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AMENDMENTS

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The evaluation of external aspects of the customs performance and management as a tool to facilitate trade and fight illicit trade
(2016/2075(INI))

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Amendment 1

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication entitled "Action Plan for strengthening the fight against terrorist financing (COM(2016) 50 final),*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication entitled "Developing the EU Customs Union and Its Governance" (COM(2016)813 final),*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Court of Auditors Special report No*

23/2016: Maritime transport in the EU: in troubled waters — much ineffective and unsustainable investment,

Or. en

Amendment 4

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the OECD report entitled "Illicit Trade, Converging Criminal Networks",***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the report of the Committee on Internal Market (P8_TA(2017)0011),***

Or. en

Amendment 6

Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the Customs Union is a basic pillar of the European Union, making it one of the largest trading blocks in the world, and whereas a fully functional Custom Union is essential for its strength when negotiating trade agreements;

Amendment

A. whereas the Customs Union is a basic pillar of the European Union, making it one of the largest trading blocks in the world, and whereas a fully functional Custom Union is essential for the ***credibility which the EU needs to guarantee*** its strength when negotiating trade agreements;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the implementation of the Union Customs Code is essential for the safeguarding of EU own resources, notably customs duties, and national tax interests;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas a fully functional Customs Union is the base for the effective fight against illicit financial flows and trade-based money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management highlights that insufficient financing to upgrade the existing IT systems and develop the required new systems is a major issue hampering progress, most notably in relation to the new Import Control System; whereas in the absence of additional resources, a number of actions will not be able to be implemented by the end of 2020, as envisaged in the Strategy and Action Plan; whereas a delay would also affect the implementation of commitments to Customs related aspects in the context of the EU Agenda on Security;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the current fragmentation of custom control policies between ***the*** Member States ***creates additional*** administrative and time ***burdens as well as*** a distortion of internal trade flows;

C. whereas the current fragmentation of custom control policies ***and prosecution proceedings*** between ***EU*** Member States ***(MS) create*** administrative and time ***burden,*** distortion of internal trade flows ***and preferential access points for wrongdoers;***

Amendment 11
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the current fragmentation of custom control policies between the Member States ***creates*** additional administrative and time burdens ***as well as a*** distortion of internal trade flows;

Amendment

C. whereas the current fragmentation of custom control policies between the Member States ***must not lead to a situation resulting in*** additional administrative and time burdens ***or*** distortion of internal trade flows;

Amendment 12
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ca. whereas the distortion of internal trade flows through the cherry-picking of ports of entry creates entirely unnecessary additional truck traffic, motorway congestion and concomitant emissions, and results in often absurd and environmentally unfriendly infrastructure for no other reason than port avoidance;

Amendment

Amendment 13
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into due account the current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, allowing operators to make strategic choices when importing from third countries;

Amendment

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into due account the current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, allowing operators to make strategic choices when importing from third countries, ***causing a distortion in tax collection and a negative environmental impact;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into ***due*** account ***the*** current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, ***allowing operators to make strategic choices when importing from third countries;***

Amendment

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into account current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into due account the current differences between *the Member States'* criminal and administrative sanctions, ***allowing operators to make*** strategic choices ***when importing from third countries***;

Amendment

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take into due account the current differences between criminal and administrative sanctions ***within MS causing distortion in third countries operators*** strategic choices ***and ineffective deterrents to illegal trade activities***;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas ***the proposed*** directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions ***does not take into due account the current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, allowing operators to make strategic choices when importing from third countries***;

Amendment

D. whereas ***a*** directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions ***must discourage economic operators from making strategic choices when importing from third countries while at the same time fully respecting the principle of subsidiarity and differences in the legal systems of the Member States***;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

D. whereas the proposed directive for a Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions does not take

into due account the current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, ***allowing operators to make strategic choices*** when importing from third countries;

into due account the current differences between the Member States' criminal and administrative sanctions, ***which may become a strategic decision-making factor for some fraudulent operators*** when importing from third countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas complex customs rules and procedures, as well as different criteria and sanctions applied by authorities, ***constitute an important barrier to trade and are particularly detrimental to the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises(SMEs)***;

Amendment

E. whereas complex customs rules and procedures, as well as different criteria and sanctions applied by authorities ***can overburden small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) creating considerable strain in their limited resources and affecting their trade journey***;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade ***and in*** the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

