

The European Commission with an ambitious plan to reform the customs union

On May 17, the European Commission published a package of legislative proposals aimed at reforming the customs union.

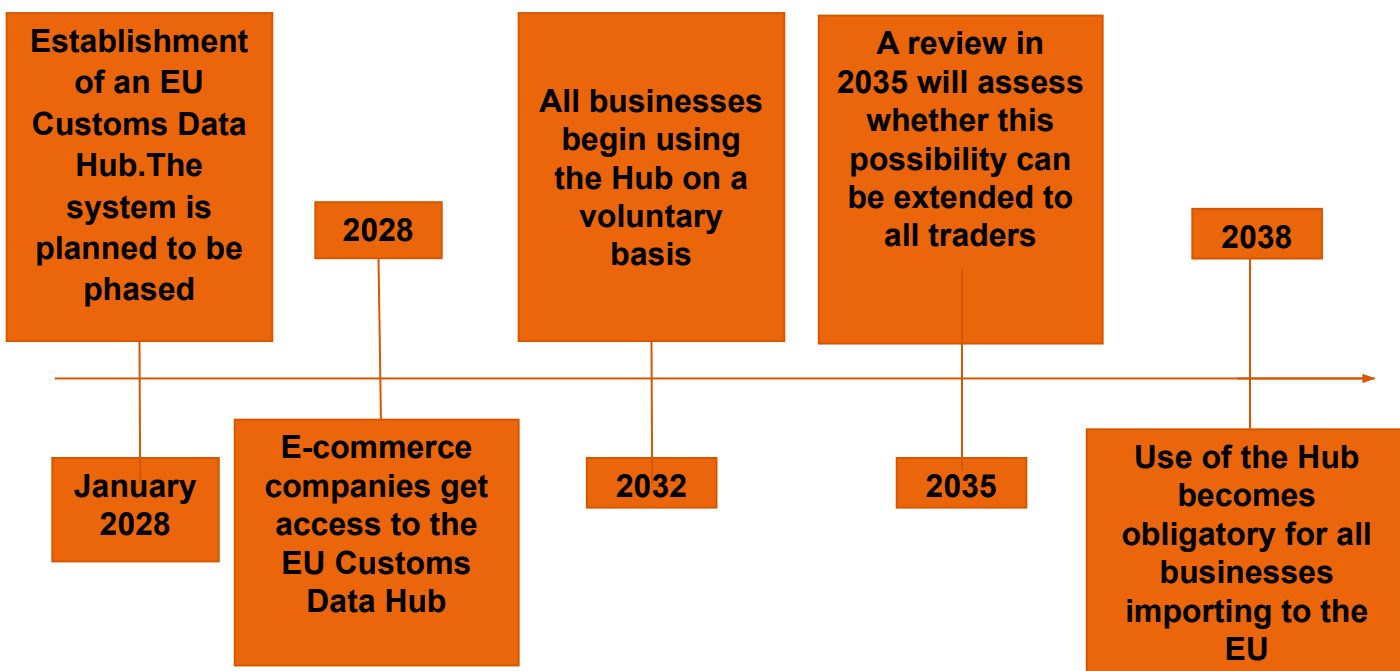
A new Union Customs Code has been proposed, which sets out the general rules and procedures for goods entering or leaving the customs territory of the Union. The new code establishes an EU Customs Authority and lays down rules, standards, and a framework for the management of an EU Customs Data Hub.

The expected main pillars of EU Customs Reform:

- The EU Customs Authority is expected to start work on 1 January 2028. This authority would act based on data provided through the EU Customs Data Hub. The idea is that the prioritization of risks and the coordination of customs checks would be carried out at the EU level.
- Establishment of an EU Customs Data Hub. Importers are expected to submit all information about their products and supply chains in a single online portal. The system is planned to be phased in with a start date of January 1, 2028.
- A different approach to e-commerce. Online platforms are planned to ensure that goods traded online in the EU meet all customs requirements and rules. The online platforms will act as importers and will be responsible for paying the relevant customs duties and VAT. From 2028, the EU Customs Data Hub is expected to be available for online platforms.
- From 2032, all importers would be able to access the Customs Data Hub on a voluntary basis.

- A new type of status is envisaged for traders - "Trust and Check trader". The most trusted traders are expected to be able to circulate their goods in the EU without any active intervention from the customs authorities. The Trust and Check trader category would build upon the already existing 'authorized economic operator' program for trusted traders.
- By 2038, the single Customs Data Hub is planned to replace 111 national information systems.

Timeframe





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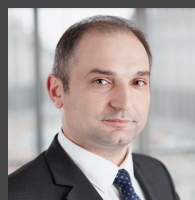
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