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INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE 9TH AND 10TH NOVEMBER 2017 · HYATT REGENCY DÜSSELDORF

This conference provides a platform for those who are dealing with customs and trade at a high professional level. Internationally renowned speakers from the European Commission, jurisprudence, the customs administration, industry, academic and research institutions and legal consultancy will share their expertise with participants on the most recent developments at the EU and international level.

There will be ample opportunity for participants to discuss and exchange views with the experts, gain insight into interesting cases and collect ideas for their daily practice.

Support documentation will be available for all sessions.

Please join us for what promises to be a valuable, thought provoking and professionally stimulating event.

Who should join? Officials, in-house counsel and (compliance) officers and consultants and lawyers in private practice involved in Indirect Tax, Customs & Trade Compliance, International Trade, Supply Chain Management and Trade Regulatory matters.

Conference language: English

Thursday

- 08.30 **REGISTRATION**
- 09.00 **WELCOME**
- 09.15 **UCC ONE YEAR LATER: WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND WHAT LIES AHEAD?**
*Susanne Aigner
Christian Rost*
Moderation: Dr. Christian Salder & Bert Gevers
- 10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 **DIGITAL CUSTOMS: IT TRANSITION AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW UCC**
*Susanne Aigner
Marcus Puschke
Kai Seela
Dominique Willems*
- 12.15 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 13.30 **THE CHALLENGES OF PROCEDURE 42: WHEN CUSTOMS MEETS VAT**
Asst.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Thomas Bieber
- 14.15 **E-COMMERCE: HOW E-COMMERCE IS CHANGING THE INDIRECT TAX AND TRADE LANDSCAPE FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS.**
*Dr. Peter Fery
Han (J.N.G.) Bosch
Dominique Willems*
- 15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.00 **TRADE-FACILITATION: HOW WILL THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION IMPACT GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS?**
*Milena Budimirovic
Francisco J Cortina
Frank Heijmann*
- 17.00 **END OF CONFERENCE DAY 1**
- 19.00 **WORKING DINNER AT "UERIGE"**

Friday

- 09.00 **WELCOME**
- 09.15 **LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ECJ JURISPRUDENCE**
*Asst.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Thomas Bieber
Klaus Deimel*
Moderation: Dr. Christian Salder & Bert Gevers
- 10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 **TRADE CONTROLS AND CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE: HOW DO EXPORT CONTROLS AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS RELATE TO CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE (AND HOW DO THEY NOT)?**
*Bert Gevers
Dr. Gerard Kreijen
Fouzi Saidi
Sofia Ocampo*
- 11.45 **BREXIT: WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED FOR CUSTOMS & TRADE?**
*John Carlin
Dr. Christian Salder*
- 13.00 **END OF CONFERENCE
FAREWELL & LUNCH**

Speakers



Frank Heijmann *Head of Trade Relations, Customs Administration of the Netherlands*

Frank is a senior executive with over 30 years of customs experience, specialising in the fields of customs legislation, international business and logistics. He is recognized for his ability to motivate and create enthusiasm and support, skills which have served him well in stimulating collective developments and in the implementation of novel ideas and solutions with trade, governments and academia. These include the University MSc program Customs & Supply Chain Compliance, the supply chain innovation concept "The Pipeline Interface", the Innovation Platform within Dutch Customs and academic research in various areas of the customs domain.



Dr. Peter Fery *Vice President Customs Post eCommerce Parcel, Deutsche Post DHL*

Peter joined Deutsche Post DHL in 1999 as Lead Project Manager in Engineering. After 3 years, Peter took over the responsibility for Industrial Engineering and Operations within the worldwide operating subsidiary company, Deutsche Post Global Mail. From 2005 to 2013 Peter headed up Deutsche Post's international mail operation, with distribution centers in Frankfurt and Niederaula. Since 2014, he has been responsible for the PeP (Post eCommerce Parcel) division's customs and export control at the head office in Bonn.



Francisco J Cortina *Trade & customs partner in Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia SC*

Francisco has almost 30 years' experience as a tax lawyer, specializing in Trade & Customs planning, consultations and litigious proceedings, including Anti-Dumping, Free Trade Agreements and WTO advice. He joined KPMG in 1995 as an associate and in 1999 was appointed partner. In 2000 Francisco joined Chévez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia., S.C., as a partner in the Trade and Customs division. He is the founder of the Trade & Customs Commission of the Mexican Bar Association (Barra Mexicana) and is a member of the American Bar Association. He is a former president of the Trade & Customs Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce Mexico and holds a chair in the International Academy of Customs law. Francisco has completed post graduate studies in anti-dumping, arbitration and tax and regularly lectures at the Universidad Iberoamericana and Escuela Libre de Derecho. He has been listed as a noted lawyer by: Legal 500, Chambers, Who's who legal and Latin Lawyer, recurrently for more than a decade.



