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STRENGTHENING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL MARKET BY DEVELOPING THE CUSTOMS UNION AND ITS GOVERNANCE

“OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE EU CUSTOMS IT REFORM”

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IT PLANNING: CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

- **BE Customs = 'on-track'** according to MASP planning overview
- **Challenges:**
 - UCC IT-projects/systems:
 - AN/PN/TS
 - Import system
 - Other relevant challenges:
 - Interconnection with evolving external ecosystems:
 - Digital (air)port community platforms
 - New technologies
 - E-commerce
 - MOSS



COM PROPOSAL TO AMEND ART. 278 UCC

Formal position Belgium:

COM proposal is acceptable BUT a general postponement of the deadlines for all IT-systems concerned would be preferred

- Quality > speed for the deployment of the IT systems
- No additional costs at national level in case of delay
- Adapting national systems by original deadline = challenging (but feasible)



CONCLUSION

Belgian Customs and Excises:

- considers the new IT-infrastructure prescribed by the UCC a necessity to safeguard the efficient and effective functioning of the European Customs Union for the future
- thanks the COM for its ambitious way of governing the IT planning and deployment process
- supports the COM in the suggested way forward



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?