

Interim evaluation of the Union Customs Code (UCC)

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Introduction

Established in 1968, the **Customs Union** is an essential pre-condition for the free circulation of goods within the EU, without which the single market would be impossible. The Customs Union is also one of the few exclusive competences of the Union. This means that customs legislation is adopted at EU level, although its implementation is the responsibility of the Member States via their national customs administrations.

The **Union Customs Code (UCC)** is the main EU legislative framework for customs, replacing the previous Community Customs Code (CCC). The main specific aims of the UCC are to (1) streamline and simplify customs rules, procedures and processes; (2) achieve a fully paperless environment; and (3) strengthen legal certainty and predictability of customs rules.

The UCC was adopted in October 2013. Since then, the European Commission has also adopted a number of legal acts to supplement the provisions of the UCC, set procedural rules for its implementation, and define a Work Programme for the development and deployment of a set of electronic systems. The UCC's substantive provisions are being applied since May 2016, but certain aspects are subject to transitional rules until the upgrade / development of the relevant IT systems is complete. More information on the **UCC legal and IT package** and its state of implementation is available [here](#).

In a 2018 report ([available here](#)) to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Commission committed to carrying out, by 2021, an interim evaluation of the UCC legal framework and the electronic systems implemented by that date. The **aim of this consultation** is to gather the views and experiences of interested parties (including businesses, individuals, customs authorities, and other stakeholders) regarding the UCC and its implementation, so that these can be used to inform the conclusions of the interim evaluation, and help to identify ways to improve the functioning of the UCC.

A summary of the responses to this consultation will be published on the Better regulation portal after the end of the consultation period.

About you

We would like to know who you are to better understand your views, expectations and needs in relation to customs processes in the EU.

* Language of my contribution

- Bulgarian
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- Danish

- Dutch
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* I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

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* Scope

- International
- Local
- National
- Regional

* Level of governance

- Local Authority
- Local Agency

* Level of governance

- Parliament
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* Organisation name

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* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number

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Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

*** Country of origin**

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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- Botswana
- Bouvet Island
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- Chad
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- Christmas Island
- Clipperton
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Curaçao
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- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States
- United States Minor Outlying Islands
- Uruguay
- US Virgin Islands
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Vatican City
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
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- Western Sahara
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- Lebanon
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- Lesotho
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- Zimbabwe
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* Has your business been granted the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status by an EU Member State?

- Yes
- No

* Is your organisation a customs authority (i.e. is it responsible for the administration and enforcement of customs legislation)?

- Yes
- No

* On average, how frequently are you involved in customs operations, procedures and/or declarations?

This can be in any professional or private capacity, e.g. as a trader, customs agent, customs official, policy maker / legislator, researcher, consumer, etc.

- Daily or almost daily
- One or more times a month
- Less than once a month
- Never

* How familiar are you with the Union Customs Code?

- I have detailed knowledge of parts or all of the UCC
- I have intermediate knowledge of parts or all of the UCC
- I have basic knowledge of parts or all of the UCC
- I have very limited or no knowledge of the UCC

Overall views of the UCC

As of today, what are your (or your organisation's) most important needs and priorities regarding EU customs rules and processes?

	Very important	Quite important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know
* Clearer, more predictable customs rules and processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* More uniform customs rules and processes across the different EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Greater stability of customs rules (to limit adaptation costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* More effective exchange of information between national customs administrations and economic operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* More effective tools to tackle smuggling, illicit or fraudulent trade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Better enforcement of EU safety, health and environmental rules at the external border	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Faster customs processes and procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Simpler customs processes and procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Better adaptation of customs rules and processes to new global, commercial or socio-economic developments and circumstances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* More financial and/or human resources to enable customs authorities to do their job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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In your opinion, are these needs more or less important today than they were in 2013, when the UCC was adopted?

