved between the EU's Member States.

Uniform measures for handling the import, export and transit of goods governed by a common set of rules called the Union Customs Code (UCC).

Largest trading block in the world, accounting for over 15% of the world's trade in goods.
Journey to the digitalisation of the EU Customs Union

Transit: first step to the EU-wide electronic exchange of customs declarations

Union Customs Code mandates a complete shift to paperless customs processes by 2025

Regulation establishing the EU Single Window Environment for Customs entered into force

1968
Establishment of the EU Customs Union

1990s
New Computerised Transit System

2008
E-Customs Decision on a paperless environment for customs and trade

2016
Communication on the Customs Action Plan includes the EU Single Window Environment for Customs within its scope of actions

2022
EU SW Environment for Customs Implementation of first and second phase

2023-2025
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2025-2031
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EU electronic customs: Key statistics and strategic planning

High-level strategic planning instrument for all EU customs electronic systems and related initiatives designed to facilitate the effective functioning and modernisation of the EU Customs Union

2022

Import
546.8 million items declared

Export
562.8 million items declared

Transit
17.7 million movements

Digital customs declarations

99%

Multi-Annual Strategic Plan for Customs (MASP-C)

Main body
Background, purpose and scope

Annex 1
Detailed planning Microsoft project file

Annex 2
Content and detailed planning of all electronic customs projects

Annex 3
Governance framework

Annex 4
EU Customs Business Processing Modeling methodology

Annex 5
Main principles of the IT strategy

Annex 6
Change log

Microsoft project file

99%

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EU Single Window Environment for Customs (EU SWE-C) legislation

- Framework for digital cooperation focusing on intra-EU processes
- Enables interoperability between customs and non-customs domains to streamlines the electronic exchange of documents and information required for goods clearance

Regulation (EU) 2022/2399 on EU SWE-C entered into force on 12 December 2022.

- Union non-customs systems
- EU Customs Single Window Certificate Exchange System (EU CSW-CERTEX)
- Commission IT development
- National single window environments for customs
- Member States’ IT development
Timeline for the EU SWE-C implementation

2025
- Implementation of G2G exchanges

2026 - 2028
- Implementation of additional G2G formalities:
  - CBAM Carbon Border Adjustment
  - EU IUU CATCH illegal fisheries
  - NOA Notification of arrival
  - ELAN Agricultural licences
  - DPP Digital Product Passport
  - Waste shipment & packaging
  - Toys safety
  - Forced labour
  - Battery regulation
  - Cosmetics
  - Firearms
  - Drug Precursors

2031
- First domain: Deforestation
- Implementation of B2G exchanges

Categories:
- CHED-A Animals
- CHED-D Food and feed
- CHED-PP Plant health
- CHED-P Animal products
- COI Organic products
- FLEGT Timber
- FGAS Greenhouse gases
- DUES Dual-use goods
- EU CITES Flora & fauna
- ODS Ozone depleters
- ICG Import of cultural goods
- ICSMS Product compliance
EU SWE-C stakeholder network

Commission services participating in EU SWE-C

- MOVE
- SANTE
- AGRI
- ENV
- CLIMA
- TRADE
- GROW
- MARE
- HOME
- TAXUD

Member State customs and partner competent authorities

- Participation: > 120 experts
- Percentage: 25%
- Trend: ↑

- Participation: > 130 experts
- Trend: ↑

10 COM Directorates
Certification for third-countries

Certification systems of Commission Partner Directorates-General accessible to third countries

TRACES
Common Health Entry

More than 113,000 users from over 90 countries worldwide

Leading certification platform of the EU Commission

FLEGT (TRACES module)

Ongoing evolution of TRACES modules for cross-departmental needs

FLEGT licence

Benefits of interfacing EU certification systems with the EU SWE-C

Streamlined trade processes
Helps reduce paperwork and administrative burdens through automated checks, making it easier for third-countries to export to the EU.

Improved compliance with EU regulations
Helps third countries comply with EU sanitary, photosanitary and forestry regulations, essential for accessing the EU market.

Enhanced transparency and traceability
Increases transparency in the supply chain, ensuring the safety and traceability of goods entering the EU.

Efficient quantity management
Facilitates accurate tracking and management of imported quantities, ensuring compliance with specified limits and optimising trade efficiency.

Data harmonisation and standardisation
Streamlines data harmonisation across different standards, ensuring uniformity and accuracy in the data exchanged between 3rd countries and the EU.

Risk management and safety
By facilitating better data exchange, the interface indirectly aids in risk management, enhancing the safety of food and forestry products.

Indonesia: sole issuer of FLEGT licences
Signed voluntary partnership agreements

Republic of Congo
Cameroon
Ghana
Liberia
Central African Republic
Vietnam

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Third-country certification flow via the EU SWE-C

1. Non-EU exporter
   - Export licence
   - Non-EU certification system

2. EU importer
   - EU CSW-CERTEX DG TAXUD
   - Business and technical transformation

3. National customs systems
   - Customs declaration
     - Import
     - Export
     - Transit
     - Processed customs declaration
Further information and e-learning

**EU Single Window Environment for Customs website**


**The ABCs of the EU Single Window Environment for Customs**

**Enforcement of the F-gas Regulation via EU-CSW CERTEX for Economic operators**
Thank you!

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