

**Question for written answer E-001501/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Customs Code – delay in the development of national electronic systems

As a result of the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code in October 2013, Member States were required to develop a digitalised management system to enhance the security of customs goods. Article 278 thereof, which has already been amended several times, provides for 'electronic data-processing techniques' to be developed by 31 December 2025, at the latest, at both trans-European and national level. This is reportedly now problematic. Thus, not only are these systems being developed very differently at national level from one Member State to another, but there is also growing uncertainty among economic operators as to whether the deadline is going to be met, with the associated potential economic and logistical consequences. These concerns prompt the following questions:

1. Will the Commission introduce a procedure to inform economic operators about the new digitalised systems in the Member States?
2. To date, 24 Member States have already asked for a derogation. What economic consequences does the Commission foresee because of the differing pace of implementation in the Member States?
3. Can the differing pace of implementation have a negative impact on how the internal market operates and thus generate additional costs for economic operators?

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