Amendment

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade, the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR), ***and the implementation of due diligence of specific EU policies, such as the***

certification of timber legality or the respect for labour and environmental conditions in the textile and clothing sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade and in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

Amendment

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, ***authorised economic operators, police forces and judicial authorities***, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade ***terrorism, money laundering, wildlife trafficking, tax evasion, drugs trafficking, falsified medicines*** and in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

Or. en

Amendment 21

Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade **and** in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade, in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR) **and not least also in the fight against international terrorism and organised crime**;

Or. de

Amendment 22

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade and in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

Amendment

F. whereas effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations, ***police forces and judicial authorities***, with third countries and at multilateral level, plays a vital role, given the significant trade volumes, and is a cornerstone in the fight against illicit trade and in the protection of EU intellectual property rights (IPR);

Or. en

Amendment 23

Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas future policy options of the EU regarding the increased control of standards or due diligence procedures of global value chain products - as indicated in the "Trade for All" strategy of the present Commission - depend on effective customs cooperation between the Member States' customs administrations;

Amendment 24

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the EU has concluded customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance agreements with Korea, Canada, USA, India, China and Japan;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas China (***the EU's main trade partner***), Hong Kong, Malaysia, Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and India, continue to ship the core of the illegal products entering the Union, and whereas Malaysia only accounts for about EUR 2.5 million worth of such exports, China and Hong Kong are responsible for over EUR 300 million and EUR 100 million, respectively, and whereas Belarus in 2015 alone caused a fiscal loss to the EU of EUR 1 billion, exporting products that totally circumvented VAT rules and health regulations;

G. whereas China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and India, continue to ship the core of the illegal products entering the Union, and whereas Malaysia only accounts for about EUR 2.5 million worth of such exports, China and Hong Kong are responsible for over EUR 300 million and EUR 100 million, respectively, and whereas Belarus in 2015 alone caused a fiscal loss to the EU of EUR 1 billion, exporting products that totally circumvented VAT rules and health regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas China (the EU's main trade partner), Hong Kong, Malaysia, Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and India, continue to ship the core of the illegal products entering the Union, and whereas Malaysia only accounts for about EUR 2.5 million worth of such exports, China and Hong Kong are responsible for over EUR 300 million and EUR 100 million, respectively, and whereas Belarus in 2015 alone caused a fiscal loss to the EU of EUR 1 billion, exporting products that totally circumvented VAT rules and health regulations;

Amendment

G. whereas China (the EU's main trade partner), Hong Kong, Malaysia, Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and India, continue to ship the core of the illegal ***or counterfeit*** products entering the Union, and whereas Malaysia only accounts for about EUR 2.5 million worth of such exports, China and Hong Kong are responsible for over EUR 300 million and EUR 100 million, respectively, and whereas Belarus in 2015 alone caused a fiscal loss to the EU of EUR 1 billion, exporting products that totally circumvented VAT rules and health regulations;

Or. fr

Amendment 27

Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas, according to the most recent Commission report on the enforcement of intellectual property rights by EU customs authorities, the volume of counterfeit goods seized by those authorities increased by 15% between 2014 and 2015, and whereas more than 40 million products suspected of infringing an intellectual property right, with a total value of almost EUR 650 million, have been seized at the Union's

external borders;

Or. fr

Amendment 28

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas International free trade zones, together with those third countries most frequently source of illicit trade, represent potential background areas for a continued proliferation of trade of illegal products in the EU, responsible for more intensive border controls and may therefore require further and specific analysis;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas illegal trade flows and contraband activities with high revenues and considerable financial impact in most cases contribute to the financing of criminal organisations active in terrorism, drug trafficking, counterfeit, fire arms, money laundering and human trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas combating counterfeiting is vital to protecting intellectual property rights in Europe, safeguarding know-how and encouraging innovation;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas counterfeiting trade may contribute to the financing of criminal organisations active in drugs, fire arms, human trafficking and terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gc. whereas the role played by customs in the security area is particularly relevant in preventing terrorist organisations from moving their funds and in disrupting their sources of

revenue, as recognised in the Commission Action Plan for strengthening the fight against terrorist financing;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States during the transition period;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure *a coordinated, uniformed and* efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States during the transition period *and developing benchmark analysis and information on customs operations and enforcement procedures in force in the Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 34

