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**Note to the European Customs Laboratories and their respective
Customs 2020 National Coordinators**

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France <i>Action leader</i>	Nadine Varra
Belgium	Inge Vinckier
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Or one of their colleagues

**Subject: Customs 2020: CLEN – Preparatory meeting of the participants in proficiency tests
Definition of the proficiency test on Textile**

The aim of this CLEN preparatory meeting is to define the objectives and design of a CLEN proficiency test dealing with analytical determinations on the goods of Chapters 50 to 63 of the EU Combined Nomenclature, in particular on those composed of mixed textile materials. According to Note 2 to Section XI of the Combined Nomenclature, products made of a mixture of different fibres should be classified as if consisting wholly of that one component which is predominating by weight. To determine this, quantitative analysis made either by manual separation (for textile fibres which do not form an intimate mixture and can be separated by hand) or chemical analyses (when textile fibres do form an intimate mixture and separation by hand is not possible) is to be applied. The proficiency test will cover the identification of the origin of textile fibres forming a mixture and the determination of the quantitative composition of that mixture.

The group is composed of volunteer Customs Laboratories.

The meeting will take place in **Brussels, Belgium, on 29 January 2015** (starting at 10:00 and ending at 17:00). It will be held at the **Commission Building LX-40, 2nd floor - SDR2, Rue du Luxembourg, 40 - 1049 Brussels** (premises of DG TAXUD). The meeting will be held in English.

One delegate per invited Member State and two delegates for Lithuania and France (Lithuanian coordinator of the test and French Action leader) mentioned in the above table **can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget** under the conditions specified in the financial guide (financial code **CPG/010/003**).

Please confirm your participation to CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com and to Aliz.Kovacs-Negyeliczky@ec.europa.eu **by 22 January 2015 at the latest**. In addition, National Coordinators are requested to register their participants in the Activity Reporting Tool by the same deadline.

Delegates should contact their Customs 2020 National Coordinator before making any travel arrangements.
The proposed agenda is annexed to this invitation.

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DRAFT AGENDA

**29 January 2015 (10:00-17:00), Brussels, Belgium
Meeting of the CLEN preparatory group for the definition
of the proficiency test on textile**

- 1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda.
- 2/ Discussion and definition of the proficiency test: agreement on the objectives of the test, wishes in terms of samples, choice of parameters, choice of methods or recommendation, call for participation, test design and tentative time schedule.
- 3/ Allotment of tasks for the proficiency test organisation.
- 4/ Conclusions of this meeting of the preparatory group for definition of the proficiency test on textile.
- 5/ Any other question.