

# PROTECT meeting # 32

## Agenda 3 - eManifest Pilot Project

### Background and objectives

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- 2013 Commission issued Communication on Blue Belt, a Single Transport Area for shipping (COM(2013) 510 Final), which highlighted the main initiatives to achieve the Blue Belt objective – reduction of administrative burden:
  - Simplifying the Regular Shipping Service (RSS) application procedure (implemented by DG TAXUD in 2014);
  - Defining a proof of union status system to differentiate between EU and non-EU cargo carried by ships. Legal basis is included in the Union Customs Code but the necessary Proof of Union Status IT systems are still being developed; and
  - Establishing a harmonised electronic cargo manifest (eManifest) to facilitate voyages of vessels calling also in third country ports.
- 2015 DG MOVE and DG TAXUD launched, with the assistance of EMSA, the eManifest pilot project

## Main

- Develop a harmonised eManifest encompassing cargo formalities required by both maritime and customs authorities
- Reduce the administrative burden of the shipping industry by applying the reporting once principle
- Test processes which will increase the efficiency of the maritime transport

## Additional

- Assess whether MS authorities exchange cargo information via SafeSeaNet
- Assess whether exchange of eManifest can minimise the reporting obligations for ships trading between EU ports
- Assess how the tracking of the position of the ship could be supplemented with cargo information, as well as portraying it on a graphical interface

## ➤ **eManifest pilot project group**

- Meetings organised jointly with the ECCG members, representing the customs authorities
- 14 Member States and industry stakeholders (ECSA, ECASBA, ESPO, IPSCA) are participating in eManifest project
- Consultations are conducted through meetings and correspondence
- Project is being developed in phases. Results of each phase to be assessed in order to determine objectives of subsequent phase

## ➤ **Present cargo operations and reporting are not affected and should continue in parallel**

## ➤ **Results would be used in the impact assessment for revising the Reporting Formalities Directive**



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