

Customs watch — Week of 7 to 13 September 2026

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European Union

Anti-dumping: imports of welded steel mesh (China, Türkiye) and steel shelving (China) made subject to registration · 11/09/2026 · [\[High\]](#)

Two Commission implementing regulations of 10 September 2026, published in the Official Journal L series of 11 September 2026, make the imports concerned subject to registration with a view to allowing anti-dumping duties to be levied retroactively on the registered imports. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2022: welded steel mesh originating in the People's Republic of China and Türkiye. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2023: bolted and boltless steel shelves originating in the People's Republic of China. Registration is a procedural measure: it does not impose a duty, but it opens the possibility of retroactive application should definitive measures be adopted at the close of the investigations. Importers clearing these products during the registration period therefore carry a deferred financial exposure that should be provisioned and covered contractually.

→ [Regulation 2026/2022](#) · [Regulation 2026/2023](#) · [OJ L of 11/09/2026](#)

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* library not mounted during this run. Leads: no dedicated "Anti-dumping" thematic folder identified to date — check tariff notes and provisioning procedures possibly filed under Origine/ and Valeur en douane CH OPHOVEN/.

EU Union Handling Fee: acts expected to be adopted on 21 September 2026, application from 1 November 2026 · 07/09/2026 · [\[High\]](#)

The French customs IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 7 September 2026 reports that the European Commission has transmitted to the Member States the draft delegated act and draft implementing act establishing the EU handling fee on low-value consignments. These acts, currently under negotiation, are expected to be adopted on 21 September 2026 for entry into force on 1 November 2026. In parallel, the DELTA H7 release enabling calculation of the fee will remove the possibility of using additional procedure code F53 for CO-type consignments: from the go-live date, all CO consignments must be cleared under code F15. The COMINT1 office will hold a presentation webinar as soon as sufficiently reliable information is available.

→ [IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 07/09/2026](#)

Background: the French national "small parcels" tax was repealed and replaced by the EUR 3 flat-rate customs duty on 1 July 2026, following the removal of the tariff exemption for low-value consignments.

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* E-commerce/ folder (H7 procedures, additional procedure codes F48/F49/F53/F15, calculation of charges) — priority review once the acts are adopted. Library not mounted: file names could not be verified this run.

Commission public consultation on VAT and the circular economy · 10/09/2026 · [\[Monitor\]](#)

The European Commission has opened a public consultation inviting stakeholders to propose changes to the VAT rules so that they better support circular business models (reuse, repair, leasing, refurbishment). A tax file upstream of any legislative proposal, but with potential import implications (customs value and VAT base of refurbished goods, returns and repairs).

→ [DG TAXUD announcement](#)

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* none at this stage (consultation). To be linked where relevant to Valeur en douane CH OPHOVEN/.

Also of note — other acts in the OJ L this week: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2029 fixing the import duties applicable to certain types of husked rice from 7 September 2026 (OJ L of 07/09); Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2020 amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for the United States for poultry, germinal products and fresh meat of poultry and game birds (07/09); Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1975 authorising an exemption under Regulation

(EU) 2024/573 for the use of fluorinated greenhouse gases in certain compressed-air drying equipment (09/09); Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1977 laying down the Union's final import response for carbosulfan and fenthion under the "prior informed consent" Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 (09/09); Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/1423 amending the "POPs" Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 as regards chlorpyrifos (10/09); renewals of plant protection active substances 2026/1968 (phosphine), 2026/1976 (pyraclostrobin) and 2026/2025 (mecoprop-P); Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1970 on data in the ETIAS Central System (08/09); biocidal product authorisations 2026/1974, 2026/2024, 2026/2026 and 2026/2028; geographical indication registrations 2026/2016 (Vin de Savoie) and 2026/2017; Decision (EU) 2026/2030 on signing the agreements amending the monetary agreements with Andorra and San Marino (10/09); European Parliament 2024 budget discharge decisions (10/09); numerous corrigenda, together with the corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2025/1988 on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in firefighting foams (08/09).

AEO & Trust and Check

Entry into force of the new Union Customs Code announced for 19 September 2026 · 07/09/2026 · source: news feed (A) · [\[High\]](#)

The French customs IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 7 September 2026 states expressly that "entry into force of the new Union Customs Code is scheduled for 19 September 2026". This deadline follows the formal approval of the reform by the Council of the EU on 3 September 2026.

Verification as at 15 September 2026 — the regulation has not been published in the Official Journal. The OJ L series was checked day by day from 7 to 14 September 2026 inclusive: the regulation reforming the Union Customs Code and establishing the European Union Customs Authority does not appear in it. Nor has the DG TAXUD "Union Customs Code" page been updated. The 19 September date is therefore arithmetically very tight: it would require publication by 18 September together with an entry-into-force clause derogating from the standard twenty-day period (entry into force on the day following, or the third day following, publication). Failing that, the deadline announced by French customs will slip. This is the number one point to watch for the next edition.

