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PROJECT
TARIC (Tarif Intégré Communautaire)

SUMMARY
The Community's integrated tariff supports the correct and uniform application of tariff legislation for external commerce within all Member States.

LEGAL BASIS	
General	Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, 23 July 1987, Art 2
Mandatory use of I.T.	none

DESCRIPTION

Contents:

All tariff related legislation for industrial and agricultural products is integrated into the TARIC system, including the totality of preferential measures. Furthermore all commercial policy measures to be applied to imports or exports are included in the system (e.g. surveillance, quantitative restrictions, prohibition and anti-dumping measures).

Process:

− The tariff-related legislation is integrated by DG TAXUD. Provisions exist for other services to submit their data electronically.
− The data is electronically transmitted on a daily basis to the customs administrations of the Member States, where it serves as reference to their customs clearance systems. It is possible to make a (full) electronic extraction for interested parties, such as other services of the Commission, Member States or candidate countries.
− Available to the public through an annual publication (OJ C series) via OPOCE.
  Since September 2000, on-line consultation on the Europa server.

STATUS
- In production since 1994.
- New batch and reporting environment to support reports in the new languages (March 2004)
- Extended to all new Member States since May 2004 – no issues reported during enlargement.
- Extractions for all Member States in Unicode (UTF-8) since 1/5/2004
- Extended to BG and RO since January 2007

PLANNED ACTIVITIES
- 2007: realise a better integration and harmonisation with the quota and surveillance system
- TARIC3: new system (2007-2009, due to phase-out of Oracle SQL*FORMS)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Technical infrastructure:
− Sun Solaris OS
− Oracle 9 database system, UTF-8 as character encoding scheme
− Oracle Forms6; PC clients use terminal emulation.
− Reports in Pro*C
− Uses a library of functions 'Tartech' (common to Taric 2, Ecics, Unit Values)
− The transmissions to Member States use the CCN/CSI infrastructure.

Comments:
− No support for Oracle Forms6 beyond 2008, development strategy to be decided