



Blue Belt

Update on Commission initiative

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Blue Belt Pilot Project

EMSA Evaluation Report

- Member States' Customs Administrations
- Shipping Industry
- Ports Authorities

Overall results: positive

- Timely, accurate and consolidated information
- Useful for reassurance and risk assessments

Legal Gap Analysis: Netherlands, UK, Belgium, WSC, ESCA

Recommendations

- More flexibility to Regular Shipping Services
- Facilitations to non-Regular Shipping Services with usage of electronic cargo manifest

June 2012 TTE Council Meeting

- Commission Staff Working Paper of 24 May 2012
 - Possible follow-up actions
- Policy debate on the Blue Belt concept
- Ministers widely in favour of the continued implementation and development of the concept
 - Less and more flexible administrative procedures for the maritime internal market
 - Commission to proceed to next steps, including legislative proposals if necessary



Single Market Act II of 03/10/2012

- Key Action 2

Establish a true Single Market for maritime transport by no longer subjecting EU goods transported between EU seaports to administrative and customs formalities that apply to goods arriving from overseas ports.

- Commission will table a "**Blue Belt**" package with legislative and non-legislative initiatives to reduce the administrative burden to a level comparable to that of other transport modes
- Support by ICT technologies for the reliable tracking of ships and cargo

Blue Belt objective

EU goods will be granted the presumption of Union status if directly transported by sea between EU ports

Condition:

- Vessel remains under the monitoring of SafeSeaNet during its intra-EU voyage
- Safeguard the proper customs controls for non EU goods

Next Steps

- **Consultations with stakeholders and meetings with Commission relevant services**
- **Scenarios for facilitating sea transport of EU goods and ensuring customs controls for non EU goods** - through the use of Information provided in accordance to the Reporting Formalities Directive 2010/65/EU
 - Possible modification for data and form needed so as to grant facilitations to intra-EU shipping without added administrative burden to non EU goods transport

TIME PLAN - CUSTOMS

- Meeting with Member States 6/11/2012
 - Presentation of objective, opinions and feedback
- Working document on possible scenarios/options 23/12/2012
- Assessment of the needs, pros and cons of the overall approach Jan until March 2013
- Prepare business case and customs process models (BPMs) Feb until April 2013
- Prepare draft legal text May 2013
- Submit draft legal act June 2013



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Thank you for your attention.