



## Customs – Your Business Partner

### For faster and safer goods clearance ... ... Customs offers you DELT@!

The strategic European Electronic Customs Plan has undertaken to replace all hardcopy customs declarations with electronic ones within the next five years. Hardcopy will become the exception. 'Paperless customs' will facilitate trade by simplifying customs formalities with the rollout of the Community's new computerised clearance systems). The French Customs is acquiring an improved computerised system for the entire clearance chain, called DELT@ e-procedures.

Businesses can access all the online services via the PRO.DOUE@NE Internet portal.

#### PRO.DOUE@NE

PRO.DOUE@NE (<https://pro.douane.gouv.fr>), the dedicated website for traders, includes all the teleservices and electronic procedures offered by Customs.

The portal is the one-stop free access point to every electronic procedure, so that you can safely carry out customs and tax formalities online.

The access to some teleservices, such as foreign trade statistics, is free. Other teleservices require prior approval, which is delivered by Customs after an agreement has been drawn up. When you connect and log in, you have access to a service bouquet meeting your needs.

#### DELT@

DELT@, the new Internet clearance system, is for every business, small and large alike, that has to file customs declarations, and specifically for those businesses enjoying domiciled or local clearance procedures. DELT@ includes the new Community customs declaration (SAD, Single Administrative Document), which went into effect on 1 January 2007.



- **DELT@ provides many advantages:**

- You have 24 / 7 access
- You don't have to enclose any supporting documents with the customs declaration any more. You merely have to keep and file them so they are available when Customs so request.
- You may file an early (up to 10 days ahead of time) simplified import declaration.
- **You** manage the customs credit facilities (monthly instalment, security deposit, etc.) for duty and tax payments.
- You have access to a range of tools that facilitate filling out declarations or that can simulate import operations (applicable regulations, payable duties, and so on).
- You can amend the declarations electronically.
- You can automatically calculate the customs value based on the data you provide.
- You can directly transmit statistical information to Customs.

- **DELT@ includes several modules depending on the selected clearance procedure.**

- **DELT@ D** processes two-staged clearance under the domiciled or local clearance procedure: establishing a simplified declaration and filing an additional aggregate declaration (*déclaration complémentaire globale*, DCG).
- **DELT@ C** is for one-stage clearance: establishment of a complete electronic declaration for an ordinary clearance procedure or a domiciled (local) clearance procedure. It has been connected to the Export Control System for Community exports (electronic signature of the exit document for the goods) since July 2007.
- DELT@ eXpress concerns express freight operators' clearance. It takes account of the special characteristics of operators' entirely automated working methods and supply chain organisation: automatic and early data transmission, scanner-processed ID system for the shipments and automated package routing for customs inspection. Thanks to DELT@ eXpress, operators can send in their declarations early.

**DELT@ D** and **DELT@ X** are completely free as of now. A user fee, which will be decreasing gradually until 2010, is paid for **DELT@ C**. The collection of a user fee, which was already paid for using the earlier SOFI computer system, finances a share of the customs IT system and the computer upgrades linked to the Community E-Customs programme. **DELT@ C** users will soon have advanced features, such as electronic signatures.

In 2007, the monthly price was 30% lower compared to the price for the SOFI system. It amounts to €2.20 per import declaration and to €1.80 per export declaration, for every five-line section. The connection to the computer system, which cost €762.00 per year for SOFI, is free for **DELT@ C**.