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PROJECT Combined Nomenclature (CN) Management System
SUMMARY In order to monitor the flow of goods into and out of the European Union, the goods are identified with reference to a nomenclature for tariff and statistical purposes, the Combined Nomenclature. The CN consists of a table of goods descriptions with related codes together with rules and notes for its interpretation.

LEGAL BASIS	
General	Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff.
Mandatory use of I.T.	None.

DESCRIPTION
Contents:
In the past, the CN regulation and the CN Explanatory Notes (CNENs) were prepared manually on paper, i.e. without any kind of electronic support (+/- 1000 pages in each official language for the CN). The new CN management system supports the publication process of the CN regulation and of the CNENs and solves potential inconsistencies between linguistic versions. As it's possible to provide OPOCE with the manuscript in electronic form, the system also helps reducing delays in the publication process.
Process:
The new system enables the users to:
  – edit the CN regulation/CNENs electronically and in a user-friendly way,
  – manage the versioning process,
  – manage the translation process,
  – produce a voting document,
  – assess the impact of a set of changes, proposed or already approved, on the regulation as a whole,
  – provide OPOCE with the manuscript in electronic form,
  – export all/updated CN descriptions to TARIC.

STATUS - The editorial support of the CN is operational since May 2005. - New major functional release in production since June 2006. - The editorial support of the CNENs is operational since December 2006.
PLANNED ACTIVITIES - Next functional release planned to be delivered in 2007.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Technical infrastructure:
- Sun Solaris OS 2.9
- Oracle RDBMS v9.2.0.4 database system, UTF-8 as character encoding scheme
- BEA Weblogic v8.1 SP3
- DeltaXML
- MS Office 2003

Comments:
- Licenses to deploy the updated version of XEP (XEP4) from RenderX in various environments are required.