

**NEW WEBRESOURCE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN GREEN  
CUSTOMS, CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*The recently launched PEN-CP Observatory on Green Customs, Circular Economy and Sustainability [ [www.pen-cp.net/green](http://www.pen-cp.net/green) ] helps keep Customs administrations up to date on ongoing policy, regulatory, business, technology and innovation developments, preparing Customs better for the green future.*

**EPALINGES, Switzerland** - Governments at the international, EU and national level are announcing ambitious plans - such as the Paris Agreement, the European Green Deal, and the Circular Economy Action Plan - to address challenges concerning sustainability and the circular economy. While Customs already has some responsibilities regarding sustainability and the environment, for example the Regulation on Licensing scheme for imports of timber; and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; it remains unclear how Customs will be affected by further policy and regulatory developments in these areas.

The members of the Pan-European Network of Customs Practitioners, PEN-CP, agree that a firm grasp of the policy, regulatory, business, technology and innovation developments in the areas of circular economy and sustainability, taking place outside of traditional Customs responsibilities and activities, is important to prepare Customs for the future. Consequently, PEN-CP has launched the Observatory on Green Customs, Circular Economy and Sustainability, with the following three main monitoring areas:

**Cross-cutting initiatives:** Brief descriptions and relevant web-links on EU Customs Reform; the World Customs Organization - Green Customs conference; the CIRPASS-project; the DATAPIPE-project; and PEN-CP.

**Sector-specific initiatives:** Brief descriptions and relevant web-links cover Timber and deforestation-free supply chains; Textiles; Tobacco; Batteries; and Fishing.

**Relevant EU policy, legislation and other initiatives:** Summaries and web-links on the Circular Economy Action Plan; the European Green Deal; the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism; the Critical Raw Materials Act; the new Battery Regulation; the EU Customs Reform Proposal; the Ecodesign Proposal; the Deforestation Regulation; the Depletion of the Ozone Layer Regulation; the System to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulation; the FLEGT- Licensing Timber Regulation; as well as the CITES-the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and the related EU regulation.

Please feel free to propose updates on the Observatory monitoring areas and specific initiatives; or, please indicate opportunities for new Case studies on how Customs in your country has implemented related risk and compliance management activities! **Send us an email at [pen-cp@cross-border.org](mailto:pen-cp@cross-border.org) or a WhatsApp message to: +41765890967**

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