

PRESS RELEASE**Accreditation of Customs Representatives:
Not a good idea!**

Being aware that proposals are circulating regarding the accreditation of Customs Representatives under the Modernised Customs Code, EUROCHAMBRES expresses its concern that such a system is likely to add an administrative burden to European business.

Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES, stated: *“An accreditation of Customs Representatives will not lead to any simplification which, after all, is the objective of the new Community Customs Code.”*

“All companies, including customs representatives, will already be subject to the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) application procedure; why adding an additional layer to the system?”, added Mr Abruzzini.

EUROCHAMBRES supports a system where all economic operators can choose if they want to declare the goods by themselves, or to use a customs representative. It is the market, and not an accreditation system, that will ultimately determine efficient representatives.

EUROCHAMBRES' views on the issue are summarised in a position paper on the role of Customs Representatives under the Modernised Customs Code, released today.

**EUROCHAMBRES position paper can be downloaded from
[http://eurochambres.eu/PDF/pdf_position_2007/070221-PP Customs Representatives.pdf](http://eurochambres.eu/PDF/pdf_position_2007/070221-PP_Customs_Representatives.pdf)**

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