The dematerialisation of attached documents in eTIR project

The exemple of the French Single window approach

Unit E3
French Directorate of Customs
Definition of customs procedures

**Principle:**
All goods introduced in the Community customs territory shall be:
- presented to the customs,
- receive a customs-approved treatment (re-exportation, destruction, abandonment to the Exchequer, customs procedure),
- customs procedure: by the act of a customs declaration.

**Aims:**
- clearance of goods (payment of import duties, taxes and other charges),
- Satisfy to trade, taxes and customs regulations,
- Control the respect of specific regulations for goods (prohibitions / restrictions).
Attached documents to customs declarations

- Reference in the customs declaration of mandatory documents which may determine the release of goods (public order documents, previous customs documents).

- FR customs clearance computerisation:
  - until 2007: paper-based customs declaration and attached documents,
  - 2007-2010: computerised customs declaration (Delt@) but the most of attached documents remains paper-based,

  =) Disadvantageous for economic operators,
  =) Time-consuming work for customs officers,
  =) Full benefits expected from computerisation can not be obtained as long as joint « associated processes » are not computerized.
The single window: increase transparency and facilitate international trade

- UN/CEFACT Recommendation 33

  « A facility allowing Parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfil all import, export and transit-related regulatory requirements ». 

- A European Union project (article 47 of Union Customs Code):

  “Where, in respect of the same goods, controls other than customs controls are to be performed by competent authorities other than the customs authorities, customs authorities shall, in close cooperation with those other authorities, endeavour to have those controls performed, wherever possible, at the same time and place as customs controls (one-stop-shop), with customs authorities having the coordinating role in achieving this”.

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At national stage:

2010: FR Customs receive a mandate from the Prime Minister for import and export procedures in order to:
- Simplify processes,
- Rationalize formalities,
- Coordinate controls between competent authorities,
- Computerise.

National system implementing EU legislation,
National system implementing national legislation.
• Use of a bus connecting different kinds of systems with our customs clearance system Delt@ in order to ensure exchange of information.

• That bus links Delt@ to various IT platforms:
  - Internal customs platform (FR NCTS, exportation of tobacco and alcohol),
  - Other administrative platforms (other regulations),
  - private platforms (electronic archiving).
- check the **existence** of a document (internal),
- **consultation** of documents,
  - CONSULT (internal) ;
  - CONSULT EXT (other IT platforms).
- **sending of SAD** (customs declaration) to partners (INFO),
- **automated electronic checks** of validity,
  - Check DAU : cross check of SAD and the attached document through a dedicated module called eDOP.
Economic operators (EDI / DTI) – CUSTOMS IT

Customs declaration – ENTERPRISE SERVICE BUS GUN – SINGLE WINDOW

EDOP module
Cross checking

IT system of the partner administration

WS CONSULT

WS INFO

SAD in XML

XML document

Reply from GUN

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Nouveau document

Type * 0001
Référence 166200
Date 20/12/2013
D48 Oui
Montant à garantir
Délai d'apurement (mois)
Identifiant de la PFA 1
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Achievements

- Customs systems connected to GUN:
  - Delt@ (customs clearance system),
  - NCTS,
  - EMCS - GAMMA (Excise Movement and Control System),
  - Banaco (national database for customs controls).

Functionalities:
- automated release of excise electronic accompanying document (EAD) when SAD is released,
- consultation of EAD from Delt@,
- consultation of NCTS movement from Delt@,
- experiments on consultation of invoices (stored on IT platforms) from Delt@.
Current and future projects of connection with other administrations

Current projects (operational: end of 2014 – 2015)
- Link FR Customs – France AgriMer (checking and automated imputation of CAP exportation certificates),
- Link FR Customs – Ministry of Environment (checking and automated imputation of CITES permits – endangered animal species),
- Link FR Customs – Ministry of Defense (checking and automated imputation of munitions and war materials licenses)

Future projects
- Link FR Customs – 15 other FR administrations,
- Link FR Customs – EU single window.
- Another instrument of \textit{facilitation} of international trade,
- Simplification of crossing of borders (by automated link and consultation of invoice, transport document, public order document..).

- Figure out the benefits of single window approach and its \textit{consistency} for eTIR project,
- Take advantage of national / regional initiatives to convince the various actors of TIR environment.
Thank you for your attention!

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