

Strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market by developing the EU customs union and its governance

Safeguarding interests of European consumers

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Digitalization exists: digital entry declaration

We are witnessing the ICT implementation process and central clearance being hindered and postponed: it is expected to happen in 2025 (if everything goes according to plan).

Singapore is building a National Trade Platform (not based on blockchain), involving banks, shippers and technology firms. It will bring "the whole trade ecosystem onto a single platform"



What will happen after Brexit?

- Consumers are worried about Brexit
- Hard Brexit means that Binding Tariff Information (BTI) would have to be re-approved which takes up to 8 months.
- It also means that more duties would be imposed on some products (eg. DVD player with Internet connection, in the UK they are 0 duties as they are considered decoder in Germany they are seen as DVD players).



Conclusion

- Digitalization is important but it <u>must be consumer friendly and must be implemented fast.</u>
- Hard Brexit would be bad for European Consumers and must be avoided. Consumers must have tools to understand the Customs Union and the Customs Union must have every imported good covered.





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