



## Customs Flash

### Belgium

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## Paperless Customs and Excises: Mandatory EORI identification for imports

### Introduction

As part of the introduction of a new V17.0 version for the PLDA, economic operators importing into the EU will have to identify themselves with an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number as of 9 January 2017.

### Facts

Following the upcoming introduction of the new PLDA (Paperless Customs and Excises) version on 7 January 2017, economic operators involved in the importation of commodities will have to use an EORI number for identification.

This obligation was already in place since July 2009 for economic operators performing exports; it will also be applicable for imports as of 9 January 2017.

This number will have to be mentioned in Box 8 - Consignee of the Single Administrative Document (SAD).

### What does it mean for you?

In order to comply with this new requirement, economic operators performing imports without an EORI will have to

request an EORI number from the authorities before 9 January 2017.

However, economic operators already possessing an EORI number for their export activities do not need to obtain a new one.

## What to do?

Economic operators established in the customs territory of the Union must be registered by the customs authority or the designated authority of the Member State in which they are established.

However, economic operators not established in the customs territory of the Union, and who do not have an EORI number, must be registered by the customs authority of the territory where that economic operator first files a declaration or requires a decision.

For economic operators wishing to acquire an EORI number in Belgium, the application should be filed through a form made available on the Belgian authorities' [website](#).

The authorities have indicated that the granting of such number might not occur on the day of application. Therefore, it is crucial to request it from the authorities well in advance.

Deloitte's Customs and Global Trade (CGT) team can provide guidance on this process and answer inquiries regarding import and export activities.

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