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Priority: 1 = 0-12 months. 2 = 12-24 months. 3 = 24-60 months. **H** = high. **M** = medium. **L** = low
Status: current position of work and assessed percentage of total.

A Single Market						
1	VAT Definitive Arrangements	1.1 to make proposals	1 (H)	complete 100%	(1995-10-31)	EOPWG (GB) 1995-07-31
		1.2 to monitor and evaluate the Commission's proposals	1 (M)	up to date 30%	1996-12-31	subject to DGXXI
		1.3 to assess the impact of any final proposals	2 (H)	not initiated	1997-12-31	subject to DGXXI
		1.4 to carry out and co-ordinate an awareness programme in member states	2 (M)	not initiated	-	to be discussed at the General Assembly
		1.5 to produce an awareness paper for EUROPRO members and traders	3 (L)	up to date 85%	1999-12-31	to be discussed at the General Assembly
2	Transitional Arrangements	2 to review and highlight difficulties with the system (both European and national systems)	1 (M)	up to date 90%	ongoing	
3	Electronic Reporting	3.1 to review the implementation of the UN/EDIFACT VATDEC message: see system VIES of DGXXI	3 (M)	not initiated	1999-12-31	AT
		3.2 to review the DGXXI project on the SAM = Single Administrative Message (electronic version of the SAD: see EU/EFTA Convention)	2 (M)	???	???	CH
4	Intrastat Definitive Arrangements	4.1 to make proposals	1 (H)	up to date 80%	1995-12-31	EOPWG (GB) 1995-03-31
		4.2 to monitor and evaluate the Eurostat proposals	1 (H)	up to date 50%	1997-12-31	subject to Eurostat

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5	Transitional Arrangements	4.3 to assess the impact of any final proposals	1 (H)	not initiated	1997-12-31	subject to Eurostat
		4.4 to carry out and co-ordinate an awareness programme in member states	3 (M)	not initiated	-	subject to final proposals
		5 to continue to lobby for a reduction in burdens in the system	2 (L)	up to date 90%	ongoing	-
6	Excise Review of the Excise System	6 to carry out a review of the current movement requirements for excise goods, in particular the requirements for authorisation and documentation and make recommendations	2 (L)	not initiated	1998-03-01	EOPWG (NL) 1997-12-31
B Trade with Non-EU/EEA/EFTA Countries						
7	Customs Transit Common and Community Transit	7.1 Interim Anti-fraud Measures: to make recommendations for short term interim measures to reduce fraud in the Common and Community Transit systems until such time as the computerised system can be effectively implemented	1 (H)	complete 100%	1996-03-01	EOPWG (GB) -
		7.2 to react to the European Parliament and EU Commission response to the EUROPRO submission	1 (H)	0%		EUROPRO Sec., subject to DGXXI
		7.3 to support and assist the EU Commission and EFTA in the reform of the EU/EFTA Transit Convention	2 (M)	0%	1998-09-30	
8	Transit Computerisation Project (TCP)	8.1 to support and assist the EU Commission and EFTA with the development of the computerised transit system	1 (H)	up to date 60%	1998-01-01	1997-07-01

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9	TIR Convention (UN/ECE)	8.2 to assist in the alignment of the computerised transit system between EU and EFTA Member States	1 (H)		1997-12-31	
		8.3 to monitor implementation of the system in the EU and EFTA member states and Visegrad countries	3 (H)	initiated 5%	1998-01-01	1998-07-01
		8.4 to assess the effectiveness of the computerised system and make recommendations	1 (H)	up to date 30%	1999-01-01	2000-07-01
		9.1 to monitor and respond as appropriate to any measures introduced in the TIR system to prevent fraud	1 (M)	up to date 70%	ongoing	subject to UN/ECE (and possibly IRU)
		9.2 to monitor the review of the TIR Convention	1 (M)	up to date 40%	ongoing	subject to UN/ECE (and possibly IRU)
10	Customs Clearance CABAC proposals	10.1.1 to develop and make proposals to the Commission (DGXXI) on future Customs audit based controls	1 (H)	complete 100%	1996-07-01	EOPWG (DE/GB) 1995-05-31
		10.1.2 to produce an awareness paper for national Customs administrations	1 (M)	not initiated	1998-04-01	
11	Commission - Customs 2000 Project	10.2 to monitor the proposals progress and seek implementation	2 (H)	in progress 20%	ongoing	
		11.1 to establish from the EU Commission (DGXXI) the content, development and implementation targets for Customs 2000	1 (H)	0%	1997-04-30	
		11.2 to work with the Commission on the development and implementation of the Customs 2000 strategy	2 (M)	up to date	ongoing	

