



International Customs Conference 2018

8th and 9th November 2018
at Hotel Sofitel Brussels Le Louise

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE 8TH AND 9TH NOVEMBER 2018 · HOTEL SOFITEL BRUSSELS LE LOUISE

This conference provides a platform for those who are dealing with customs and trade at a high professional level. Internationally renowned speakers from the European Commission, jurisprudence, the customs administration, industry, academic and research institutions and legal consultancy will share their expertise with participants on the most recent developments at the EU and international level.

There will be ample opportunity for participants to discuss and exchange views with the experts, gain insight into interesting cases and collect ideas for their daily practice.

Support documentation will be available for all sessions.

Please join us for what promises to be a valuable, thought provoking and professionally stimulating event.

Who should join? Officials, in-house counsel and (compliance) officers and consultants and lawyers in private practice involved in Indirect Tax, Customs & Trade Compliance, International Trade, Supply Chain Management and Trade Regulatory matters.

Conference language: English

Thursday

- 08.30 **REGISTRATION**
- 09.00 **WELCOME**
- 09.15 **UCC IMPLEMENTATION AND THE WINDING ROAD TO E-CUSTOMS: STATE OF PLAY**
Susanne Aigner
Prof. Dr. Santiago Ibáñez Marsilla
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder
- 10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 **BREXIT: WHERE ARE WE GOING AND HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE?**
Werner Rens
Chris Southworth
Jozef Hupperetz
EU Commission representative, to be confirmed
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder
- 12.15 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 13.00 **THE CONTINUING CHALLENGE OF RECONCILING TRANSFER PRICING AND CUSTOMS VALUATION: STORIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE**
David Stepp
Natalie Reypens
Prof. Dr. Santiago Ibáñez Marsilla
Luc Dhont
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder
- 15.00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 15.30 **LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE NATIONAL FORUM, THE CUSTOMS-BUSINESS DIALOGUE PLATFORM IN BELGIUM**
Abram Op de Beeck
- LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PMI'S CONTINUING FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE**
Stefanie Pollet
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder

- 16.30 **INTERACTION BETWEEN CUSTOMS & VAT**
Bert Gevers
Christian Salder
- 17.00 **END OF CONFERENCE DAY 1**
- 19.00 **WORKING DINNER**

Friday

- 09.00 **WELCOME**
- 09.15 **REPORTING FROM THE TRADE-WAR ZONE: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**
Francisco Cortina
David Stepp
Erich Paul Lemke
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder
- 10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 **HIGHLIGHTS OF CUSTOMS JURISPRUDENCE 2018**
Katherina Paraschas
Prof. Dr. Mariken van Hilten
Moderation: Bert Gevers or Christian Salder
- 13.00 **CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE
FAREWELL & LUNCH**

Speakers



Prof. Dr. Mariken van Hilten *Judge at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands ("Hoge Raad der Nederlanden") and professor of indirect taxes at University of Amsterdam*

Mariken studied tax law at Leyden University (1983–1987) and in 1992 was awarded her PhD on the subject of financial transactions in European VAT. From 1987 to 1998, Mariken worked as a VAT and Customs consultant, first with (what is now) PricewaterhouseCoopers and subsequently with KPMG. In 1998 Mariken left tax consultancy and became an appellate tax judge, first at the Court of Appeal at 's-Hertogenbosch, and from 2002, at the Amsterdam Court of Appeal. In 2007 she was appointed Advocate-General of the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden (the Supreme Court of the Netherlands). Since September 2015, Mariken is a judge in the tax section of the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden. Mariken has published extensively on VAT and customs law and is a regular speaker at seminars and conferences.



Werner Rens *Counsellor-general, Head of the Marketing Department, Customs and Excises Belgium*

Werner is a counsellor-general of the General Administration of Customs and Excises in Belgium. Between 2015 and 2017 he was in charge of the Department of Customer Management and Marketing, handling all forms of authorizations, including AEOs (Authorised Economic Operator). In 2017, following the restructuring of the General Administration, Werner was appointed head of the new department of Marketing, competent for marketing, communication and economic support. Prior to 2015 Werner spent over 15 years working in the Customs Procedures Department of the "direction générale" of Antwerp. Before joining the public service, he worked for more than 5 years in a logistics company as a senior account manager. Werner is an active member of several working groups of the National Forum, Belgium's official consultative body between Customs and Trade.