	Much more important	A little more important	About the same	A little less important	Much less important	Don't know
* Clearer, more predictable customs rules and processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* More uniform customs rules and processes across the different EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Greater stability of customs rules (to limit adaptation costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* More effective exchange of information between national customs administrations and economic operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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* Better enforcement of EU safety, health and environmental rules at the external border	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Faster customs processes and procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please briefly describe your main needs regarding EU customs rules and processes, and if and how these have changed in the period 2013-2020.

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In your view, how much progress did customs in the EU make towards the following objectives since the UCC entered into force (2016-2020)?

	Significant progress	Some progress	Very little progress	No progress	Don't know
* Streamline and simplify customs rules, procedures and processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Strengthen legal certainty and predictability of customs rules	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Achieve a fully paperless environment (by ensuring all customs declarations and operations can be made electronically)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Protecting the financial interests of the EU and its Member States (by ensuring the correct collection of customs duties)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Protecting the EU from unfair and illegal trade (e.g. by seizing counterfeit goods)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensuring the security and safety of the EU and its residents (e.g. by stopping imports of dangerous goods)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Facilitating legitimate trade and supporting legitimate business activity (by making customs procedures as fast and efficient as possible for trustworthy operators)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To what extent did the UCC and its implementation to date contribute to progress towards these objectives?

	UCC contributed a lot	UCC contributed to some extent	UCC contributed a little	UCC did not contribute at all	Don't know
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* Streamline and simplify customs rules, procedures and processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements on the *design* of the UCC legal and IT package?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<p>* The structure of the UCC legal and IT package, including division of content across legal acts and data annexes, is <u>user-friendly</u></p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>* The provisions of the UCC legal and IT package are <u>clear and understandable</u></p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>* The UCC legal and IT package, including its periodic amendments, is <u>visible and well-communicated</u></p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* As a whole, the UCC legal and IT package provides a <u>coherent framework</u> for the regulation of customs activities and related IT developments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The UCC legal and IT package is an <u>improvement</u> over its predecessor (the Community Customs Code)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements on the *implementation* of the UCC legal and IT package?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
* The UCC rules and provisions are <u>applied</u> in a uniform way by the customs authorities of the different EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The national customs administrations and the European Commission <u>cooperate effectively</u> regarding the implementation of the UCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Economic operators have sufficient opportunities to <u>express their views</u> regarding the <u>implementation</u> of the UCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* Sufficient activities (e.g. seminars, consultations, guidance, training) have been carried out to <u>help economic operators</u> prepare for and comply with the UCC changes</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* The current allocation of <u>responsibilities for the UCC IT systems</u> between national customs administrations and the European Commission is appropriate</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* The <u>pace of progress</u> with the development and deployment of the UCC IT systems has been satisfactory</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○

What do you consider to be the main achievement, improvement or positive impact of the UCC to date?













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What do you consider to be the main challenge or disappointment with the UCC and /or its implementation to date?

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How consistent is the UCC legal framework with EU policies in other fields? Are there any inconsistencies, conflicts or tensions with the relevant Commission priorities for 2019-2024?

	Very consistent	Mostly consistent	Partly consistent	Not very consistent	Not consistent at all	Don't know
* <u>A European Green Deal:</u> Europe aims to be the first climate-neutral continent by becoming a modern, resource-efficient economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* <u>A Europe fit for the digital age:</u> The EU's digital strategy will empower people with a new generation of technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* <u>An economy that works for people</u>: The EU must create a more attractive investment environment, and growth that creates quality jobs, especially for young people and small businesses</p>						
<p>* <u>A stronger Europe in the world</u>: The EU will strengthen its voice in the world by championing multilateralism and a rules-based global order.</p>						

If you see any significant inconsistencies between the UCC and other EU policies or Commission priorities, please briefly explain them.

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Selected UCC changes and issues













The UCC legal and IT package introduced a number of specific changes to customs rules, procedures, processes and systems. We would now like to ask you about your opinion on some of the most significant of these changes, including some that are already in force, and others that have yet to be fully implemented.

