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Beste,

Betreft: Maatregelen COVID - Douane.

Bijgevoegd enkele voorstellen die Clecat wil doen aan DG Taxud en die we ook op nationaal niveau zullen voorleggen.

Als jullie nog bijkomende voorstellen hebben, graag uw reactie asap.

- *Payment of duties and other taxes related to customs – there have been announcements about certain relief in relation to payment of other taxes (income, corporate, VAT). But as far as I know, there is no statement about customs duties*
- *Extended deadlines for certain procedures such as transit - Due to delays in transport and shortage of staff for both the private and public sector, there is a good chance that not all procedures can be finalised on time. Additional flexibility is needed for this. The main procedure would be transit, but other procedures like export, temporary import etc etc might also be affected*
- *Additional flexibility on amendment or cancellation of customs procedures – many customs procedures/declarations might need to be cancelled or amended due to the current situation. Additional flexibility to do so would be required*
- *Flexibility to provide certain documents by email – many documents still need to be provided on paper to customs authorities. It would be logical if this can be done as much as possible digitally (by email)*

Sufficient information provision about availability of customs offices for checks etc...

Met vriendelijke groeten,
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