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12	Customs Legislation Review of the Community Customs Code	12.1 to evaluate articles in the Community Customs Code with a view to proposing revision of unnecessary or burdensome legislation	2 (L)	in progress 10%	1999-01-01	EOPWG (DE/GB) subject to DGXXI
		12.2 to monitor revisions of the Community Customs Code and implementing regulations	2 (L)	ongoing		
		12.3 to make proposals to amend the Community Customs Code in line with EUROPRO trade facilitation objectives	2 (L)	in progress	2001-01-01	
13	Controls on Animal and Animal Products Animal Health Controls	13.1 to respond the proposals for animal health controls in EU directives	1 (H)	up to date 90%	1996-12-31	EOPWG (GB) subject to DGVI
		13.2 to monitor the agreement of derogations with countries with equivalent health standards to the EU	1 (M)	up to date 30%	1996-12-31	
		13.3 to assess the impact of new requirements on trade and ensure they are not unnecessarily burdensome	1 (H)	up to date 50%	1997-07-31	
		14 to ensure that the documentation introduced for animal health control purposes is aligned, harmonised and is not unnecessarily burdensome	1 (M)	in progress 80%	1996-12-31	
		15 to review the implementation of the Animal Health legislation introduced in 1997	1(H)	in progress 20%		
16	ANIMO System	16 to consider the alignment of the ANIMO system with UN/EDIFACT (see EDIWG and EG3), and to identify its possible indirect impact on traders	3 (L)	not initiated	-	CH

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17	Kyoto Convention Review of the Kyoto Convention	17.1 to participate and make input into the review of the Kyoto Convention	1 (M)	up to date 20%	2000-12-31	EOPWG (GB) subject to WCO
		17.2 to ensure that the Annexes in the Convention reflect current best practice in customs procedures taking account of commercial procedures and the prime objective of the Convention - trade facilitation, in particular the submission of proposals for legal text and guidelines on simplified procedures, and on Customs and third parties	1 (H)	up to date 40%	2000-12-31	subject to WCO
		17.3 to recommend ways to encourage countries to implement the measures in the Convention	3 (M)	initiated 5%	-	
18	Inspection Prior to delivery PSI Procedures	18.1 to submit proposals on PSI to the WTO Council of Goods meeting on the review of PSI	2 (M)	initiated 5%	1997-07-31	EOPWG (GB)
		18.2 to review PSI procedures, ensure that the requirements are not substantially increased and that they take cognisance of commercial procedures (including payment procedures) and confidentiality	3 (L)	not initiated	2000-12-31	to be discussed at the General Assembly
19	GOSST requirements	19.1 to liaise with the Commission and member states in seeking the removal of the GOSST requirement or a review of the costs to exporters	2 (M)	in progress 40%	ongoing	

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20	Other requirements	19.2 to raise exporters' awareness of GOSST so that appropriate provision can be made in the sales contract etc.	3 (L)	initiated 10%	ongoing	
		20 to monitor and review the requirements of non-EU countries for other similar inspection requirements and to discourage where possible the introduction of such requirements	3 (M)	initiated 5%	ongoing	
C Transport						
21	European Transport Contract	21 to support and assist in the finalisation of the ETC by the Commission	3 (L)	not initiated 0%	-	to be deleted
22	Dangerous Goods	22.1 to promote best practice with dangerous goods documentation and to support the work on UN/ECE Recommendation No. 11	2 (M)	up to date 40%	ongoing	EOPWG (GB)
		22.2 to consider methods for improving the standard of dangerous goods information (possibly compulsory training of staff handling dangerous goods)	2 (M)	up to date 60%	ongoing	
23	Waste Products	23 to seek the harmonisation and standardisation of documentation	3 (L)	initiated 5%	ongoing	NL/DE/CH
24	Promotion of the Sea Waybill	24 to encourage where possible the use of non-negotiable documents and the provisions of transport information by electronic means	2 (M)	in progress 40%	ongoing	All
D Banks & Insurance						
25	Cross Border Payments	25.1 to work with the Commission and banks to introduce measures to facilitate payment methods across border	1 (H)	completed	1999-01-01	

