



# **BELGIAN CUSTOMS**

# IMPORT PROCEDURE

ZEEBRUGGE (BE/EU)

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## **BELGIUM**

- 1 of the 28 EU states
- 1 European legislation
- 1 customs tariff
- = 1 way of acting



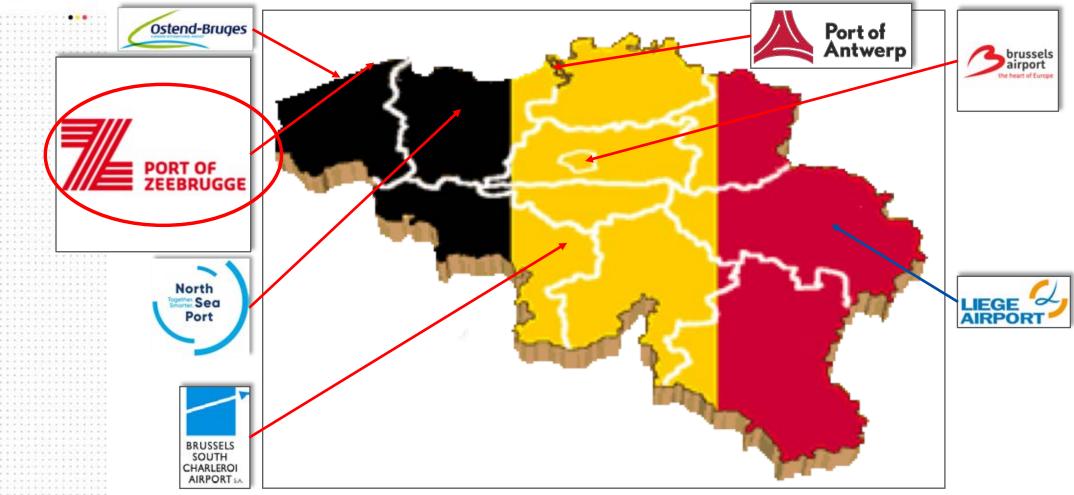
The Belgian General Administration of Customs and Excise is part of the Federal Public Service Finance.