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Amendment 35
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States *during* the transition period;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States *after* the transition period;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States *during* the transition period;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States *after* the transition period;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States **during** the transition period;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States **after** the transition period;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States **during** the transition period;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to work closely with the Member States to ensure efficient implementation of the new system set by the UCC, avoiding divergent practices among the Member States **after** the transition period;

Or. de

Amendment 39
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to ensure greater uniformity in the application of the Union Customs Code and the implementation of customs procedures by setting out common basic guidelines for all European customs;

Amendment 40

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Highlights that there is no system in place for identifying and monitoring differences in how customs authorities treat economic operators; calls on the Commission to require Member States to provide specific information on the type and number of customs checks at individual core port level;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders ***further*** to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders to develop ***further*** customs simplifications ***and reducing administrative burdens for legitimate traders, developments which should be focused on the objective of simpler, safer trade, rather than procedures and rules;*** while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Amendment 42
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders *further to develop* customs simplifications *while ensuring* appropriate *and harmonised control* at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders *to address existing gaps in the control systems and support the Member States in the development and implementation of* customs simplifications; *stresses the need to ensure* appropriate *support to the relevant authorities* at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders further to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders further to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate, *effective, efficient* and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade, *terrorism, money*

laundering, wildlife trafficking, tax evasion, drugs trafficking and falsified medicines;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders further to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders further to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety, *respect of environmental requirements and health regulations* and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Invites the Commission to continue cooperation with the Member States and relevant trade stakeholders further to develop customs simplifications while ensuring appropriate and harmonised control at EU borders in order to guarantee EU security, safety and economic interests, with a particular effort regarding IPR protection and the fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

(Does not affect the EN version)

Amendment 46
Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Emphasises the importance of completing the work of harmonising controls at all points of entrance into the Customs Union, in particular on the basis of existing instruments;*

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. *Calls on the Commission to pursue greater collaboration with the private sector in identifying fraudulent operators; stresses the importance of involving private stakeholders in the fight against illegal trade, including illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. *Points out that effective customs controls on goods entering the Union can help to improve consumer safety by countering the entry on to European territory of products which do not meet EU standards and combating all forms of unfair competition that European firms which comply with EU standards may face;*

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that the opportunity given by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations;

Amendment

3. Recalls that the opportunity given by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations, *for example through international mutual exchange programmes, such as AEO or SSTL, with the aim of facilitating exchanges;*

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that the opportunity given

Amendment

3. Recalls that the opportunity given

by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations;

by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations, *for example through programmes for the mutual recognition of trustworthy traders, such as AEO or SSTL*;

Or. de

Amendment 51
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that the opportunity given by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations;

Amendment

3. Recalls that the opportunity given by the UCC and its rules on the interconnected IT systems and electronic exchanges should be used to access data on reliable and legal trade and make it available through channels other than customs declarations, *for example through the use of mutual recognition programmes on reliable traders such as AEOs or SSTLs*;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Recalls that the development of the required IT systems needs sufficient financing and calls on the Commission

and the Member States to ensure the availability of resources for the necessary IT systems in order to meet the objectives of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Calls on the Commission to advance in the implementation of an EU Single Window environment for customs;*

Or. en

Amendment 54

Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ***develop*** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme ***further, ensuring*** its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules in trade agreement negotiations;

4. Calls on the Commission to ***push for the wider utilisation of*** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme; ***stresses the importance of promoting its benefits for trade whilst preserving stringent rules of compliance,*** its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules in trade agreement negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to **develop** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme **further**, ensuring its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules in trade agreement negotiations;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to **support and reinforce the wider use of** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme, ensuring its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules in trade agreement negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to **develop** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme **further**, ensuring its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules in trade agreement negotiations;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to **make more use of** the Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programme, ensuring its robustness, reliability and compliance with third countries' customs rules, **for example** in trade agreement negotiations;

Or. fr

Amendment 57

Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Asks the Commission to coordinate

Amendment

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and cooperate with customs and other border agencies on the ground in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

and cooperate with customs and other border agencies on the ground in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners; ***calls on the Commission to improve and step up cooperation among its directorates-general on customs matters, given the wide range of areas which have a bearing on customs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Asks the Commission to coordinate and cooperate with customs ***and*** other border agencies on the ground in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

