



Working with



Customs

EC perspective



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Overview of the presentation

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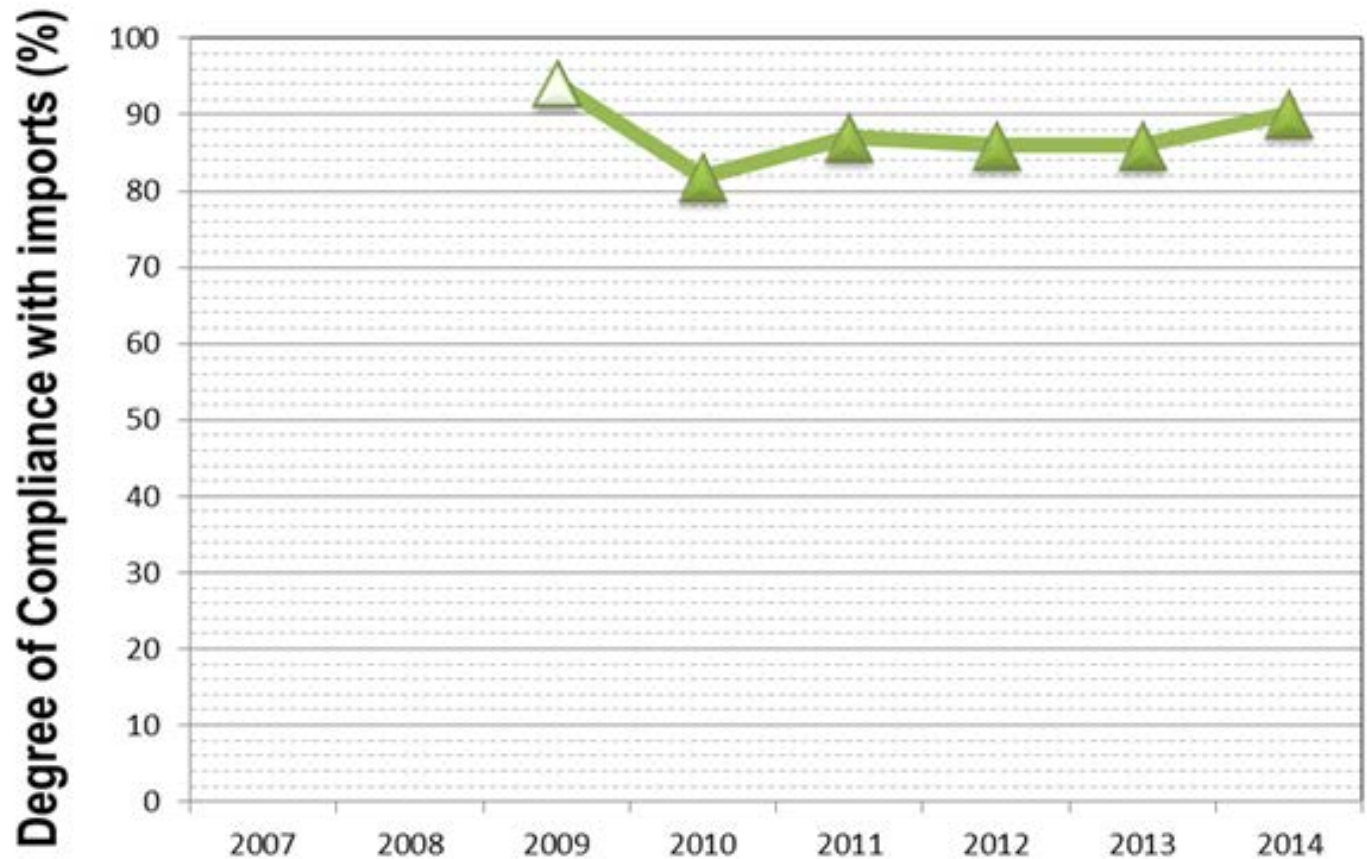