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## BELGIAN CUSTOMS BORDER OFFICES – AIRPORTS AND PORTS

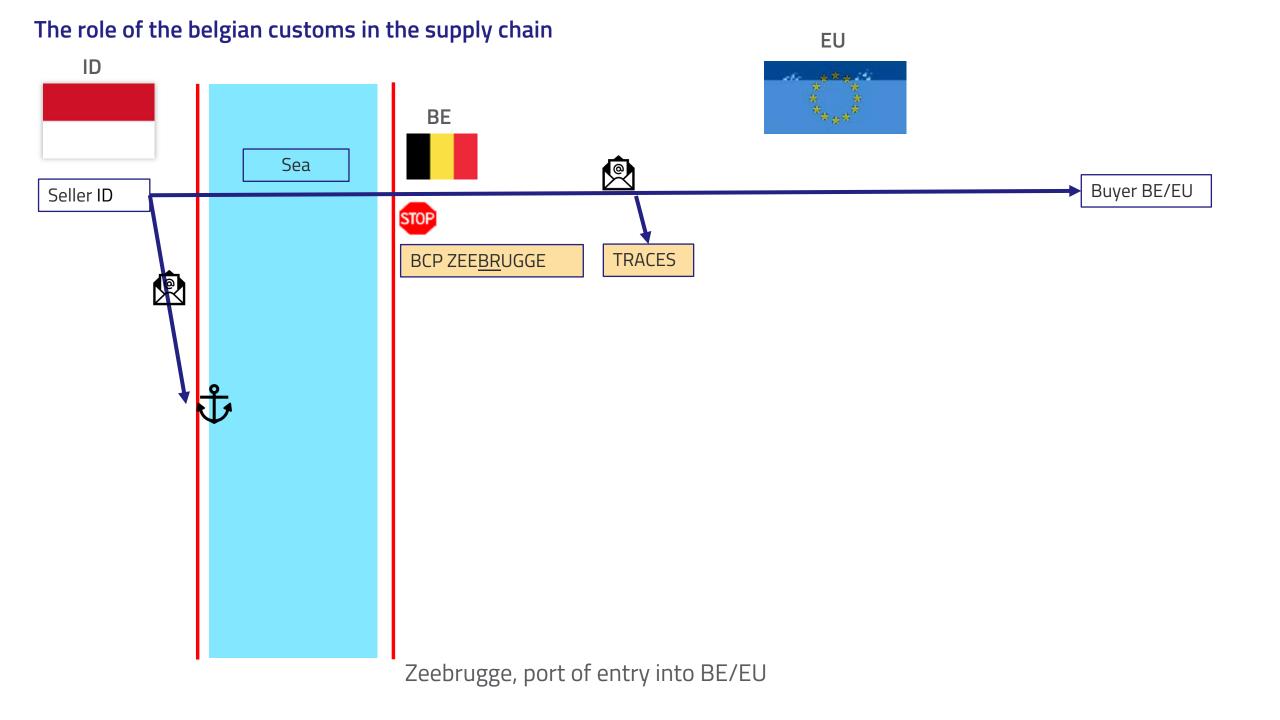


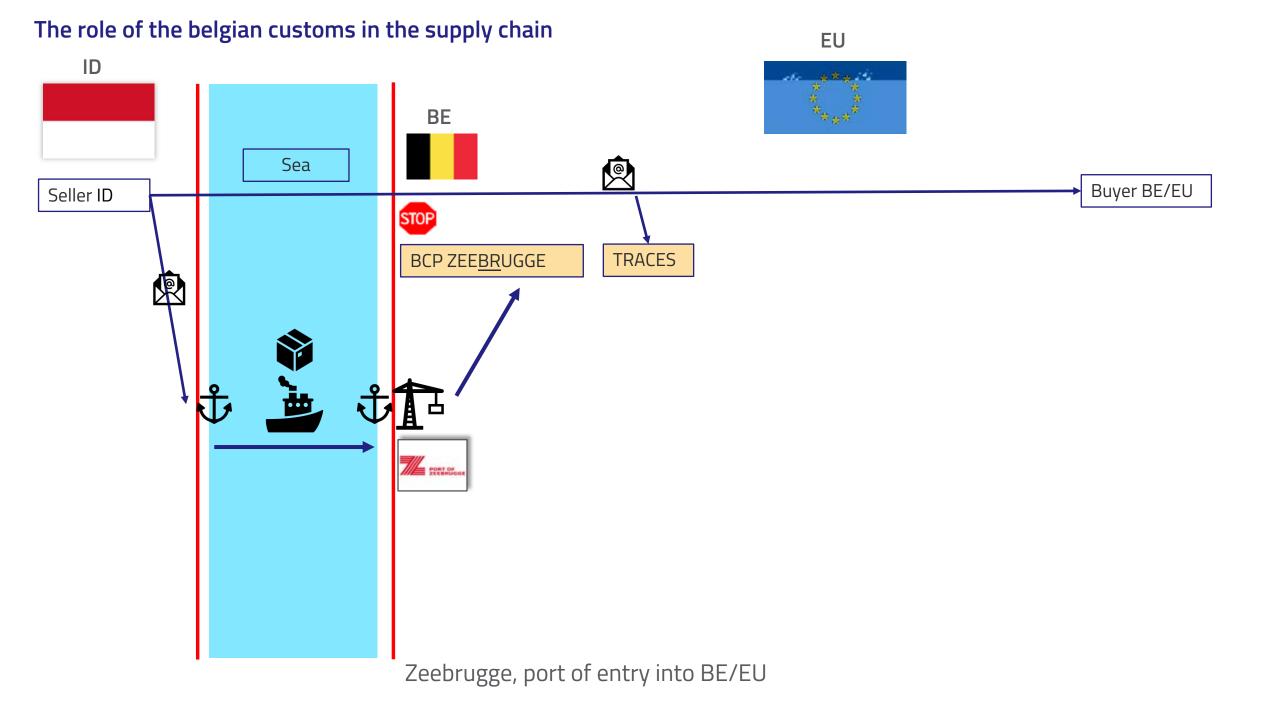


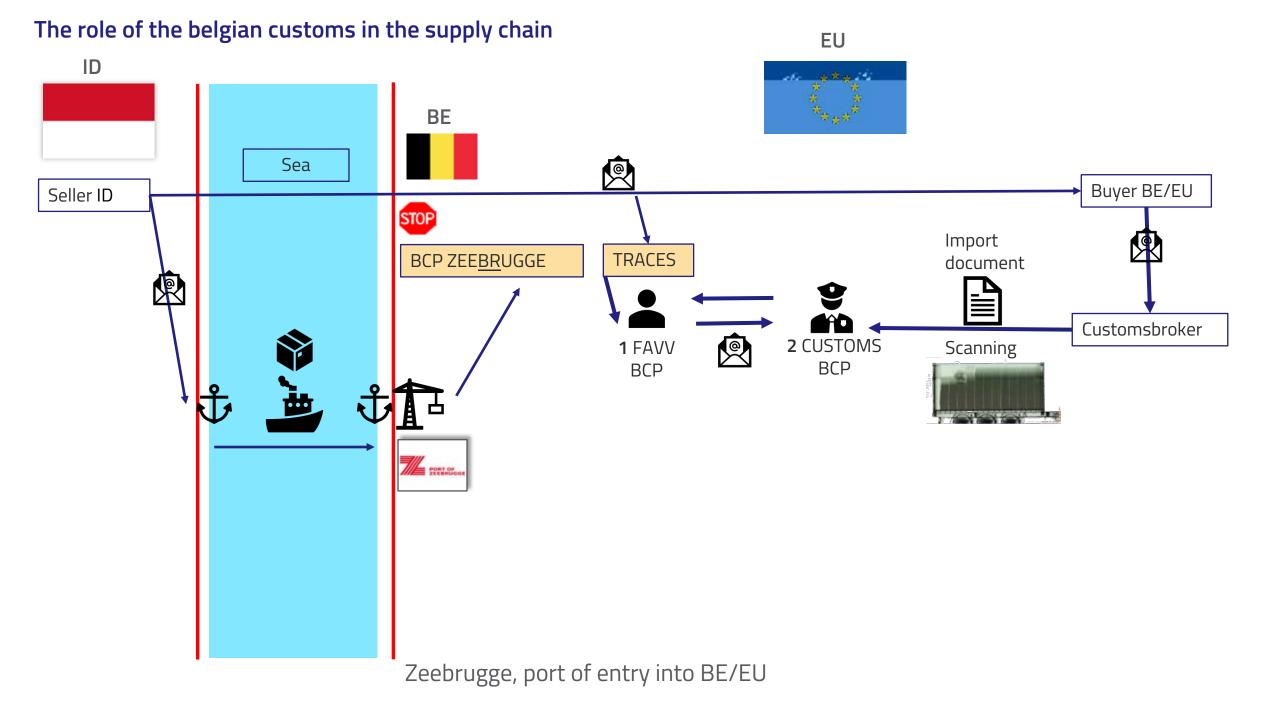