Amendment

5. Asks the Commission to coordinate and cooperate with customs, other border agencies on the ground ***and stakeholder*** in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Asks the Commission to ***coordinate and*** cooperate with customs and other border agencies ***on the ground in a better way***, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as

Amendment

5. Asks the Commission to cooperate with customs and other border agencies within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and

regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

trusted trade partners;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Asks the Commission to coordinate and cooperate with customs ***and other*** border agencies on the ground in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

Amendment

5. Asks the Commission to coordinate and cooperate with customs, border agencies on the ground ***and stakeholders*** in a better way, within the EU as well as with its trade partners on data sharing, in particular as regards recognition of custom controls and trusted trade partners;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to promote increased cooperation and coordination between customs and other law enforcement authorities, in particular in the area of organised crime, security and fight against terrorism both at the national and EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Amendment

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points; ***encourages the Commission, further, to consider setting targets and developing performance indicators for customs authorities;***

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Amendment

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control ***and trade rules enforcement*** for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control ***and enforcement*** bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to ***bolster convergence between*** control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Amendment

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to ***provide a framework of reference to the competent*** control bodies ***in the Member States,***, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on better practises on custom control ***for*** the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, ***and*** analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Amendment

6. Invites the Commission to present a communication on ***"Better practises on custom control and trade rules enforcement" in*** the interim period in order to bolster convergence between control ***and enforcement*** bodies, highlight best practices and results, analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites the Commission to present ***a***

Amendment

6. Invites the Commission to present

communication on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

guidelines on better practises on custom control for the interim period, in order to bolster convergence between control bodies, highlight best practices and results, and analyse the counterfeiting trade flows at border points;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to establish a set of key performance indicators to provide a detailed performance evaluation of customs activity;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to continue working on the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management, notably in the areas of availability of data and the strengthening of capacities;

7. Urges the Commission to continue working on the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management, notably in the areas of availability of data, **access to and exchange of information for customs risk management purposes** and the strengthening of capacities;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to periodically report to the responsible committees of the European Parliament on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls in the EU and on their impact on trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders;

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls in the EU and on their impact on trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders; ***calls further onto the Commission to engage in an environmental impact assessment regarding the climate effects of such trade diversion;***

Or. en

Amendment 71

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls in the EU and on their impact on trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders;

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls, ***criminal and administrative sanctions and enforcement*** in the EU and on their impact on trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls in the EU and on their impact on trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders;

Amendment

8. Urges the Commission to investigate the different practices for customs controls in the EU and on their impact on ***any possible*** trade diversion, focusing in particular on EU customs at external borders;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Regrets that there is currently important divergences in the type of controls within the Union that favours

some access ports to the detriment of others, resulting in goods being delivered to their final destination via an unusual route, seeking clearance in a Member State other than the one importing the goods, either to reduce the likelihood of being subject to checks or to complicate any potential recovery procedure, undermining a level playing field for economic operators in the European Union, causing a distortion in tax collection and with a negative environmental impact;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Reminds the Commission how third countries most frequently source of illegal trade activities, including China, Thailand and Belarus shall be subject to accurate scrutiny within the wider framework of a risk assessment analysis on external aspects of customs operation;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. *Highlights that the different customs procedures, in particular*

regarding customs clearance, inspections and sanctions create fragmentation, additional administrative burdens and delays, cause uncertainty, market distortion and a negative environmental impact;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Considers that it is necessary to guarantee homogeneous and standardised control techniques among Member States customs; calls on the Commission to ensure uniqueness of criteria for customs inspections, by facilitating harmonisation of procedures and working methods, both in operating hours and in economic and human resources;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Reminds the Member States and the Commission the importance of ensuring the timely availability of resources for the necessary IT systems in order that the objectives of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management may be

9. Reminds the Member States and the Commission the importance of ensuring the timely availability of *sufficient* resources for the necessary IT systems in order that the objectives of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk

met;

management may be met *as well as the interoperability of systems to the benefit of customs authorities, legitimate traders and ultimately consumers as well as jobs and economic growth in the European Union*;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reminds the Member States and the Commission the importance of ensuring the timely availability of resources for the necessary IT systems in order that the objectives of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management may be met;

