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FORWARD Belgium: key points



Customs

Webinar: new IRP bulk procedure (also relevant for quota goods)

NxtPort and The Way Forward will shortly be rolling out the new IRP bulk procedure. An online information session will take place on **Thursday 15 October, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm**, during which the updated PN/TS process, its practical operation and the impact on freight forwarders will be explained.

The procedure applies not only to bulk goods but also to goods subject to quotas. Participation is therefore important for both bulk operators and freight forwarders who handle quota goods.

Topics to be covered during the session include:

- the new PN/TS process for bulk goods;
- the key changes compared with the current working method;
- early activation of TSD and PN messages;
- application to quota goods;
- the division of roles between the parties involved;
- impact on freight forwarders and logistics service providers.

The new bulk process is scheduled to go live in **November 2026**.

To register: please email ines@forwardbelgium.be. Participants will receive the Teams link afterwards.



Young FORWARD Belgium

FORWARD Academy 'You can learn to sleep better' | 17 September 2026

On **Thursday 17 September**, Young FORWARD Belgium is organising a new **FORWARD Academy session** on healthy sleep. **Sleep expert Jana Maes** will give an accessible and practical talk on how sleep works, what factors influence our sleep and which habits really do help us sleep better.

For those who wish, there will be a brief introduction to Young FORWARD Belgium beforehand.

[More info & registration](#)

FORWARD Quiz Night 2026 – FULLY BOOKED

Thursday 24 September is the big day: the **13th FORWARD Quiz Night!** Young FORWARD Belgium and FORWARD Belgium are once again joining forces for an evening full of fun, team spirit and surprising quiz rounds.

Registration for the FORWARD Quiz Night is no longer possible, as the event is **fully booked**. Would you still like to attend? If so, you can ask to be added to the **waiting list** via vanessa@forwardbelgium.be.

[More info](#)

Maritime transport

Major changes to the Chinese Maritime Code – impact on freight forwarders

On **1 May 2026**, China introduced a completely revised **Chinese Maritime Code**. This reform – the most significant in over thirty years –



has major implications for freight forwarders operating in shipments to and from China. **FIATA** has published a comprehensive *Guidance Note* on this subject, setting out the key points to note, [which you can download here](#).

We will continue to monitor further developments and, where necessary, will issue additional information and guidance.



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