Francisco J Cortina *Trade & customs partner in Chevez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia SC, Mexico*

Francisco has almost 30 years experience as a tax lawyer, specializing in Trade & Customs planning, consultations and litigious proceedings, including Anti-Dumping, Free Trade Agreements and WTO advice. He joined KPMG in 1995 as an associate and in 1999 was appointed partner. In 2000 Francisco joined Chêvez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia., S.C., as a partner in the Trade and Customs division. He is the founder of the Trade & Customs Commission of the Mexican Bar Association (Barra Mexicana) and is a member of the American Bar Association. He is a former president of the Trade & Customs Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce Mexico and holds a chair in the International Academy of Customs law. Francisco has completed post graduate studies in anti-dumping, arbitration and tax and regularly lectures at the Universidad Iberoamericana and Escuela Libre de Derecho. He has been listed as a noted lawyer by: Legal 500, Chambers, Who's who legal and Latin Lawyer, recurrently for more than a decade. Francisco is currently based in the office of Chêvez, Ruiz, Zamarripa y Cia. SC in Madrid.



Dr. Christian Salder *Partner, Lawyer, Certified Tax Consultant, KMLZ*

Christian advises clients on all aspects of national and international VAT issues and specializes in customs and excise duty matters. His particular focus is on import VAT related issues as well as optimizing cross-border supply chains and processing schemes. Christian has extensive experience in carrying out SAP-VAT audits and customs reviews. He also assists clients with external audits and represents them in dealings with the tax authorities and before the tax courts. His clients range from individuals to international groups. Prior to joining KMLZ, Christian spent several years working in the VAT department of a large tax consultancy firm. He is a post-graduate degree lecturer at the University of Münster and regularly lectures on VAT and customs related topics, as well as regularly publishing comments, articles and annotations in these areas.



Luc Dhont *Indirect Tax Manager Europe – Tax Policy Belgium, Procter & Gamble*

Luc is indirect European tax manager for Procter & Gamble based in Belgium. Over the past 25 years, Luc has gained extensive experience in all aspects of Belgian and international direct and indirect tax. Luc became a certified tax consultant in Belgium in 2001. Since that time, his positions have included being the Country Tax Manager for countries in Benelux and the Nordics. Since 2011, Luc has been responsible for managing Procter & Gamble's indirect tax in the European Union. He became a member of the VAT Expert Group of the European Commission in 2015 and has led the Working Group on impact of VAT on Transfer Pricing Adjustments. Luc is also the Chair of the Belgian AmCham Legal & Tax Committee.



Bert Gevers *Partner, LOYENS & LOEFF*

Bert is a member of the Loyens & Loeff Indirect Tax Practice Group in Belgium and heads the international trade practice. He advises clients on the indirect tax and regulatory issues related to the international and domestic exchange of goods and services. Bert represents clients before the Belgian and Dutch authorities, courts and the European Commission, its advisory committees and the ECJ. He has extensive experience in counselling clients involved in (criminal) investigations. Legal 500 mentions Bert as a leading expert. He is a regular speaker at conferences and also lectures at the UCLL University. Bert chairs the Global Legal Customs Association and is a correspondent for Belgium within the International VAT Club. He is the co-founder and scientific coordinator of the blog www.worldtrade-controls.com. Bert has been a member of the Brussels Bar since 2000.



Stefanie Pollet *Manager Illicit Trade Prevention Benelux, Philip Morris Benelux BVBA*

Stefanie is Philip Morris International's Manager of Illicit Trade Prevention in the Benelux. She is responsible for the development and deployment of anti-diversion measures and supply chain controls for PMI products, including smoke-free alternatives; building strategies to accelerate return of volumes to legal markets; supporting the implementation of the EU Tobacco Products Directive article 15 on tracking and tracing and article 16 on security features in the Benelux and raising awareness of the illicit tobacco trade. Stefanie started her career at Philip Morris Benelux in 2001 and prior to her current position held the roles of Corporate Affairs manager, District Sales manager and Regional Sales manager.



Natalie Reypens *Partner, LOYENS & LOEFF*

Natalie is a member of the Loyens & Loeff International Tax Services Practice Group and heads the Belgian Transfer Pricing Team. Natalie's practice focuses on corporate tax law and international tax law, including matters relating to domestic and cross-border corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, transfer pricing as well as holdings and financing structures. In addition to advising on and drafting legal documentation, tax opinions and tax rulings, she is also an experienced litigator. Natalie is recognised as an expert in transfer pricing by renowned legal directories such as Legal 500 EMEA and ITR World Transfer Pricing. She also appears in the International Tax Review's publication "Women in Tax Leaders Guide". Natalie has been registered at the Brussels Bar (Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten) since 1997. She is also a former teaching assistant in tax law at Universiteit Antwerpen.



David Stepp *Partner of Crowell & Moring LLP*

David is an experienced trade lawyer who provides multinational companies with strategic advice on global customs and international trade compliance matters. David is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Crowell & Moring. His practice focuses on advising companies on their e-commerce strategies globally, conducting global customs and international trade audits, and assisting clients on improving, benchmarking, and coordinating compliance programs across borders. David has over 30 years of experience handling international trade regulatory matters, including those related to tariff classification, valuation, country of origin marking, free trade agreements, and Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT). He also has experience in advising on trade remedies and coordinating government investigations, including FCPA matters. Prior to joining the firm, David led regulatory initiatives across Asia, as well as advised clients on U.S. customs practices and procedures.