Customs procedures for import (release for free circulation) and export, including customs declarations

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
* <u>All customs declarations</u> have to be made electronically (UCC Art. 6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The <u>data requirements</u> are harmonised throughout the EU (UCC-DA and IA, Annex B)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* The provisions for lodging customs declarations in the form of an <u>entry in the declarant's records</u> (EIDR) have changed (UCC Art. 182)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>* <u>Self-assessment</u> allows authorised economic operators to carry out specific customs formalities themselves (UCC Art. 185)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* Under <u>centralised clearance</u>, traders can lodge customs declarations at the customs office that is responsible for the place where they are established, rather than where the goods are presented (UCC Art. 179). Until the electronic systems to support this at EU-level are available, centralised clearance is applied along the principles of the 'Single Authorisation for Simplified Procedures'</p>						
<p>* In 2019, the UCC-DA was amended as regards the declaration of certain <u>low-value consignments</u>. From July 2021, a declaration with reduced dataset will be required for goods up to a value of €150</p>						

<p>* The UCC <u>common risk management framework</u> aims to ensure a consistent and uniform application of customs controls by the provisions on risk analysis, common risk management criteria and standards, and the exchange of risk information (UCC Art. 46, UCC-IA)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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Customs decisions and AEO authorisations

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
<p>The rules and procedures regarding <u>customs decisions</u> were comprehensively recast and streamlined (UCC Art. 22-37)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p><u>Time limits</u> were imposed for decisions to be taken upon application (as a general rule, 30 days to accept an application and 120 days to make a decision)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Under the <u>right to be heard</u>, customs authorities are required to inform the applicant of a decision that would adversely affect them</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>The criteria and conditions for obtaining the AEO status were further strengthened (UCC-IA Art. 24-28), including the new AEO criterion on possessing proven practical standards of competence or professional qualifications (UCC Art. 39(d))</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Strengthened <u>AEO benefits</u>, notably by enhancing the AEO status with regard to customs simplifications</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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Customs Tariff, Origin and Valuation

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
* The UCC clarifies that an application for a Binding Tariff Information (BTI) or Binding Origin Information (BOI) decision may be lodged for <u>any customs procedure</u> (UCC Art. 33(1) (b))	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* BTI and BOI decisions are <u>binding</u> not only on the customs authorities but also on the economic operator (UCC Art. 33.2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* BTI decisions are now valid for a period of <u>three years</u> instead of six years (UCC Art. 33.3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* The rules for <u>valuation</u> have been clarified and harmonised (e.g. regarding the determination of the transaction value, and the provisions governing royalties and licence fees) (UCC-IA Art. 128, 136, 137)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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Customs Debt and Guarantees

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
<p>* The <u>assessment of a customs debt has been simplified</u>; duties are assessed according to the conditions at the time the debt is incurred (UCC Art. 85), pursuant to a consolidated list of exceptions (Art. 86)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* Another ground for the <u>extinguishment of a customs debt</u> has been introduced for persons whose behaviour did not involve any attempt at deception and who contributed to the fight against fraud (UCC Art. 124 (7))</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* The <u>scope of compulsory guarantees</u> has been increased (UCC Arts. 148 (2) (c) and 211 (3) (c))</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* A <u>comprehensive guarantee</u> can be granted for several procedures (UCC IA Art. 157 (3), UCC Art 89 (6))</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* Guarantees can be <u>valid in more than one Member State</u>. In such cases, they must cover import VAT and any applicable excise duty (UCC Art. 89 (2))</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○

<p>* In certain cases, economic operators can be granted <u>reduced or waived guarantees</u> (UCC Art. 95, UCC DA Art. 84, UCC IA Art. 158)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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Entry of Goods and Temporary Storage

