



INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE
MINI-HEARING

**"Implementing trade policy through efficient import and export
rules and procedures"**

**19 December 2007
10:45 - 12:30**

ROOM PHS 5 B 001



PROGRAMME

Opening remarks by Mr Helmuth Markov, Chair of the Committee on International Trade

10.45 Mr Jean-Philippe Lacroix, Chairman of the BusinessEurope Customs Working Group

"Assessing EU import and export rules and procedures from a business perspective"

11.00 Mr Richard Eglin, Director, Trade and Finance and Trade Facilitation Division, World Trade Organisation (WTO)

"Efforts at multilateral level towards cutting red tape and expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods: the WTO negotiations on Trade Facilitation"

11.15 Mr Michel Danet, Secretary General, World Customs Organisation (WCO)

"Promoting trade through international customs cooperation: Presentation of the work of the WCO - Overview and assessment of the different customs systems in the world"

11.30 Mr Robert Verrue, Director General DG TAXUD, European Commission

"Striking the right balance between facilitation and control in the management of EU customs: overview of current challenges and recent policy initiatives"

11.45 Questions and comments by Members

12.30 Closing remarks by Mr Jean-Pierre Audy, Rapporteur