Amendment

9. Reminds the Member States and the Commission the importance of ensuring the timely availability of *appropriate* resources for the necessary IT systems in order that the objectives of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management may be met;

Or. de

Amendment 79

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Insists on the need to advance from the current paper-less to a paper-free customs environment;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Requests the Commission to work closely with the Member States and the World Custom Organisation (WCO) in **addressing** the existing gaps in the customs control systems by ensuring that illicit trade is tackled using more systematically co-ordinated risk-based controls, with timely and appropriate support provided by other competent authorities; recalls, in this regard, the importance of ensuring inquiry powers to all EU customs and border agencies, and of guaranteeing appropriate training to their operators;

Amendment

10. Requests the Commission to work closely with the Member States, **the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** and the World Custom Organisation (WCO) in **reducing** the existing gaps in the customs control systems by ensuring that illicit trade is tackled using more systematically co-ordinated risk-based controls **based on harmonised criteria and interoperable IT systems**, with timely and appropriate support provided by other competent authorities; recalls, in this regard, the importance of ensuring inquiry powers to all EU customs and border agencies, and of guaranteeing appropriate training to their operators;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Requests the Commission to work closely with the Member States and the World Custom Organisation (WCO) in addressing the existing gaps in the customs control systems by ensuring that illicit trade is tackled using more systematically co-ordinated risk-based controls, with timely and appropriate support provided by other competent authorities; recalls, in this regard, the importance of ensuring inquiry

Amendment

10. Requests the Commission to work closely with the Member States and the World Custom Organisation (WCO) in addressing the existing gaps in the customs control systems by ensuring that illicit trade is tackled using more systematically co-ordinated risk-based controls **based on harmonised criteria and interoperable IT systems**, with timely and appropriate support provided by other competent

powers to all EU customs and border agencies, and of guaranteeing appropriate training to their operators;

authorities; recalls, in this regard, the importance of ensuring inquiry powers to all EU customs and border agencies, and of guaranteeing appropriate training to their operators;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Is concerned about the lack of awareness of Authorized Economic Operators and law enforcement agencies of the elevated risk of illicit trade in products transiting through Free Trade Zones; calls on Member States' custom authorities to actively engage in processes of the World Customs Union to elaborate guidelines for Free Trade Zones;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Calls on Member State custom authorities to pro-actively use electronic data sharing facilities to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the identification of anomalies in trade value mispricing in order to combat illicit financial flows and trade-based money laundering;

Amendment 84

Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings equivalent value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings equivalent value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade; ***regards it as essential that EU customs law should be harmonised, and calls on the Commission and the Member States to carry out regular monitoring of EU rules and their uniform application by the competent authorities;***

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings ***equivalent*** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings ***additional*** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control

systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings **equivalent** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings **additional** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create additional gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Or. de

Amendment 87
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings **equivalent** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the simplification of the customs procedures do not create **additional** gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the progressive implementation of the UCC brings **added** value to the economic operators throughout the Union, while at the same time ensuring that the **increased** simplification of the customs procedures do not create **possible** gaps in the customs risk management and control systems that could hinder the effective fight against illicit trade;

Amendment 88

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Amendment

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, ***reinforcing the cooperation between tax, customs and other authorities to fight VAT fraud***, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding ***and applying*** legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Amendment

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to ***the opportunities and*** challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Amendment

12. Urges the Commission to work further with the Member States on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies ***and opportunities***, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Or. fr

Amendment 91
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Commission to ***work further with the*** Member States ***on aligning, where appropriate, policies as regards*** customs and VAT, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Amendment

12. Urges the Commission to ***encourage*** Member States ***to cooperate and share best practises on*** customs and VAT ***policies***, with a view to ensuring synergies, including in finding legal and practical solutions to challenges relating to small consignments, e-commerce and simplifications;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Call on the Commission to create a single EU control body to ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 93
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Call on the Commission to create a single EU control body to ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Call on the Commission to create a single EU control body to ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance;

13. Call on the Commission to create a single EU control body to ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance *and to monitor the performance and activities of customs administrations, inform upon best practices, collect and process customs data, coordinate customs and trade facilitation specific interests within the*

