

Study evenings Customs Law

Antwerp Tax Academy discusses current legal issues of customs law in eight lectures, spread over four Thursday evenings.

On 1 May 2016, the Union Customs Code entered into force in the European Union, together with the Delegated Regulation and Implementing Regulation, established by the European Commission.

Even if this was not an absolute big bang, the fundamental importance of these legislative innovations should not be underestimated. A familiar era has come to an end in which, since 1994, the Community Customs Code and the relevant implementing code have dominated European customs law. In addition, the changes are numerous, yet substantial in certain areas. A particularly long transition period has been envisaged, running until December 31, 2020, whereby a uniform entry into force of the new provisions is not always envisaged.

The concrete application of customs law in Belgium has often led to frictions in legal practice. Recourse was frequently sought to jurisdictional solutions, both in the case of specific applications in the context of Community customs law, but also in the event of disputes arising as a result of the conflict between this modern law and the traditional Belgian enforcement law.

Recognition was obtained from the IGO, as well as from the OVB (2 points/evening - 8 points for the whole cycle).

Programme:

Under the chairmanship of Bruno Peeters (full professor UAntwerp) and Eric Van Dooren (counselor of the Antwerp Court of Appeal – lecturer UAntwerp)

Thursday 17 November 2016: Procedural simplifications and special arrangements following the Union Customs Code

Views and expectations of market participants

Jan Van Wesemael (senior advisor customs and compliance Alfaport - voka)

Approach from the customs administration (AAD&A)

Werner Rens (advisor-general customer management and marketing AAD & A)

Thursday 24 November 2016: recent developments in substantive customs law

Substantive changes by the Union Customs Code

Dirk Aerts (partner Customs4Trade BVBA)

Customs debt and customs representation

Michel Cornette and Véronique Beeckx (lawyers bar Antwerp)

Thursday, December 1, 2016: recent developments regarding the tax litigation

European customs law

Patricio Diaz Gavier (lawyer at the Brussels Bar) National customs law

Erik Gevers (lawyer at the Antwerp Bar)

Thursday 8 December 2016: recent developments in customs criminal law

Elements of substantive customs criminal procedure

Filip Van Volsem (Judge of the Court of Cassation)

Elements of customs criminal procedure law

Eric Van Dooren (counselor of the Antwerp Court of Appeal – teacher

UAntwerp)

Closing words: 'Current challenges of Belgian customs regarding customs and other regulations'

Kristian Vanderwaeren (Administrator General AAD&A)

Practical

Four Thursday evenings: November 17 and 24 and December 1 and 8, 2016.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. City Campus University of Antwerp - Aula C.002 - Prinsstraat 13 Welcome with sandwiches from 6.30 pm.

Participation fee: 1 study evening: € 140 / 4 study evenings: € 500