Bert Gevers *Partner, Loyens & Loeff*

Bert is a member of the Loyens & Loeff Indirect Tax Practice Group in Belgium and heads the international trade practice. He advises clients on the indirect tax and regulatory issues related to the international and domestic exchange of goods and services. Bert represents clients before the Belgian and Dutch authorities, courts and the European Commission, its advisory committees and the EC. He has extensive experience in counselling clients involved in (criminal) investigations. Legal 500 mentions Bert as a leading expert. He is a regular speaker at conferences and also lectures at the UCLL University. Bert chairs the Global Legal Customs Association and is a correspondent for Belgium within the International VAT Club. He is the co-founder and scientific coordinator of the blog www.worldtradecontrols.com. Bert has been a member of the Brussels Bar since 2000.



John Carlin *Senior Partner, Carillon Millor*

John is a chartered tax accountant, indirect tax consultant and Fellow of the Institute of Directors. With over 30 years' experience in customs and trade at HMRC, Deloitte and Bell Davies, John is now a senior partner at Carillon Millor, a specialist customs and strategic advisory practice working for internationally focused firms in many countries. He is a member of the UK Joint Customs Consultative Committee, the consulting editor of Wolters Kluwer Customs Duty Technical manuals, as used by both HMRC and many professionals, and assists the UK Tax Administration and Research Council and clients on Brexit issues.



Dr. Gerard Kreijen *Attorney at law, Senior associate, Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam*

Gerard is a member of the International Trade Team of Loyens & Loeff. He specialises in public international law with a focus on sanctions and export controls, the law of foreign investment, and anti-bribery and corruption issues. With respect to sanctions and export controls, he advises companies active in e-commerce, aircraft manufacturing, the defense industry, the shipping and logistics sector, software development, and the renewables sector.



Asst. Prof. MMag. Dr. Thomas Bieber *Johannes Kepler Universität Linz*

Dr. Thomas Bieber is an assistant professor with a special focus on VAT, customs law and excise duties (title of doctoral thesis: "Excise duties in Austria") and a member of the Department of Customs and Foreign Trade Law founded in 2014. Thomas frequently publishes and lectures on these topics at Johannes Kepler University Linz Law School. He has also previously gained practical experience in the field of excise duties and criminal tax law while working as a tax assistant at LeitnerLeitner, tax audit advisory. Currently, he is working on his habilitation on Customs and VAT.



Milena Budimirović *Senior Technical Officer, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO*

Milena's responsibilities cover work related to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), including managing the WCO Working Group on the TFA and cooperation with Annex D+ organizations. She manages the Permanent Technical Committee and its Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs and is involved in developing trade facilitation instruments and tools. Milena is also responsible for the development of the WCO IT Conference agenda and programme. Before joining the WCO Secretariat in May 2012, Milena served, for three years, as the Brussels-based Customs Attaché of the Republic of Serbia. Prior to moving to Brussels, she worked for the Customs Administration of Serbia for ten years.



Klaus Deimel *Judge, Finance Court Düsseldorf*

Klaus began his professional career at the Federal Cartel Office in Berlin. From 1991 until 1994 he was an Administrative Court judge in Aachen before being appointed as a judge to the Finance Court in Düsseldorf, chamber for customs duties and excise taxes. Between 2002 and 2004 Klaus worked as a judicial clerk at the Federal Fiscal Court in Munich. Since 2012 he has been the presiding justice at the Finance Court in Düsseldorf, chamber for customs duties and excise taxes.



Christian Rost *(Syndikus-Steuerberater), Senior Manager Customs, BASF SE*

Christian is a Certified Tax Advisor at BASF SE, specialising in customs duties and excise taxes and is the internal legal advisor for the BASF Group's operative customs organization, primarily in Europe. He joined BASF in 2000 as Tax Manager for Corporate Income Tax and Business Tax. Thereafter, he held several positions within the central tax and customs department, which is an integral part of the legal organization at BASF. These positions included being the Head of Taxes and Duties of a European Sub-Concern within the BASF Group. Christian is also a member of several advocacy working groups of German and European industry associations.



Susanne Aigner *Head of Unit Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD*

Susanne holds an Austrian Doctorate in Law. In 1991 she joined the Austrian Ministry of Finance, working on Free Trade Agreements, Origin rules, GATT as well as preparations for Austria's accession to the EU. From 1995 to 2010 Susanne worked at the European Commission, DG TAXUD, in various posts, in charge of Pan-European Cumulation, EU-Turkey Customs Union, EU-US bilateral agreements, US CSI and C-TPAT, EU AEO, supply chain security and risk management. She was subsequently appointed the Deputy Director Compliance and Facilitation at the World Customs Organization, WCO (in charge of WTO TFA, AEO, SAFE, Revised Kyoto Convention, Data Model, IT matters, Single Window and Coordinated Border Management), a position, which she held from 2010 to 2014. Since 2014 Susanne has been at the European Commission as Head of Unit Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD (in charge of Union Customs Code and general legislation in customs matters).