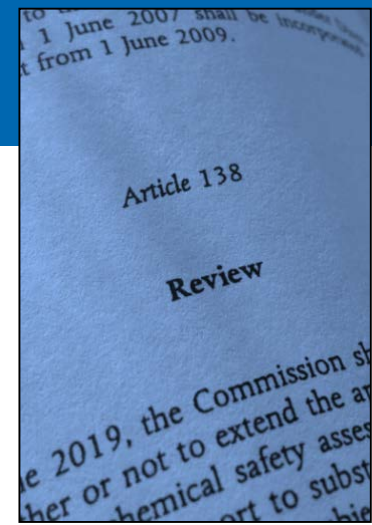
1. Why customs?

- Customs is the 'door' to the EU single market
- Having the ambition to have a sophisticated EU chemical legislation increases work at the borders
- Improve the ratio of compliance for imported goods (see graph)

1. EU level of compliance of imports with REACH and CLP obligations

Median of
the values
reported by
MSs





1. Why customs?

- REACH enforcement, a MS responsibility
'... MS shall maintain a system of official controls and other activities ...'
- REACH reviews highlighted the importance of enforcement
- The 2018 REACH review states:
'...clarify and enhance the role of REACH enforcement authorities and customs authorities...under the relevant legislative instrument...'

2. What has been done?

- Legal work (e.g. interpretation of REACH articles '*under customs supervision*', customs authorities as REACH enforcement authorities)
- Guidelines for enforcement authorities (REACH and customs): Understanding each other
- Networks cooperation: PARCS and Forum. Cooperation and carrying out an enforcement project together

2. What has been done?

- Forum projects involving customs: More common
- Learn from other sectors
 - Food safety online
 - E-enforcement academy (consumer products)
- Use other EU legislation
 - Consumer protection regulation (EC 2017/2394)
 - e-commerce (Digital single Market)
 - New Market surveillance Regulation Regulation (EU 2019/1020) e.g. ICSMS (IT system for enforcement authorities)

3. What are we currently doing?

- Could we take an EU approach?
- Further integration in the current framework
 - Evaluate the REACH requirements that can be integrated in customs procedures
 - Evaluate which customs procedures can contribute to the enforcement of REACH
- Step by step approach. Why?

3. What are we currently doing?

- **TARIC:** ‘the integrated Tariff of the European customs Union’
 - multilingual database integrating and coding all measures relating to EU legislation (customs tariff, commercial and agricultural).
 - facilitates uniform application by all MS
 - all economic operators a clear view of measures to be taken when importing/exporting goods
 - possibility to carry out EU-wide statistics for the concerned measures.

Goal

maximising automatic
customs clearance

- daily transmissions of TARIC data via an electronic network guarantee immediate and correct information for the national administrations of the MSs,
- MS use TARIC data mainly to feed their national systems for customs clearance

3. What are we currently doing?

- Integration of REACH Annex XIV substances in TARIC

- If you import an Annex XIV substance

- a) You provide a valid authorisation, or

- b) You are exempted, thus a valid reason

Operational since
October 1st

- Integration of REACH Annex XVII substances in TARIC

Operational by the
end of this year

4. Something left for the future?

- Single window (DG TAXUD big project)
 - Facility which allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardised information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export and transit-related regulatory requirements
 - Enable economic operators to electronically lodge, and only once, all the information required by customs and non-customs legislation for EU cross-border movements of goods
 - If information is in electronic form, the individual data elements should be submitted only once

4. Something left for the future?

- Development of new frameworks (legislative?) to integrate better chemical Regulations in customs procedures
- Coordination plans with other sectors
- Contribute to horizontal toolbox with methods and techniques used (e.g. images and websites)
- Use of big data for enforcement (of chemicals)

Conclusions

1. REACH integration into customs world

- Started in 2010 (EU level)
- Continues
- ... more integration is under consideration



2. REACH is one of the Regulations to be taken into account by customs authorities