## BORDER CONTROL POST ZEEBRUGGE

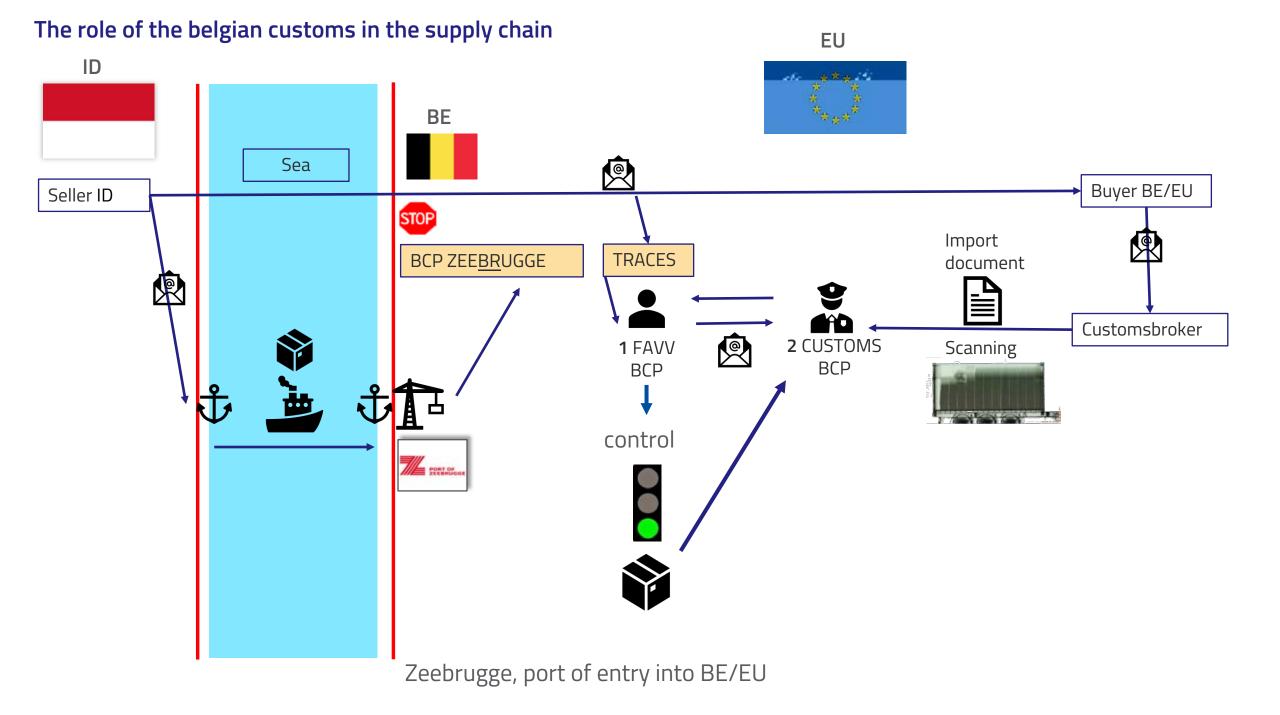
- started in 2010
- working hours: weekly from 6 AM till
   10 PM + office hours weekend
- capacity: > 15 containers/hour (scanning and control)
- customs officers with a lot of experience
- in co-operation with FAVV
- good relationship with port authorities and customs brokers/logistical service providers
- gateway to Belgium and Europe

