

## Why should you attend?

***New safety and security provisions proposed by the European Commission for the Community Customs Code will significantly increase the costs of importing and exporting in Europe. Simplifications foreseen in the Modernisation of the Community Customs Code are thus imperative to ensure European competitiveness.***

***This conference, gathering officials from the European Commission, the EU Member States, Members of the European Parliament and representatives from a wide range of industry sectors, offers a timely opportunity to explore in detail the key developments and future direction of European customs policy.***

### Where?



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## Organisers

**UNICE** is the voice of more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, UNICE's members are 39 central industrial and employers' federations from 33 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

Through its 180 national member associations in 70 countries the **IRU** represents the entire road transport industry world-wide. It speaks for the operators of coaches, taxis and trucks, from large transport fleets to driver-owners.

**American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU)** is the voice of companies of American parentage committed to Europe towards the institutions and governments of the European Union. It aims to ensure an growth oriented business and investment climate in Europe.

**EUROPRO** is an umbrella body for European trade facilitation committees and other like-minded, non-profit-making bodies. EUROPRO is industry sector neutral and aims to promote trade facilitation and remove procedural barriers to trade.

**European Express Association (EEA)** represents express delivery companies and associations, both large and small, in Europe. In the EU-25 alone, the express industry currently employs 250,000 people and delivers more than 450 million packages each year, constituting almost half of the intra-European air cargo market. It has been forecast that, by 2013, the express industry will employ 550,000 people in the EU-25.

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# European Customs in a Changing World

**Creating a more competitive business  
environment in Europe**

**Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2006  
9.15 - 17.00**

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Rue du Parnasse 19  
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## Registration Form

Please return this form by **Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2006** to:

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**Registration Fee (excluding VAT): €250**

I would like to register for the Conference on European Customs in a Changing World on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2006.

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## Programme

**9.15 Welcome coffee and registration**

**9.45 Opening Remarks by Conference Chair**  
**Peter Wilmott**, Director SITPRO

**10.00 Ensuring European Competitiveness:**  
**Improving the business environment through**  
**modernised customs procedures**

**László Kovács**, European Commissioner for  
Taxation and Customs Union

**Philippe de Buck**, Secretary-General, UNICE

**Jean Martin**, Chair of the Confederation of the  
Food and Drink Industries of the EU (CIAA)

**11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.30 State of play in the modernisation of**  
**European customs rules:**  
**Where are we? Where are we going?**

**Robert Verrue**, Director General for Taxation and  
Customs Union, European Commission

**Bettina Vogl-Lang**, Deputy Director General,  
Austrian Ministry of Finance

**Jaap Mulders**, Chairman of the European Express  
Association

**13.00 Buffet Luncheon**

**14.30 Striking a balance between security**  
**requirements and trade facilitation**

**Mirosław Zielinski**, Director for Customs Policy,  
European Commission

**Wolfgang Elsner**, Head of Unit, Security of surface  
transport and transport of dangerous goods,  
European Commission

**Tapani Erling**, Director General of the National  
Board of Customs, Finland

**Philip Challen**, Manager, European Duties and  
Customs Compliance, General Electric  
International

**16.15 Coffee Break**

**16.30 Closing Remarks by Conference Chair**  
**Peter Wilmott**, Director SITPRO

**17.00 Cocktail**

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