



**NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2 AND 12.2.2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

Revision

The following communication, dated 7 April 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union for Members' information.

European Union hereby updates its transparency notification in response to Article 1.4 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

The updates are to take account of a number of temporary measures that the EU has adopted in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Further updates are likely given the evolving public health situation and may also be required to take into account EU member State measures. Where relevant, the measures have also been notified to the World Customs Organisation (WCO).

For ease of reference, the measures are included in a consolidated EU-level notification of its transparency measures under the TFA. The revised parts are in **bold** and relate to measures notified with respect to Article 1.1(a), 1.1(b) and 1.1(f) of the TFA.

The rest of the information remains as previously submitted in document G/TFA/N/EU/1/Rev.1.

Article 1, Paragraph 4

The Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) is the official gazette of record for the European Union (EU). The L Series, which is published in all the official languages of the EU, contains EU legislation. The OJEU is available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html>.

The European Union and its member States also make available further descriptions, guidelines and databases to help traders and other interested parties with practical steps and interpretation.

(a) The official place(s) where the items in subparagraphs 1.1(a) to (j) have been published;

In "PART A" of the sub-points below references are provided to the EU legislation published in the OJEU.

(b) The Uniform Resource Locators of website(s) referred to in paragraph 2.1;

In "PART B" of the sub-points below, Uniform Resource Locators (URL-s) of websites providing guidelines and further explanations of the procedures are indicated.

1.1(a) Procedures for importation, exportation, and transit (including port, airport, and other entry-point procedures), and required forms and documents;

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code (UCC) (Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council)	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2446&from=EN	UCC Delegated Act (Commission Delegated Regulation No 2015/2446)	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2447&from=EN	UCC Implementing Act (Commission Implementing Regulation No 2015/2447)	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2016.069.01.0001.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2016:069:FULL	UCC Transitional Delegated Act (Commission Delegated Regulation No 2016/341)	
PART B		
<p>Specific Trade facilitation measures have been adopted by the EU to facilitate trade in the specific circumstances under COVID 19 context at the following weblink: Guidance on Customs issues related to the COVID-19 emergency, 30 March 2020 - https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/guidance-customs-issues-related-covid-19-emergency_en</p> <p>Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services, 16 March 2020 - https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20200316_covid-19-guidelines-for-border-management.pdf</p> <p>Communication from the Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services, 23 March 2020 - https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/legislation/2020-03-23-communication-green-lanes_en.pdf</p> <p>Communication from the Commission - European Commission Guidelines: Facilitating Air Cargo Operations during COVID-19 outbreak, 26 March 2020 - https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/legislation/c20202010_en.pdf</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 31 March on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States' control systems due to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_s.pdf (This measure has been notified to the WTO SPS committee under G/SPS/N/EU/380)</p>		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/union-customs-code_en	Explanations of the Union Customs Code
	http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures_en	Explanations of EU customs procedures including import, export, transit and special procedures
	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/union-customs-code/ucc-guidance-documents_en	Guidelines on Entry and Import, Simplifications, Transit and Customs Status, Special Procedures and Export

European Commission Directorate General for Trade	https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/eu-import-procedures	Export helpdesk EU import procedures
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1.1(b) Applied rates of duties and taxes of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation;

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Article 56 regulates Common Customs Tariffs	
PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculations-customs-duties/what-is-common-customs-tariff/taric_en	Taric or integrated Tariff of the European Union is a multilingual database in which are integrated all the measures relating to EU customs tariff, commercial and agricultural legislation.
European Commission Directorate General for Trade	http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm	EU Tariffs section of the Market Access Database provides information on tariffs and other import measures applied to a given product imported into the EU.
European Commission	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.LI.2020.103.01.0001.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:103I:TOC	Commission Decision on relief from import duties and VAT exemption on importation granted for goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak during 2020.

1.1(c) Fees and charges imposed by or for governmental agencies on or in connection with importation, exportation or transit;

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Article 52 regulates fees and charges	
PART B		
Fees and charges imposed in the EU are rare and those having equivalent effect to customs duties are prohibited by the Treaties, under the control of the Court of Justice of the European Union.		