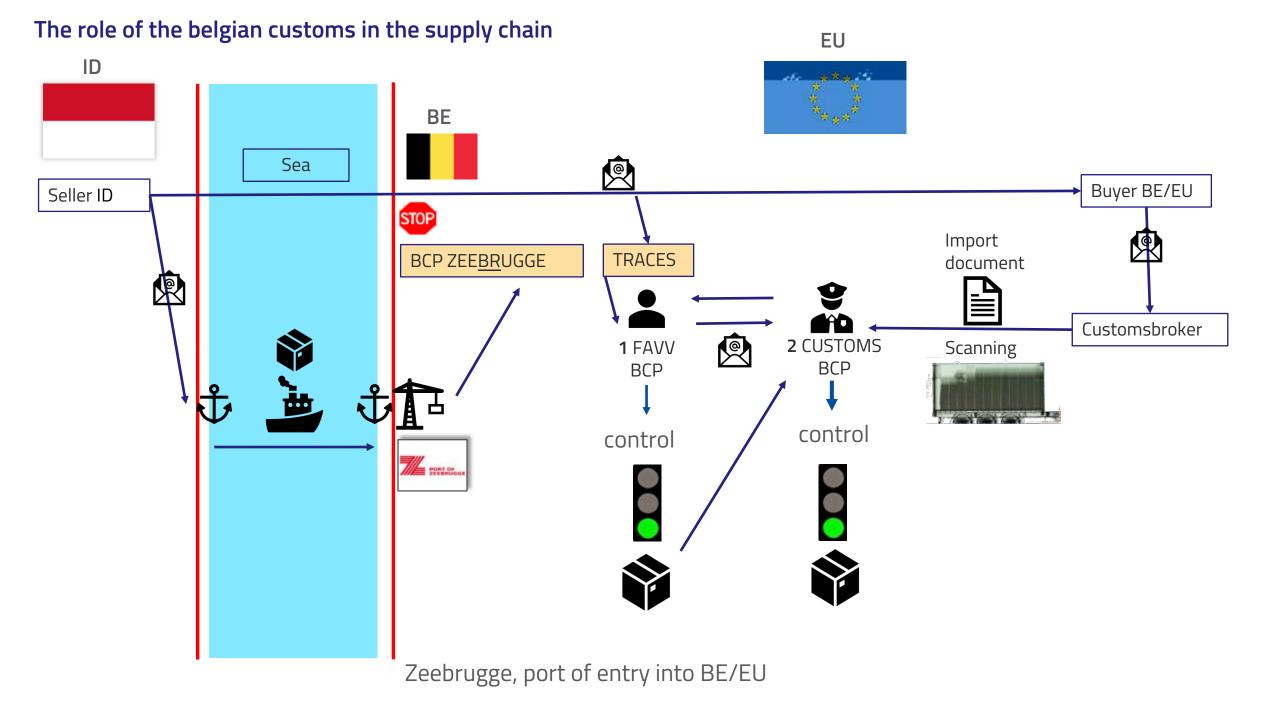


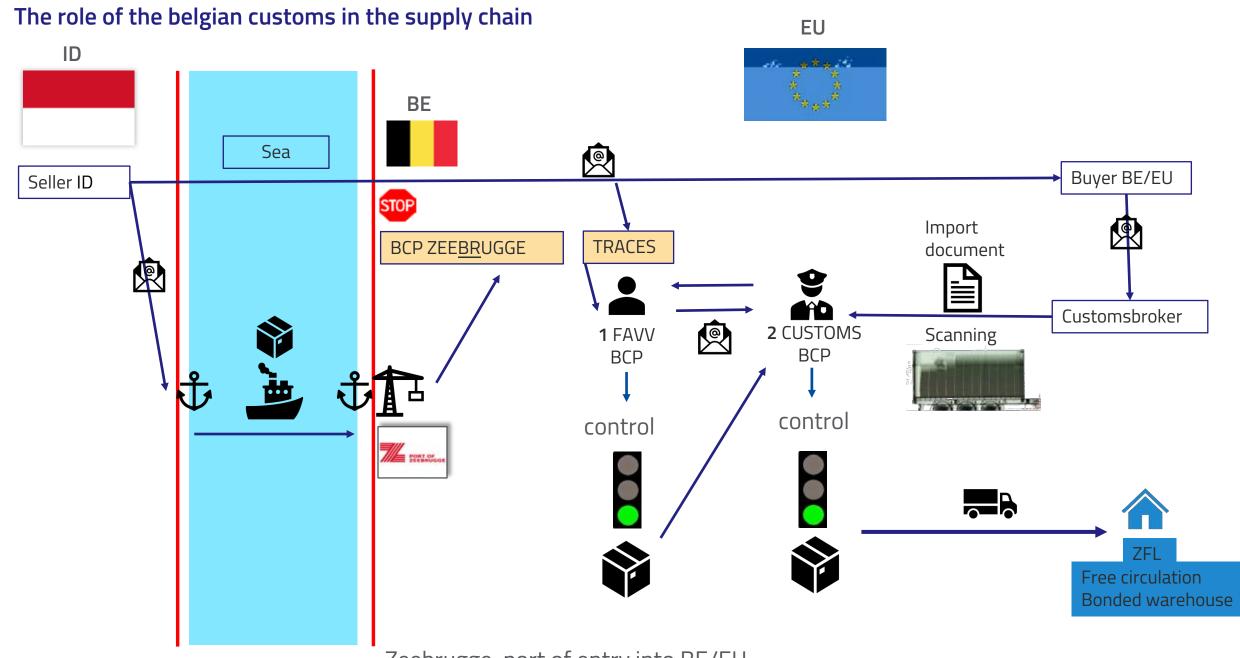




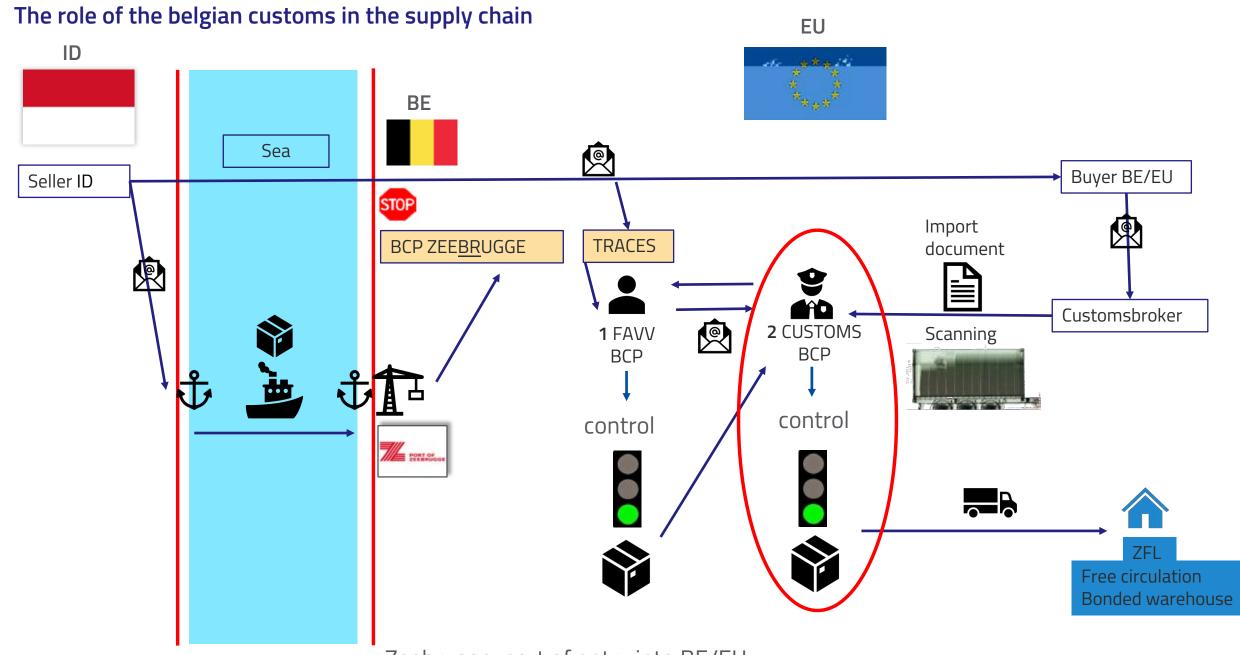








Zeebrugge, port of entry into BE/EU

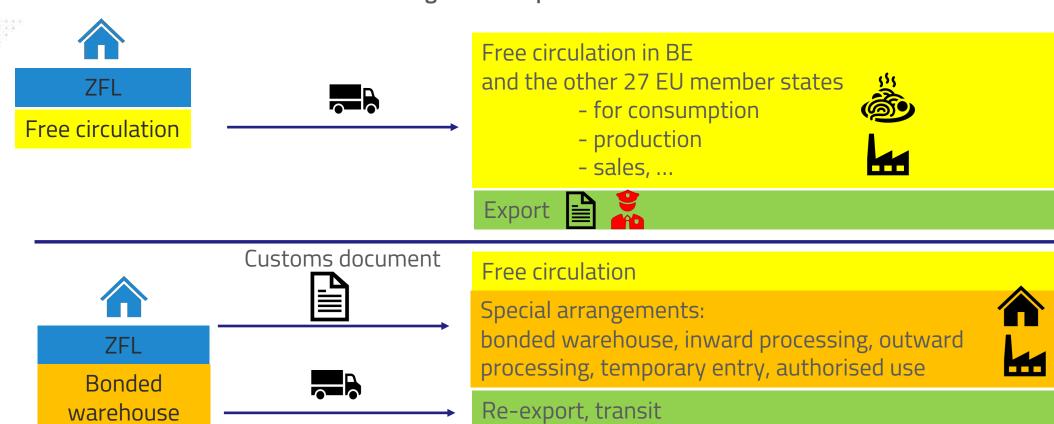


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## **CUSTOMS PROCEDURES**

Goods can be declared for the following customs procedures:







## WHAT DOES CUSTOMS DO

## In application of the Union Customs Code

## Supervision of the flow of goods:

- -> apply laws and regulations customs or other administrations
- -> safety and security measures
- -> stopping incorrect goods

#### Control

- goods
- declarations
- -> on import and export

### Collecting:

- import duties
- VAT on import



## CONTROL – DECLARATIONS AND GOODS

### Control on import

Import declaration + goods must obligated be presented to customs at the border control post.

### 2 types of control:

- physical verification
- documentary control

#### Based on an import declaration:

- the declaration data (commodity code, tariffs, quantity,...)
- the details of the invoice (description of the goods, value, incoterms, ...)
- other attached documents (REX supplier declaration,...)

The customs debt is determined and the duties are calculated.