Susanne Aigner *Head of Unit Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD*

Susanne holds an Austrian Doctorate in Law. In 1991 she joined the Austrian Ministry of Finance, working on Free Trade Agreements, Origin rules, GATT as well as preparations for Austria's accession to the EU. From 1995 to 2010 Susanne worked at the European Commission, DG TAXUD, in various posts, in charge of Pan-European Cumulation, EU-Turkey Customs Union, EU-US bilateral agreements, US CSI and C-TPAT, EU AEO, supply chain security and risk management. She was subsequently appointed the Deputy Director Compliance and Facilitation at the World Customs Organization, WCO (in charge of WTO TFA, AEO, SAFE, Revised Kyoto Convention, Data Model, IT matters, Single Window and Coordinated Border Management), a position, which she held from 2010 to 2014. Since 2014 Susanne has been at the European Commission as Head of Unit Customs Legislation, DG TAXUD (in charge of Union Customs Code and general legislation in customs matters).



Chris Southworth *Secretary General, ICC United Kingdom*

Chris is Secretary General of the ICC United Kingdom. Prior to joining ICC he was Executive Director for Global Partnerships, at the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), Head of the International Chamber of Commerce Unit at UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) and a Senior Policy Advisor to Lord Heseltine in his independent review of UK competitiveness. In 2011 he assisted in the setting up of the mid-size business export programme at UKTI and was a Senior Policy Advisor for the 2011 Government Review of Mid-Size Businesses. Former roles have encompassed deregulatory policy at Better Regulation Executive, social enterprise policy at the Department for Business and stints in public service improvement with a local strategic partnership and also in the charity sector.



Prof. Dr. Santiago Ibáñez Marsilla *Profesor Titular de Universidad (Universidad de Valencia) - Jean Monnet Chair 'EU Customs law'*

Santiago is a tax law professor at the University of Valencia and directs the Jean Monnet Chair "EU Customs law" (European Commission). EUROPEAID, USAID or Europäische Rechtsakademie are among the international organizations that have relied on Santiago's customs law expertise. He has authored more than fifty publications on customs topics and directs an online postgraduate course on EU customs law that was selected by the European Commission as a Jean Monnet Module. Santiago has been active in teaching and training in 21 different countries and is a founding member of the International Customs Law Academy (ICLA). He is also a senior advisor in Spain to the Trusted Trade Alliance (<http://www.trusted-trade.net/>). He can be reached at <http://www.derechoaduanero.com/>



Katherina Paraschas *European Court of Justice*

Katherina is an international and European law specialist. Prior to joining the German judiciary, she worked in academia and as an attorney. Since 2006, Katherina has held the position of legal secretary in the Chambers of Judge Thomas von Danwitz, at the Court of Justice of the European Union. During this time, her work has focused on a large number of important cases in all fields of European law.



Erich Paul Lemke *Global Customs & Foreign Trade Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim Corporate Center GmbH*

Erich is a Global Customs & Foreign Trade Manager in the Corporate Tax and Trade Governance department of Boehringer Ingelheim, a multinational research-driven pharmaceutical corporation. He is committed to ensuring the compliance and process effectiveness of the company's global customs and foreign trade strategies, procedures, systems, initiatives and the satisfaction of all legal requirements. Erich holds a diploma in customs and foreign trade law, which he acquired more than 30 years ago at the German Federal University of Customs Administration. Before joining Boehringer Ingelheim, he worked as a federal customs officer and as a leading customs expert in various companies and industries, including the Big Four accounting firms. For many years, Erich has also worked as a dedicated trainer for customs and foreign trade.



Abram Op de Beeck *Customs and Foreign trade manager, BASF Antwerp*

After graduating with a Master in Philosophy from the KU Leuven, Abram started his professional career at Belgian customs. After spending six years as a customs officer, working in both the Port of Antwerp and in the central headquarters of Belgian customs, Abram turned to the private sector. Abram held the position of foreign trade manager for the Belgian company, Umicore for five years, during which time he also took up the chairmanship of the Eurometaux customs task force. In 2013 Abram joined BASF Antwerp, where he is responsible for customs operations in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and the UK.



Jozef Hupperetz *Policy Coordinator, Customs and Indirect taxation Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU*

Jos joined the Dutch customs administration in 1980 as a junior inspector and went on, over the following 16 years, to occupy primarily senior advisory positions in the operational customs service. In 1996 he became a policy advisor at the Customs Legislative Directorate within the Ministry of Finance. In 1999 Jos commenced work for the European Commission as a customs policy advisor and business analyst and for 3 years he worked as an inspector for DG Budget focused on traditional own resources. In July 2017 Jos was appointed policy coordinator for customs and indirect tax matters in the Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU.



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When making your reservation please refer to the keyword "International Customs Conference, Ref. 62904271".

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