EU institutions, reflecting on the provisions of article 23 of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, which calls for a Trade Facilitation body;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Call on the Commission to ***create a single EU control body*** to ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission ***and the Member States to initiate an open debate on the possible transfer of the responsibilities of customs authorities from national to EU level, in order to*** ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance;

Or. de

Amendment 96
Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Call on the Commission to ***create a single EU control body to*** ensure harmonised treatments along the EU points of entrance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to ensure harmonised treatments ***of goods*** along the EU points of entrance

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules; ***furthermore, invites the Commission to further develop an accurate cost-benefit analysis on the implications connected to the harmonisation of the enforcement of criminal sanctions in place in the Member States to combat illicit trade activities;***

Or. en

Amendment 98

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules, ***furthermore, invites the Commission to further develop an accurate cost-benefit analysis on the implications connected to the harmonisation of the enforcement of criminal sanctions in place in the Member States to fight illicit trade activities;***

Or. en

Amendment 99
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules;*

Amendment

14. *Considers that the proposed Sanction Directive should be further examined; believes that a level playing field and equal treatment of economic operators infringing customs rules is a worthwhile objective, but notes the requirements contained already in the Union Customs Code to introduce proportionate and dissuasive sanctions at Member States level for infringements; considers that different capacities between frequent users of customs facilities must be recognised;*

Or. en

Amendment 100
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules;

Amendment

14. Encourages the Commission and the Council to ensure an early adoption of the Sanction Directive with a view to enabling, within the Customs Union, a level playing field and equal treatment of trade stakeholders infringing customs rules *while at the same time fully respecting the principle of subsidiarity and differences in the legal systems of the Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 101
Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Urges the Commission and the Member States to do more to develop and support joint training opportunities for customs agents in the Member States; emphasises that the harmonisation of training for customs agents in Europe will contribute to the effective implementation of the Union Customs Code;

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing, ***in particular, concerns of SMEs as regards the implementation of customs rules;***

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing ***the challenges with the implementation of customs rules and different and divergent national rules, reporting methods and means, including the concerns of SMEs;***

Or. en

Amendment 103
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing, *in particular*, concerns of SMEs as regards the implementation of customs rules;

Amendment

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing *all challenges stemming from the implementation of the UCC, including* concerns of SMEs as regards the implementation of customs rules;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing, in particular, concerns of SMEs as regards the implementation of customs rules;

Amendment

15. Requests the Commission to enhance cooperation with trade stakeholders and trade representatives with a view to addressing, in particular, concerns of SMEs *as well* as regards the implementation of customs rules;

Or. de

Amendment 105
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Recalls that firms based in* third countries *are* using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory, *and that these goods are systematically billed under the minimum price level to be checked by*

Amendment

16. *Calls on the Commission to further investigate problems relating to* third countries using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory;

authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that *firms* based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods *that are sent by normal post* within the EU territory, and that these goods *are systematically* billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to *design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb* this practice;

Amendment

16. Recalls that *illegitimate operators* based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods *to European consumers* within the EU territory, and that these goods *may be* billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to *reflect on how best to address risks related to e-commerce; calls on the Commission to work closely with all concerned actors, including transport and courier companies, to support* Member States *in curbing* this practice;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Bendt Bendtsen
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent *by normal post* within the EU territory, and that these goods *are systematically* billed under the

Amendment

16. Recalls that *certain fraudulent* firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent within the EU territory, and that these goods *may be* billed under the

minimum price level to **be** checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

minimum price level to **avoid being** checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice **while not creating barriers for the growth of e-commerce and legitimate trade in and to/from the European Union**;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory, and that **these** goods are systematically billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

Amendment

16. Recalls that **some** firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory, and that **some** goods are systematically billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice, **without hindering legal trading, however**;

Or. de

Amendment 109
Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to **offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the** EU territory, and

Amendment

16. Recalls that **some** firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to **forward to** EU territory goods **which breach intellectual property rules, taking**

that these goods are systematically billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

advantage of differences in invoicing arrangements, customs rules and customs penalties; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice *without jeopardising the flourishing e-commerce sector*;

Or. fr

Amendment 110

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory, and that these goods are *systematically* billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