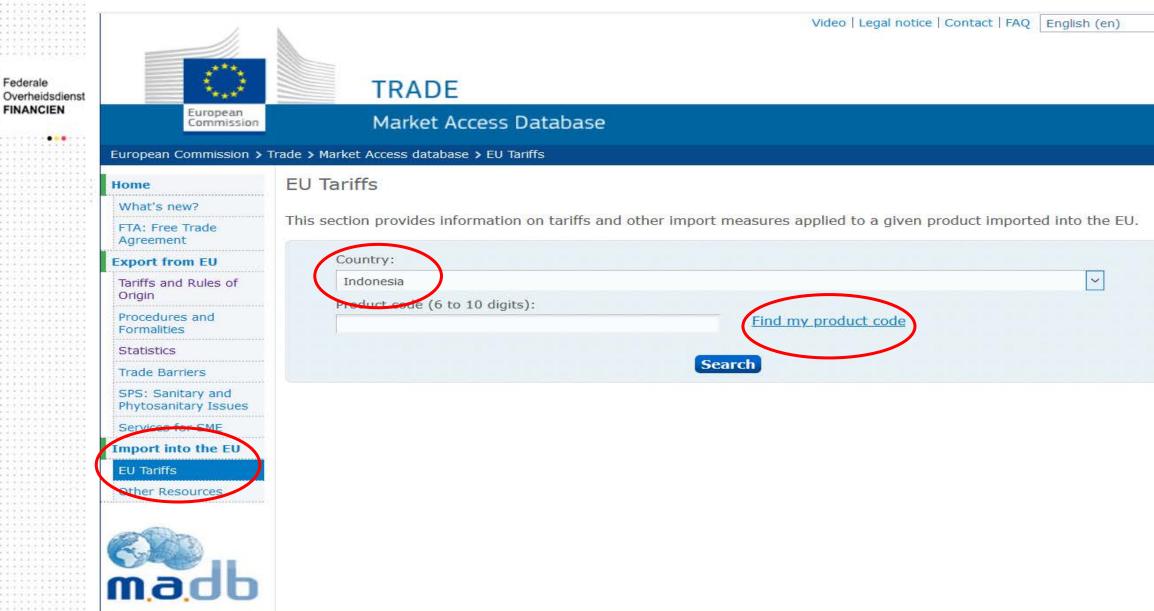
## **COMMODITY CODE**

The base of the customs debt is the determination of the commodity code.

To find an correct commodity code or product description, use the european database: M.A.DB <a href="https://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm">https://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm</a>

The market access database gives also information to companies about import van goods into the EU.

-> % importduties + rules to apply in the EU.



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## How to find the commodity code of frozen tilapia fillets

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## Commodity code frozen tilapia fillets: 0304 6100 00



Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen

- Fresh or chilled fillets of tilaplas (Oreochromis spp.), catfish (Pangasius spp., Silurus spp., Clarias spp., Ictalurus spp.), carp (Cyprinus spp., Carassius spp., Ctenopharyngodon idellus, Hypophthalmichthys spp., Cirrhinus spp., Mylopharyngodon piceus, Catla catla, Labeo spp., Osteochilus hasselti, Leptobarbus hoeveni, Megalobrama spp.), eels (Anguilla spp.), Nile perch (Lates niloticus) and snakeheads (Channa spp.)

Tilapias (Oreochromis spp.)	03	04	310000
+ Catfish (Pangasius spp., Silurus spp., Clarias spp., Ictalurus spp.)	03	04	320000
Nile perch (Lates niloticus)	03	04	330000
+ Other	03	04	390000
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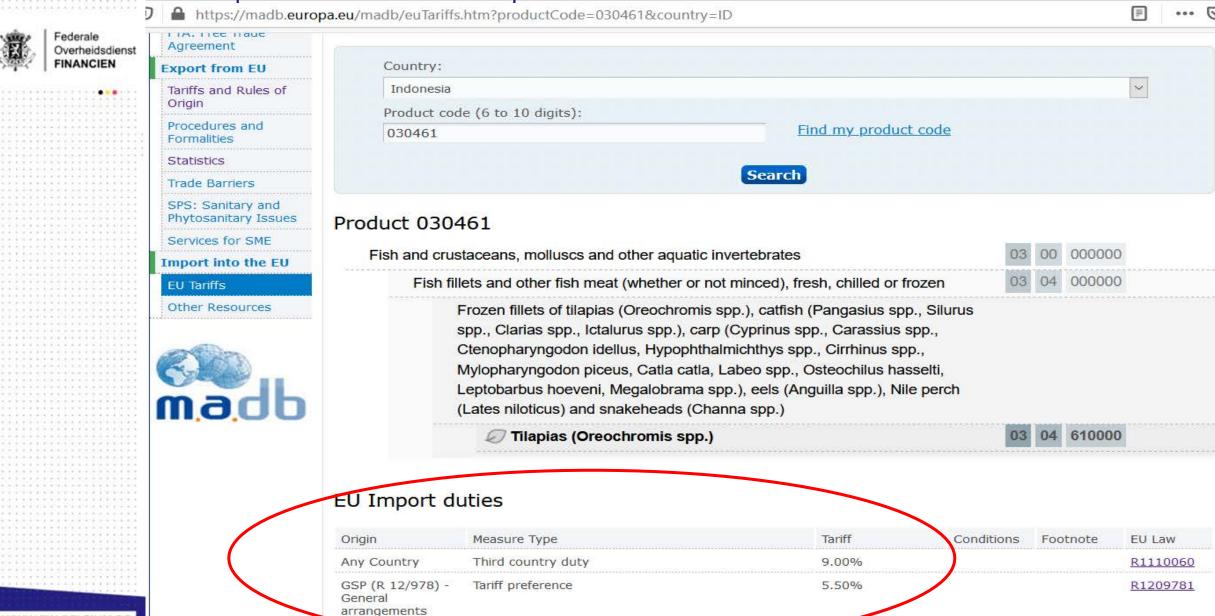
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+ Other	03	04	690000

