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### INFORMATION SHEET ON I.T. PROJECTS

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<b>PROJECT</b> ECICS2 - European Customs Inventory of Chemical Substances	
<b>SUMMARY</b> The system contains classification decisions on chemical products.	
<b>LEGAL BASIS</b>	
<b>General</b>	Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2658/87
<b>Mandatory use of I.T.</b>	none
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	
<u>Contents:</u> Customs classification of most commonly traded chemical products, described by chemical names and synonyms in all official languages, CAS (Chemical Abstract System) references and chemical structure drawings. References to documents on the classification decision.	
<u>Process:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The Commission facilitates the classification process by preparing papers to the appropriate committees. The Commission collects, validates and translates data.</li><li>– Available to the public through the annual publication of an Inventory and as annexes to the Combined Nomenclature (OJ L series) via OPOCE.</li><li>– On-line consultation of public data on the Europa server via the DDS system.</li><li>– On-line consultation of confidential data by the National Administrations via CCN/CSI.</li></ul>	
<b>STATUS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The business modelling and the definition of the scope of the new system, its related budget and planning have been completed.</li><li>– The functional specifications are ongoing.</li><li>– ECICS2 will use the common software architecture framework of the recent Customs applications, as replacement for the obsolete technologies currently used by ECICS.</li></ul>	
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The functional specifications and ECICS migration plan are planned for February 2007.</li><li>– The design specifications are planned for May 2007.</li><li>– The deployment of a first development phase, including only functionality for Commission users, is planned for November 2007.</li></ul>	
<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION</b>	
<u>Technical infrastructure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Sun Solaris OS 2.9</li><li>– Oracle RDBMS 10G database system, UTF-8 as character encoding scheme</li><li>– BEA Weblogic v8.1</li><li>– Internet browser</li><li>– CCN/CSI network between the Commission and the National Administrations</li></ul>	
<u>Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>–</li></ul>	