→ [Council press release of 03/09/2026](#) · [IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 07/09/2026](#) · [DG TAXUD UCC page](#)

What this means: entry into force of the regulation starts the clock on the implementing measures for the trust and check status (grant criteria, migration arrangements from AEO, EU Customs Authority and EU Customs Data Hub timetable); AEO files currently under application or re-assessment should from now on be documented in anticipation of the transparency and electronic-system access requirements specific to trust and check.

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* AEO/ and Réforme Code des douanes/ — review of all framing notes as soon as the regulation is published in the OJ. Library not mounted this run: file names could not be listed.

AEO documentation pages: baseline unchanged · checked 14/09/2026 · source: documentation pages (B) · [\[Monitor\]](#)

All three documentation pages were opened and compared with the 22 July 2026 baseline. The "AEO legislation and management instruments" page still shows the legal framework (Regulations 952/2013, 2015/2446, 2015/2447), the AEO Guidelines with their 4 annexes (self-assessment questionnaire, threats/risks and the AEO COMPACT model, security declaration template, examples of information to be shared) and the guidance "AEO – Customs cooperation to detect, report and react to suspicious activities" (ref. TAXUD/A3/002/2026 of 31 March 2026, already covered). No new document, no additional annex and no higher revision of the guidelines. The AEO parent page and the "Union Customs Code" page are likewise unchanged.

→ [AEO legislation and management instruments](#)

What this means: no corrective action is required on AEO files as regards the management instruments; guidance A3/002/2026 remains the most recent reference for the cooperation and suspicious-activity reporting strand.

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* none.

NAFORNA "EU Customs Reform: Guidance" page: no trust and check content to date · checked 15/09/2026 · source: documentation pages (B) · [\[Monitor\]](#)

The documentation compilation page maintained by the Belgian National Forum on the customs reform was opened and checked. For the "nUCC" strand, it still only references the 2023 Commission proposal for a regulation establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 (CELEX 52023PC0258). No document relating to the trust and check status, to the grant criteria or to migration from AEO has been posted there. The only entries flagged as new concern e-commerce: delegated regulation published in OJ L_202601022, and the Belgian customs administration's information note on the

temporary EUR 3 customs duty.

→ [NAFORNA — EU Customs Reform: Guidance](#)

What this means: the Belgian customs administration has not yet issued a national relay note on trust and check. As long as the page remains as it is, no Belgian position can be relied on in client files; the reference documentation remains the European text itself, once published.

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* Réforme Code des douanes/ — page to be placed back under weekly monitoring, as it is the first place Belgian guidance will appear.

Belgium

MASP: updated implementation timeframe published by the Belgian customs administration · 10/09/2026 · [\[Medium\]](#)

The General Administration of Customs and Excise (AGD&A / AAD&A) has published an updated implementation timeframe for the Multi-Annual Strategic Plan (MASP), relayed on 10 September 2026 by the National Forum. The update covers the AES, IDMS and CCI applications as well as the PN/TS building blocks. It extends the sequence of migrations launched over the summer: production availability of the "Create/Submit Declaration" functionality in IDMS WEB (26/08), revision of the import bulk process with the notification-and-undertaking mechanism being discontinued (18/08), and publication of the Goods Accounting / TARSIS-Full / TARSIS-Light guidelines for the administration of temporary storage facilities (06/08).

→ [NAFORNA — MASP: Timeframe Update](#)

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* AES/ and NCTS/ (migration timetables, declaration specifications). Library not mounted this run.

Also of note: FPS Finance ICT maintenance weekend on 12 and 13 September 2026, with MyMinFin and the other e-services unavailable on the Saturday between 07:00 and 17:00 (08/09). No customs press release on news.belgium.be over the period; the Council of Ministers of 11 September 2026 adopted no text with customs implications.

France

IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 7 September 2026: decommissioning of DELTA X Import, export followed by transit, new DELTA IE and SDS releases · 07/09/2026 · [\[High\]](#)

French customs announce several imminent deadlines. Filing of invalidation and amendment requests in DELTA X Import will close on 15 September 2026, the date of full decommissioning of the online service: from that date, requests benefiting from a three-year deadline must be filed on paper forms DI2D or DR2D. "Export followed by transit" — a simplification allowing goods intended for export to move under the transit procedure to the transit destination without exit formalities — is deployed from 15 September 2026; a BOD setting out the regulatory framework and declaration formalities was due to be issued by 14 September. Release V2.10 of DELTA I and DELTA E was delivered on 8 September 2026 and release V1.1.1 of SDS, including the link with DELTA T for export followed by transit, on 15 September; DELTA E V2.11 is scheduled for 29 September. The DELTA IE Export / GAMMA2 interconnection requires document code C651 in the "previous document" field for automatic discharge of e-ADs, with code 2003 tolerated until 31 October 2026. Finally, the automatic catch-up of unclosed French MRNs handled by the CCS should be completed by the end of September. A BOD on ship and aircraft supplies, and an update of the SDS BOD clarifying the use of the single transport contract (CTU), are announced by the end of September.

