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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION TO ELECTRONIC CUSTOMS
COORDINATION GROUP (ECCG)
TRADE CONTACT GROUP (TCG)**

SUBJECT: The First phase of UCC CCI system start of Operations on 1 July 2024

I am thrilled to announce that today we are entering into a new chapter of UCC digitalisation with the deployment of the first phase of the **Centralised Clearance for Import system (CCI)** at European level.

BG, EE, ES, LV, LT, LU, PL and RO have been successfully developed, tested and implemented their national components of the system and they enter in operation with the first phase of CCI system by **1st July 2024** in line with the date defined in the UCC Work Programme. **LU** will enter in operation on **8th July 2024**.

CCI is one of the most significant UCC simplifications allowing Economic Operators to place goods under a customs procedure using centralised clearance, by lodging at the customs office of the place of establishment **in one Member State** a customs declaration for goods which are physically presented to customs at a customs office **in another MS** and with all the contacts taking place at this supervising customs office (acting as a kind of **one-stop shop**). The customs declaration processing and physical release of goods will be coordinated among the customs offices involved.

The main objective of the UCC CCI system is to enable an automated functioning of the centralised clearance process for import at the European level, ensuring seamless electronic exchange of information between customs offices involved, allowing a **reduction of the administrative burden for the Member States customs administrations** when processing the customs declaration for import and the import formalities under CCI (for instance by reducing the number of actors involved and simplifying the process for bringing goods into the EU), as well as **assuring that the EU businesses can use CCI simplification in a digital environment**.

The first phase of the system will enable processing the standard customs declaration for placing goods (with the exception of excise, CAP and goods in the context of EU trade with special fiscal territories) under release for free circulation, customs warehousing, inward processing and end-use.

It should be highlighted that **BG, EE, LT and PL** implemented additional functionalities of the system to support processing of simplified and supplementary declaration with general and periodic nature.

Furthermore, I would like to share with you that the following information on the CCI Phase 1 system is available for the public:

A. Business Guidance for CCI Phase 1

CCI Phase 1 Business Guidance and accompanying slides are published on Taxation and Customs Union website and available on: [Centralised Clearance for Import - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://taxation.ccs.europa.eu/centralised-clearance-for-import)

The customs offices of BG, EE, ES, HR, LV, LT, LU, PL and RO with their roles of Supervising Customs Office for Centralised Clearance for Import and Presentation Customs Office for Centralised Clearance for Import are available on the [Europa website](https://europa.eu).

B. eLearning material for CCI Phase 1

DG TAXUD has developed CCI Phase 1 eLearning module for Traders and for EU Customs Officers published: <https://customs-taxation.learning.europa.eu>

As regards the **next steps in the CCI project**, it is scheduled completing the entire system with CCI Phase 2 functionalities by the final legal deadline of 2 June 2025, set in the UCC Work Programme.

To prepare for and support its deployment, DG TAXUD continuously provides ongoing **assistance to the Member States**, while closely monitoring the progress issuing a quarterly report for monitoring of the UCC CCI system deployment. The Quarterly Report is available on CIRCA BC:

For MS: [Contact support \(europa.eu\)](https://taxation.ccs.europa.eu/contact-support)

For TCG: [Contact support \(europa.eu\)](https://taxation.ccs.europa.eu/contact-support)

Finally, We take the opportunity to **thank the national CCI teams** and experts from Bulgaria, Estonia, Spain, Luxembourg, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, whose highly valuable expertise has so vitally contributed to go-live with CCI Phase 1 system. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone involved for the successful implementation of CCI and we are looking forward to continuing with you the CCI journey.

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