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F International Co-operation						
31	CEECs, NAFTA, APEC Consultation and Liaison	31.1 to maintain consultation and liaison through the EUROPRO CEECs Group and provide assistance through this group for the Central and Eastern European Countries. 31.2 to widen the scope of consultation to other areas of the world as: - CEFTA - NAFTA, - NATPRO - ASEAN - APEC, - MERCOSUR	1 (M)	in progress 20%	ongoing	All
32	Development of Procedures	32 to develop procedures and documentation to allow a seamless transition to either full EU/EEA/EFTA membership or other barrier free trading agreements	1 (M)	up to date 25%	2001-12-31	subject to CEECs development towards EU membership
33	WTO WTO Negotiations	33 to contribute to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) research/proposals on relevant trade facilitation matters	2 (H)	up to date 10%	2000-12-31	All subject to WTO agenda
34	UN/ECE UN/ECE	34 to attend and make input into UN/ECE CEFACT and its empowered Groups, as appropriate	1 (H)	up to date	ongoing	All

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35	UN/ECE FAL Recommendations	<p>35.1 to promote the implementation of UN/ECE Recommendations, both at national and international level,</p> <p>35.2 including carrying out the work required under Rec. No 25 (measures targeted at public administrations)</p> <p>35.3 to monitor and ensure that the UN/ECE FAL Recommendations are up-to-date.</p> <p>35.4 to make proposals to revise the recommendation where necessary</p>	1 (M)	up to date 80%	ongoing	All
36	Promotion of UN/EDIFACT	36 to promote the use of UN/EDIFACT through publications and seminars	2 (M)	in progress (?)	ongoing	All
37	Modelling of the transaction	<p>37 to make input into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a model of EU procedures supplied by the EU Commission • the identification, description, design/modelling, registration and maintenance of the transaction needing paper or paperless data interchange, specially in the UN/ECE group on the International Transaction Model (ITT), but securing also consistent work in other fora as: UN/ECE/JRT/BIM, UN/ECE/AC.1, JTC1/SC14 (incl. BSR) + SC21 + SC30 and ISO/TC154 	1 (H)	up to date	ongoing	to be discussed at the General Assembly

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38	Multi-linguism	38 to make input into multi-lingual lists of key-words and descriptions as: - UN/EDIFACT Draft List of Terms (en/fr/de) - UNTDED/UNCL list of codes (en/fr/de) - Glossary of Customs terms of CCC/WCO (en/fr) - Glossary of Terms for the TCP (en/fr/de) - <i>Vocabularium</i> for Community Customs Code (9) [AUSTRIAPRO to re-draft this narrative]			ongoing	AT/CH

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List of acronyms

AC.1	UN/ECE Ad hoc group 1 on long-term management of the UN/EDIFACT process
ANIMO	ANimal MOvements MONitoring system
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation
BIM	Business Information Modelling
BSR	Basic Semantic Repository
CABAC	Customs Audit BAseD Control
CCC	Customs Co-operation Council (official name), see also: WCO
CEECs	Central and East European Countries
CEFACT	CEntre for Facilitation of practices and procedures for Administration, Commerce and Transport
CT	Community (EU) and/or Common (EU + EFTA + V4) Transit, see also: TCP
DGXXI	Directorate General XXI (Customs and indirect taxation) of the European Commission
E100	ICC project on admission of electronic documents (<i>to be checked</i>)
EC	Electronic Commerce
ECE	use: UN/ECE
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDIFACT	use: UN/EDIFACT
EEA	European Economic Area (15 EU + FL + IS + NO)
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EOPWG	Europro Official Procedures Working Group
ETC	European Transport Contract
EU	European Union
EUROPRO	association of committees of simplified PROcedures for international trade within the EUROpean Community and the EUROpean Free Trade Association
Eurostat	STATistical office of the EUROpean Communities
FAL	FAciLitation of international trade procedures
GOSST	Russian Federation safety standards certification
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce, Paris
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
Intrastat	STATistical system for recording INTRA-Community trade
IRU	International Road Union
ISO	(from Latin: <i>iso</i>) international organisation for standardization
ITT	International Trade Transaction
JRT	Joint Rapporteurs advisory and support Team, see: regional un/edifact rapporteurs
JTC1	ISO-IEC Joint Technical Committee 1: information technology
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Association/Area (<i>to be checked</i>)
PSI	Pre-Shipment Inspection
SC14	JTC1, SubCommittee 14: data elements principles
SC21	JTC1, SubCommittee 21: open system interconnection (OSI), data management and open distributed processing (ODP)
TCP	Transit Computerization Project, see also: CT
TIR	<i>Transport International Routier</i> (UN/ECE Convention)
UN	United Nations
UN/ECE	United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe
UN/EDIFACT	United Nations, Electronic Data Interchange For Administration, Commerce and Transport
UNCL	United Nations Code List
UNTDED	United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory
V4	4 Visegrad countries = PL, HU, SK, CZ
VAT	Value Added Tax
VATDEC	un/edifact message for the VAT DEClaration
WCO	World Customs Organization, established as: CCC
WTO	World Trade Organization

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