→ [IMPORT-EXPORT newsletter of 07/09/2026](#)

Background: instructions on invalidation (BOD No 7657) and amendment (BOD No 7655) of the customs declaration were issued on 19 July 2026. A note to operators of 15 July 2026 confirms that the recodification of the French national customs code has no impact on the rules applicable to national centralised clearance (DCN).

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* AES/ (export followed by transit, SDS, document codes), Accises/ (GAMMA2 interconnection, code C651 and the tolerance for code 2003 until 31/10/2026), NCTS/ (interaction with transit). Library not mounted this run.

Also of note: publication of the main foreign trade figures for July 2026 by the ministerial statistical service (08/09) and of the monthly tobacco sales data for France (07/09). No official customs bulletin with substantive regulatory content was identified over the period, recent BODs being mostly signature delegations.

Netherlands

Maritime temporary storage declaration (ATO): deadline postponed to 16 November 2026 · 11/09/2026 · [High]

Dutch Customs are postponing from 30 September 2026 to 16 November 2026 at 12:00 the deadline for migrating to the new temporary storage declaration (aangifte tijdelijke opslag, ATO) for the maritime process. Until that date the current ATO remains acceptable; from 16 November 2026 at 12:00, only ATOs complying with the new Message Implementation Guidelines (MIG01N) will be accepted. Filing continues via the Single Window. The change affects only declarants and software developers in the maritime sector, for the entry and temporary storage processes. Operators for whom Portbase files the ATO must confirm with Portbase that their IT system has been adapted, failing which they will no longer be able to file ATOs from the deadline, with consignment delays as a result. The final MIG01N specifications are published on the developer portal of the National Customs Helpdesk (NHD).

→ [Dutch Customs — new maritime ATO deadline](#)

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* NCTS/ and, where a temporary storage sub-folder exists, the temporary storage facility / ATO documentation. Library not mounted this run.

Digital File (Digitaal Dossier) extended to DECO declarations from 19 September 2026 · 10/09/2026 · [Medium]

The National Customs Helpdesk confirms that the Digital File is being rolled out for the Customs e-commerce system (DECO) from 19 September 2026: businesses filing their import declarations via DECO will from then on submit their supporting documents directly in digital form. The arrangement extends the Digital File already in place for DMS since 16 May 2026.

→ [NHD — Digitaal Dossier DECO](#)

▪ *RESOURCES documents potentially affected:* E-commerce/ (DECO procedures, transmission of supporting documents).

Luxembourg

No significant developments this week. The RSS feed of the Customs and Excise Administration remains active — the latest publication dates from 9 July 2026 (cash declarations via MyGuichet.lu) — but nothing was published between 7 and 13 September 2026. The publication frequency of this source is structurally low.

Key takeaways this week

- **15 September deadline in France:** full decommissioning of DELTA X Import and deployment of export followed by transit. Clients that have not filed their invalidation or amendment requests before that date will fall back on paper forms DI2D/DR2D, with longer processing times. To be flagged immediately on export files.
- **Entry into force of the new UCC: the 19 September 2026 deadline is not secured** — the regulation was still not published in the OJ L as at 14 September. This date should not be communicated as certain. AEO applications in preparation and forthcoming re-assessments should nonetheless already be built in anticipation of the electronic-system access requirements specific to trust and check.
- **EU handling fee from 1 November 2026:** adoption of the acts expected on 21 September. E-commerce clients should already schedule the adaptation of their H7 flows and the switch from additional procedure code F53 to F15 for CO-type consignments.
- **Dutch maritime ATO postponed to 16 November 2026:** two and a half additional months of margin, but the deadline is a hard stop. Clients going through Portbase must confirm without delay that their system has been adapted to the MIG01N specifications.
- **Anti-dumping registration on welded steel mesh and steel shelving:** importers of these products from China and Türkiye are exposed to retroactive levying of duties. Provision for this and review the pass-through clauses in current purchase contracts.
- **Updated Belgian MASP timetable:** the new AGD&A timeframe should be checked against Belgian clients' IDMS, AES, CCI and PN/TS migration plans.