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
<p>* The UCC introduced new requirements with regard to the <u>lodgement and treatment of pre-arrival declarations</u> (UCC-DA Art. 104-113)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* The provisions on <u>temporary storage</u> were changed, including the need for an authorisation and for a guarantee, and an extended maximum duration (UCC Art. 144-149; UCC-DA Art. 115-116; UCC-IA Art. 191-193)</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>* Customs authorities may now authorise the <u>movement of goods from one temporary storage facility to another</u> without a transit procedure (UCC Art. 148 (5), UCC-DA Art. 118)</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○

Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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Special Procedures

What effect have the following changes introduced by the UCC, and the way they are being implemented to date, had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
* The UCC sets out a more extensive set of <u>common provisions for special procedures</u> (on authorisations, records to be kept, etc.) than had previously been the case (UCC Arts. 210-225)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* "Processing under customs control" and "destruction" were <u>repealed as separate procedures</u> , and are now included within the "inward processing" procedure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The number of types of <u>customs warehouses</u> was reduced, and there is now only one type of <u>free zone</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* With regard to <u>transit</u> , the electronic transport document can now be used as a customs transit declaration, and the concept and list of sensitive goods have been deleted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the changes listed above?

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IT systems that have already been deployed

Eight of the IT systems in the UCC work programme have been deployed to date. What effect has the deployment of the following IT systems had on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
* Registered Exporter System – <u>REX</u> (new system deployed in 2017)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Customs Decisions – <u>CDS</u> (new system deployed in 2017)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>* Direct Trader Access to the European Information Systems – <u>UUM&DS</u> (Uniform User Management & Digital Signature) (new system deployed in 2017)</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>* Economic Operator Registration and Identification System – <u>EORI2</u> (upgrade deployed in 2018)</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>* Surveillance 3 – <u>SURV3</u> (upgrade deployed in 2018)</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>* Binding Tariff Information – <u>BTI</u> (upgrade deployed in 2019)</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p>* Authorised Economic Operators – <u>EU Trader Portal for eAEO</u> (upgrade deployed in 2019)</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●

* Information Sheets for Special Procedures – <u>INF</u> (new system deployed in 2020)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Would you like to provide further details on the specific positive or negative effects of any of the UCC IT systems listed above?

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IT systems that have yet to be deployed

Nine of the IT systems in the UCC work programme will be deployed progressively until 2025. What effect do you expect the deployment of the following IT systems to have on your organisation?

	Very positive effect	Somewhat positive effect	Neither positive nor negative effect	Somewhat negative effect	Very negative effect	Don't know
* Guarantee Management – <u>GUM</u> (new system)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Import Control System Upgrade – <u>ICS2</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Proof of Union Status – <u>PoUS</u> (new system)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Centralised Clearance for Import – <u>CCI</u> (new system)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* New Computerised Transit System – <u>NCTS</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Automated Export System – <u>AES</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Notification of Arrival, Presentation Notification and Temporary Storage – <u>NA, PN and TS</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* National Import Systems – <u>NIS</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Special Procedures – <u>SP</u> (upgrade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Would you like to provide further details on the expected positive or negative effects of any of the UCC IT systems listed above?

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Adaptation to changes and future UCC implementation

How well is the UCC legal and IT package able to deal with the following kinds of changes that affect customs in the recent past and foreseeable future?

	Very well	Quite well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not well at all	Don't know
* The Covid-19 pandemic and its social and economic consequences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The withdrawal of the UK from the EU (Brexit)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Global geopolitical developments (e.g. new trade agreements, commercial disputes, punitive tariffs, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* New business models and technologies (e.g. e-commerce, 3D printing, blockchain, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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In your view, should any of the following be amended or revised in the foreseeable future to ensure the effectiveness of the UCC?

	Major changes needed	Moderate changes needed	Minor changes needed	No changes needed	Don't know
* The UCC legal package	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The UCC IT package	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please briefly explain what changes (if any) you believe are needed to facilitate the effective implementation and application of the UCC legal and IT package.

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