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The **European Customs Information Portal** is designed to help everyone involved in import, export and transit.

It is a service for business operators, in particular SMEs, in all Member States importing goods into and exporting goods from the EU, such as carriers, forwarders, importers and exporters.

Full information on all EU taxation and customs matters is available on http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs.

Geared to the future

The current version of the portal site is the first phase of a more comprehensive **European Customs Information Portal**, which will be developed in the light of experience and user feedback. The final site should be a fully-fledged comprehensive customs portal covering all types of customs-related information relevant to traders. The portal is one of a number of online services developed by the European Commission's Taxation and Customs Union Directorate General to make life easier for businesses. Other such services are **online databases** http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/databases and **electronic learning (eLearning) courses** http://ec.europa.eu/customs_tax_elearning.

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If you want

- clarity over the rules to follow for EU imports, exports and transit,
- explanations of the Safety and Security Amendment to the EU's Community Customs Code,
- step-by-step guidance to the procedures that have to be followed,

then this is the service for you.

The **European Customs Information Portal** for the Safety and Security Amendment to the Customs Code has been developed to help businesses through the customs security procedures that have to be followed when importing goods into and exporting goods from the EU.

The portal site contains interactive customs scenarios explaining – step-by-step – the import, export and transit of goods, and provides access to practical information, helpdesk services and customs legislation.

What is the European Customs Information Portal, 1st phase?

The first phase of the **European Customs Information Portal** guides users through the security-related customs procedures.

Economic operators importing goods into and exporting goods from the European Union are confronted with a complex set of rules and regulations, notably the Safety and Security Amendment that brings major changes to the Community Customs Code:

- New procedures – such as the requirement for traders to provide customs authorities with information on goods before arriving at the borders;
- Trade facilitation measures for reliable businesses;
- Uniform EU risk-selection criteria for controls, supported by computerised systems;
- A new EU database allowing consultation of all national registration numbers (EORI).

What does the European Customs Information Portal bring you?

The portal constitutes a single point of access to all relevant and practical information on importing goods into and exporting goods from the EU as well as on goods in transit.

It focuses on the Safety and Security Amendment to the Community Customs Code and related procedures, providing three main types of information:

- Animated customs scenarios guiding users through the import, export and transit procedures step-by-step;
- The relevant aspects of the EU Customs Union's legal framework;
- Information and links from the Commission's and EU Member States' customs sites, including databases, assistance services and eLearning resources.

