



Belgian Customs, your strategic partner

Belgian customs services to facilitate Vietnamese exporters and importers



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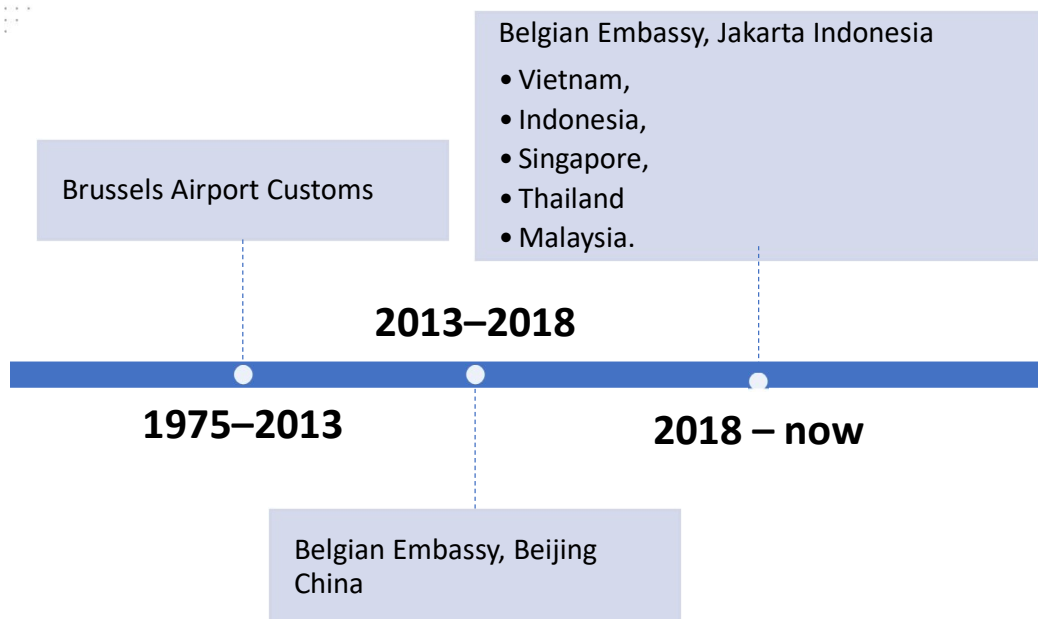


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Cooperation



Facilitation



Security



Protection



Enforcement



Economic support

Belgium as part of the European Union – Customs Union

FREE TRANSPORT OF GOODS

“The Customs Union is a single trading area where all goods circulate freely, whether made in the EU or imported from outside.”

- Customs Union
- 27 Member States
- **Free internal trade**
- **No internal frontiers or taxes**
- **Common external tariff** on goods entering the EU (Customs duties)
- **One EU VAT system** (Intra-community acquisition)



Belgium, your gateway to Europe with **CUSTOMS** **key link in the logistic chain**

- EVFTA with reduced or without import-taxes
- ET14000 (VAT)
- Import procedure 4200 (EU VAT system)
- EDC (European Distribution Centers)
- AEO (Authorised Economic Operator)
- 3C (Customs Competence Center)
- SBA (System Based Approach)
- Facilitations

Belgian Customs = partner!
Marketing (Economic Support)
NaForNa (National Forum)

IMPORT AND EXPORT IN EU/VIETNAM

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT EU - VIETNAM



The EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement entered into force on 1 August 2020

The trade agreement

- removes customs duties and other obstacles for import into Vietnam and EU;
- Makes it easier to trade in goods (electronics, food, pharmaceuticals,)

Vietnam removed 65% of its duties on EU goods the day the agreement entered into force. It will gradually remove the remainder by 2030.

The EU/BE removed immediately 85,6% and will progressively remove its duties on imports from Vietnam by 2027.

IMPORT IN EU

Generalised Scheme of Preferences (*EU – Developing countries*)

VIETNAM:

- **Before 1 august 2020** → GSP country (preferred duties) with Form A or REX-system
- **1 August 2020** → EVFTA
- **1 August 2020 till 31 December 2022** → GSP and the EVFTA in parallel, possibility to choose the preferred arrangement.
- **1 January 2023** → Standard GSP was ended for Viet Nam.
- **1 January 2023 until 31 July 2027** → EVFTA
EVFTA duties > EU GSP rates dd. 31 July 2020 → GSP rates(31/07/20)

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To qualify for the preferential rate your product needs to comply with certain origin-rules

Origin is the 'economic nationality' of goods, based on complex rules.

A product is considered to be of “Origin” if it is:

wholly obtained OR

produced exclusively from materials originating OR

produced with non-originating materials if sufficient working or processing by fulfilling product specific rules.

HS code !!

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Exporters from the EU can self-declare that their product originates in the EU by providing a statement on origin that can be made out by:

- an [exporter](#) registered in the [Registered Exporter System \(REX\)](#).
- any [exporter](#) provided that the total value of the [consignment](#) does not exceed €6,000.

For products [originating](#) in **Vietnam**, **exporters** can use the following proofs of origin

- [certificate of origin](#) (EUR1)
- [origin declaration](#) made out by any [exporter](#) (value max. 6000€)
- Origin declaration by an [exporter](#) approved or registered in accordance with the legislation of Vietnam. (after Vietnam has notified such a system to the EU (this is not yet the case)).



NON-ALTERATION

transit through third countries possible if NOT:

- transformed;
- subject to operations **other than** preserving them in good condition or adding/affixing marks, labels, seals or any other documentation to ensure compliance with specific domestic requirements of the importing country.

Documentary proof of compliance with non-alteration (certificate of non-manipulation) may be required in case of doubt.

Belgian Customs Attaché, your contact to Europe as key link for all your questions/ problems

Information/advice/help

- **EUVFTA** (HS codes, taxes, origin,)
- **import taxes** (and eventual export taxes in VN)
- **tax exemptions**
- **advanced rulings** HS codes/valuation/ Origin
- **customs import, export or transit procedures**
- **other authorized customs procedures**
(temporary import, inward processing, storage, ...)
- **quarantaine, health certificates, procedures,**
- **labelling, permits, registration, priority customs treatment, ...**
- **blocked containers or shipments**



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