Marcus Puschke *Lawyer, Principal Business Consultant at SAP Deutschland SE & Co. KG*

Marcus comes from a legal background and acts as a Principal Business Consultant in the area of Foreign Trade, Corporate Compliance and Risk Management. He has extensive experience in project management, process optimization and subject matter expertise within software related environments. He is the author of various publications on foreign trade compliance and is also a lecturer. Marcus has been working for 15 years in the Software and Consulting Industry in the areas of Customs and Corporate Compliance. He has a strong background in implementing solutions supporting customs and finance related processes and logistics, as well as being an advisor to Senior Management and Executive Boards. Due to his experience, Marcus has gained vast universal knowledge of the software related and legally conforming implementation of compliance relevant foreign trade processes.



Dr. Christian Salder *Partner, Lawyer, Certified Tax Consultant, Küffner Maunz Langer Zugmaier*

Christian advises clients on all aspects of national and international VAT issues and specializes in customs and excise duty matters. His particular focus is on import VAT related issues as well as optimizing cross-border supply chains and processing schemes. Christian has extensive experience in carrying out SAP-VAT audits and customs reviews. He also assists clients with external audits and represents them in dealings with the tax authorities and before the tax courts. His clients range from individuals to international groups. Prior to joining KMLZ, Christian spent several years working in the VAT department of a large tax consultancy firm. He is a post-graduate degree lecturer at the University of Münster and regularly lectures on VAT and customs related topics, as well as regularly publishing comments, articles and annotations in these areas.



Kai Seela *Senior Director, Solution Management, SAP Global Trade Services, SAP SE*

Kai has more than 20 years of domain experience, including several years of experience in consulting, project management, system development, as well as pre-sales, specialised sales and international business development. Kai's domain experience is focused on global trade management, including customs, compliance and risk management specialisation across numerous industries. After working for SAP partners for more than 10 years, Kai joined the Solution Management team at SAP in 2008. During the course of his career, Kai has worked with clients around the world, including North and Latin America, EMEA, MENA and Asia-Pacific. The SAP GTS roadmap for future planning and development is owned by Kai, with experience, customer feedback and requirements, as well as legal changes, being forcefully factored in. He is a functional executive of the biggest GTS user group globally (DSAG) and is a valued speaker on SAP.



Dominique Willems *Senior Manager at CLECAT, the European association for freight forwarding, logistics and customs services*

As senior manager at CLECAT, Dominique represents the interests of more than 19,000 companies in logistics, freight forwarding and customs services. Prior to joining CLECAT, Dominique was the general manager for an international customs brokerage firm, and subsequently a policy advisor for the FENEX (the Dutch organization for freight forwarding and logistics) and TLN (Transport and Logistics Netherlands). Throughout his career, Dominique has been actively involved in the creation and implementation of customs and indirect tax legislation, new customs and logistics related IT systems and trade facilitation initiatives.



Han (J.N.G.) Bosch *RE Strategic policy advisor e-commerce Dutch customs*

Han is an IT auditor with 33 years experience working for Tax and Customs Administration (Belastingdienst/ Douane). He has worked in several customs domains during that time, from border controls to modernizing supervision. Since 2016 Han has been working as a strategic policy advisor in e-commerce for the management of Dutch customs. He is an experienced teacher working both in the Netherlands as well as abroad. Han is regularly involved in debating customs related issues. He is currently participating in several e-commerce working groups initiated by the World Customs Organization and the European Union. In addition to e-commerce, Han is involved in the implementation of Dutch custom's "Enforcement Vision" project.



Sofia Ocampo *Trade compliance counsel at Huntsman Corporation*

Sofia earned her J.D. degree from the J. Reuben Clark (BYU) College of Law. She specializes in international law with an emphasis on foreign trade. Sofia currently works in the chemical sector for Huntsman corporation, where she advises the 5 different divisions of the company on legal export controls, sanctions and customs matters. Sofia has acquired previous experience in the international setting working with several international entities. She has also previously worked in governmental settings, including for the government of Costa Rica, as well as the World Trade Centre Utah. The former position saw Sofia working closely with the government's different agencies, with a view to negotiating and restructuring various aspects of the organization, and the latter involved her dealing with trade matters, including customs and export controls, in order to assist state based corporations to expand internationally.



Fouzi Saidi *International Trade Compliance Team Leader & GTS Business Process Owner, Huntsman Corporation*

Fouzi earned his Masters Degree in Supply Chain Management from the EM Business School of Management, Strasbourg. He has 25 years of experience in the steel and bearings industry and has worked in several domains including Supply Chain, SAP, Project Management and Reporting. For the past 10 years Fouzi has worked in the chemical industry and is currently in charge of supporting/advising 5 divisions in compliance and customs matters. Fouzi is also responsible for GTS processes and development, as well as ensuring that import/export laws are supported by the system. Previous positions held over the last 10 years include positions in the Supply Chain, the Master Data team and the Project Management Office.



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Working Dinner (09 November 2017, 07:00 pm) Attending:

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Accommodation: Special rates have been arranged for conference delegates. Participants are requested to make their own reservations directly at the hotels. When making your reservation please refer to the keyword "International Customs Conference". Reservations at the hotels should be made prior to 15 September 2017.

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