- + Frozen fillets of fish of the families Bregmacerotidae, Euclichthyidae, Gadidae, 03 04 710000 790000 Macrouridae, Melanonidae, Merlucciidae, Moridae and Muraenolepididae
- + Frozen fillets of other fish 03 04 810000 890000 + Other, frozen 03 04 910000 - 990000

## EU import duties frozen tilapia fillets 0304 6100 00



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## How to find the commodity code of frozen lobster

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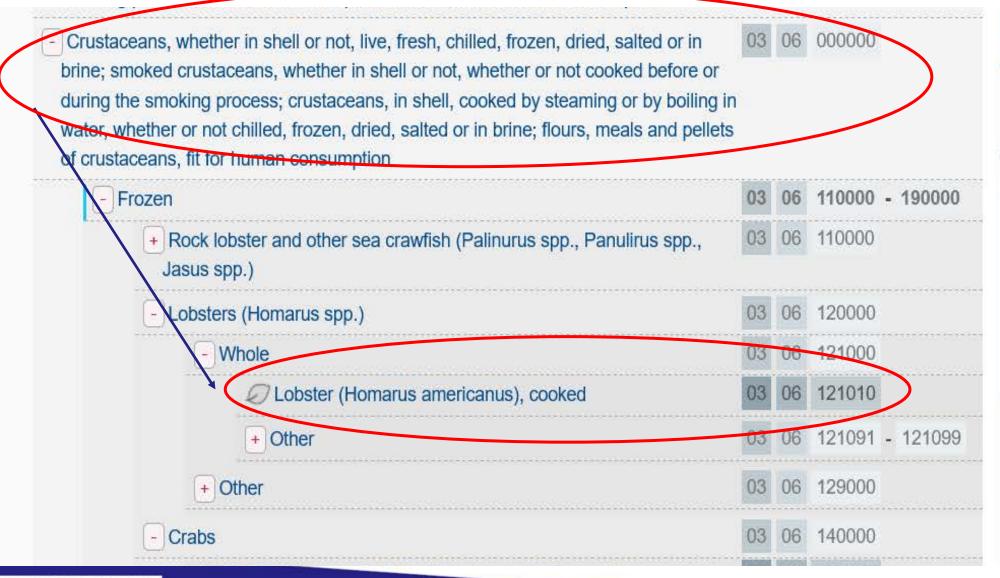


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### Commodity code whole frozen lobster, cooked: 0306 1210 10





### EU import duties whole frozen lobster, cooked: 0306 1210 10







#### Product 0306121010

Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; smoked crustaceans, whether in shell or not, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption

Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates

Frozen				
Lobsters (Homarus spp.)	03	06	120000	
Whole	03	06	121000	
C Lobster (Homarus americanus), cooked	03	06	121010	

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#### **EU Import duties**

Origin	Measure Type	Tariff	Conditions	Footnote	EU Law
Any Country	Third country duty	6.00%			R9530090
Any Country	Non preferential tariff quota	0%	Show	CD332	R0206601
GSP (R 12/978) - General arrangements	Tariff preference	2.10%		TM547	R1209781

#### Footnotes

Code	Description
CD332	Access to this tariff quota shall be reserved for products: - in free circulation in Saint Pierre and Miquelon and transhipped there, - transported directly to the Community, - accompanied by an export certificate EXP issued by the customs authorities of Saint Pierre and Miquelon in accordance with the conditions laid down in Annex IV of Decision 2001/822/EC (OJ L 314/01).
TM547	Application of Article 7.3 of Regulation (EC) No 978/2012 (OJ L 303).



## **INCOTERMS**

Incoterms are important when calculating the customs value.

Customs value is calculated on base of:

- price of the goods
- costs, related to the sale, made outside the EU (transport, handling, insurance, ...)

An example:

FOB (Free On Board) Seaport ID: value based on invoiceprice + costs

CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) Zeebrugge: cost are included in the invoiceprice



## ORIGIN AND PREFERENCES

#### **ORIGIN**

**REX** = Registered Exporter system

- system of certification of origin of goods based on a principle of self-certification.
- the origin of goods is declared by economic operators themselves = registered exporters
- -> Certificates of origin Form A issued by governmental authorities are replaces by invoice declarations made out by economic operators.

Indonesia has joined REX since 01/01/2019.

#### **PREFERENCES**

Currently GSP: Generalised Scheme of Preferences

Meanwhile, negotiations EU- Indonesia to obtain a Free Trade Agreement



## CUSTOMS /COVID-19

Covid-19 and the lockdown does not prohibit the movement of the goods and products. Regular trade can continue without obstacles.

Measures were only taken for some medical supply's.



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