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Delegated Act and Implementing Act of the Union Customs Code

The Delegated Act and the Implementing Act of the new Union Customs Code were officially published on 29 December 2015.

These regulations entered into force on 18 January 2016, the 20th day following the date of publication. The Implementing Act and the Delegated Act will be applicable as of 1 May 2016.

In addition to the Delegated Act and the Implementing Act, the European Commission also adopted a delegated act to provide for transitional rules for economic operators and customs authorities pending the introduction of new IT systems. Not all Member States are expected to have their IT systems updated and running as required based on the Union Customs Code prior to 1 May 2016. In practice, this means that economic operators will have to find an alternative means of exchanging data, etc. with the customs authorities. In order to facilitate this process the Transitional Act provides for transitional provisions on the exchange and storage of data in the absence of certain IT systems. This act sets forth regulations applicable to, amongst others, the use of existing systems or the use of paper formats, to facilitate the implementation of the Union Customs Code while work continues on the development and implementation of the relevant IT system. These transitional rules will be applicable as of 1 May 2016 until the respective IT system has been updated and/or implemented. The final adjustments are scheduled to take place by the end of 2020.

Based on the aforementioned regulations, Member States are obliged to establish a new implementation legislation. The new legislation should enter into force on 1 May 2016 at the latest. **In Hungary the establishment of the new legislation is currently underway.**

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