Amendment

16. Recalls that *certain* firms based in third countries are using e-commerce to offer counterfeited goods that are sent by normal post within the EU territory, and that these goods are billed under the minimum price level to be checked by authorities; asks the Commission to design an action plan to introduce a common mechanism allowing all Member States to curb this practice;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Invites the Commission to reinforce international cooperation to further develop the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management of the supply chain;

Amendment 112**Klaus Buchner****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners, with a view to collaborating in the fight against threats to society and the economy, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be ***achieved as part of free trade agreements or*** through specific customs agreements;

Amendment

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners, with a view to collaborating in the fight against ***illicit financial flows and trade-based money laundering and*** threats to society and the economy, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be ***best achieved*** through specific customs agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 113**Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, David Martin, Sorin Moisă****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners, with a view to collaborating in the fight against threats to society and the economy, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be achieved as part of free trade agreements or through specific customs agreements;

Amendment

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners ***customs authorities***, with a view to collaborating in the fight against threats to society and the economy, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be achieved as part of free trade agreements or through specific customs agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners, with a view to collaborating in the fight against ***threats to society and the economy***, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be achieved as part of free trade agreements or through specific customs agreements;

Amendment

18. Invites the Commission to reinforce its cooperation in customs matters with its main trading partners, with a view to collaborating in the fight against ***organised crime, tax evasion, terrorism etc.***, and to further facilitating bilateral trade, beyond strict TFA commitments; points out that this can be achieved as part of free trade agreements or through specific customs agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Calls on the Commission to initiate dialogue with the main countries of origin of counterfeit goods in an effort to curb the phenomenon and to include the subjects of trade facilitation and the fight against fraud and counterfeiting in all negotiations on free trade agreements;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with China and Hong Kong;

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with China and Hong Kong *as well as other states that may be vulnerable to being used as a possible conduit for the flow of illegal goods which do not respect EU intellectual property protections*;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Emmanuel Maurel, Nicola Danti, David Martín, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with *China and Hong Kong*;

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with *third countries and free trade zones most frequently source of illicit trade*;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with China and Hong Kong;

Amendment

19. Invites the Commission to continue and deepen customs cooperation on IPR with *trade partners such as* China and Hong Kong *in particular*;

Amendment 119

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs;

Amendment

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs; ***stresses that the current Regulation on Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights^{1a} plays an important role in the fight against counterfeit and illegal trade; believes it vital that this, along with the directive on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights^{1b}, is duly implemented throughout the Union and necessary enforcement by customs authorities is conducted in a way that does not prevent legitimate traders from operating in good faith;***

^{1a} 608/2013/EC

^{1b} 2004/48/EC

Amendment 120

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, David Martin, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs;

Amendment

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs **and with EUIPO Agency** in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs;

Amendment

20. Invites the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European Observatory on infringements of IPRs in order to support initiatives on IPR enforcement, such as facilitation procedures for right holders through electronic exchange of data, which would especially benefit SMEs **as well**;

Or. de

Amendment 122
Marielle de Sarnez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls on the Commission to make the fight against counterfeiting and fraud one of its priorities in the WTO and to ensure that the World Customs Organisation (WCO) and the OECD are

closely involved in work in this area;

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate in a better way the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing a policy on non agri-food geographical indications;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 124
Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate in a better way the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing a policy on non agri-food geographical indications;

Amendment

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate in a better way the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing a policy on non agri-food geographical indications; *points out that the introduction of a system for the protection of non-agricultural products by means of geographical indications which is coherent, simple, transparent and does not impose an administrative and financial burden represents an*

opportunity for SMEs and would strengthen the European Union's position in international trade negotiations;

Or. fr

Amendment 125

Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate in a better way the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing *a* policy on non agri-food geographical indications;

Amendment

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate in a better way the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency, *a genuine value added on external markets*; reminds the Commission the importance of developing *an equally ambitious* policy on non agri-food geographical indications;

Or. fr

Amendment 126

Bendt Bendtsen

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate *in a better way* the defence of geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing a policy on non agri-food geographical indications;

Amendment

21. Requests the Commission to coordinate the defence of (*voluntary*) geographical indication on agri-food products within the Commission and also with the EUIPO Agency; reminds the Commission the importance of developing a policy on *voluntary* non agri-food geographical indications;

Or. en