1.1(d) Rules for the classification or valuation of products for customs purposes;

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Article 57 regulates classification	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31987R2658	Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Articles 69-76 regulate valuation of products	

PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculatio_n-customs-duties/what-is-common-customs-tariff/combined-nomenclature_en	Tariff classification rules
	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculatio_n-customs-duties/customs-valuation_en	Customs valuation rules

1.1(e) Laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin;

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Articles 59-64 regulate rules of origin	
PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculatio_n-customs-duties/rules-origin_en	Information on both preferential and non-preferential arrangements
European Commission Directorate General for Trade	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/basic-rules	Export helpdesk Both preferential and non-preferential arrangements are included

1.1(f) Import, export or transit restrictions or prohibitions;

PART A		
The URL links in part B contain links to the legal basis of the different import, export and transit restrictions and prohibitions. The legal basis differs depending on the nature of the goods and the risks involved.		
PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-controls/safety-health-environment-customs-controls_en	Sanitary, phytosanitary, environmental, product safety requirements, control of medicines and organic farming products
European Commission Directorate General for Trade	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/sanitary-and-phytosanitary-requirements	Export helpdesk Sanitary and phytosanitary requirements
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/sites/taxation/files/pr_list_08-04-2016_public_version_en.pdf	The EU list of all legal acts on restrictions and prohibitions is published at the explanatory website and link provided. The website provides a link to the legal basis of the different import, export and transit restrictions and prohibitions. The legal basis differs depending on the nature of the goods and the risks involved. This list of legal acts is subject to updates in the future.

European Commission Directorate General for Trade	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R0402&from=GA https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2123 https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2123	Commission Implementing regulation (EU) 2020/402 of 14 March 2020 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorization Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/426 of 19 March 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation Guidelines to implement the Regulation 2020/402 as amended
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1.1(g) Penalty provisions for breaches of import, export, or transit formalities;

PART A	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Article 42 regulates penalties

1.1(h) Procedures for appeal or review;

PART A	
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Articles 44-45 regulate appeals and review procedures

1.1(i) Agreements or parts thereof with any country or countries relating to importation, exportation, or transit; and

PART A		
The URL links in part B contain links to the agreements concluded by the EU on customs and trade related matters.		
PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Trade	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/agreements/	EU Trade Agreements
European Union External Actions Service	http://ec.europa.eu/world/agreements/searchByActivity.do?parent=8507&xmlname=746&actName=Customs	List of treaties related to Customs
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/international-affairs_en	EU Customs international affairs

1.1(j) Procedures relating to the administration of tariff quotas.

PART A		
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R0952&rid=1	Union Customs Code Article 56 regulates Tariff Quotas	
PART B		
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculation-customs-duties/what-is-common-customs-tariff/tariff-quotas_en	Tariff Quotas

(c) The contact information of the enquiry points referred to in paragraph 3.1

European Commission Directorate General for Trade	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/about-us	Export helpdesk with possibility to send requests for more information
	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/trade-policy-and-you/contacts/	Enquiries on trade policy
European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/contacts_en	Customs info point The European Commission operates a central contact centre to ensure all inquiries are responded in a timely manner by the right experts.
European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety	http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/about_us/contact_en.htm	SPS Enquiry Point

Article 10, paragraph 4.3**Members shall notify the Committee of the details of operation of the single window**

European Commission Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union	https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/electronic-customs/eu-single-window-environment-for-customs_en	EU single window initiative
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Article 10, paragraph 6.2**Each Member shall notify the Committee and publish its measures on the use of customs brokers.**

EU legislation does not require the use of customs brokers. EU legislation only defines "customs representatives" (Article 18 of the Union Customs Code), the use of which is neither mandatory nor limited to a certain professional class (as the customs brokers) and the rules governing them are set out in a transparent way.

Article 12, paragraph 2.2

Each Member shall notify the Committee of the details of its contact point for the exchange of this information.

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