



Customs – Your Business Partner

Contact the Business Advisory Unit at the Economic Action Centre in your business area!

In 2006, **Economic Action Centres** (PAE, *pôles d'action économique*) were set up at the Regional Directorates of Customs and Excise, to meet business expectations more fully.

Each Economic Action Centre has a **Business Advisory Unit** that will inform and advise you on the clearance and customs procedures tailored to the structure of your international trading operations.

The Advisory Unit means that your business, and especially if it is a small or very small enterprise, can streamline its customs procedures, hone its competitive edge, save time, and substantially lower cash-flow costs.

Based on a **free, customised audit** of your business situation and your international trading plans, the Business Advisory Unit will offer your business a **comprehensive information service on customs regulations and new procedures** along with an array of 'tailored' and adaptable solutions.

As a result, a business with no or little international experience will have all the assets it needs to develop a new export business activity successfully.

A local customs office daily manages the procedures, which have been finalised in partnership with a regional audit department.

The Advisory Unit is available to every entrepreneur, providing information and advice for their formalities and procedures.



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