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Re: Request for webex & webinar on customs process on EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement before July 2020

Dear Mr. Grave,

The under-signed organisations welcome the ratification by both the EU and Vietnam of the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EUVFTA) and look forward to a swift entry into force of the trade concessions. We look forward to receiving confirmation of the implementation date.

Our organisations represents both global companies and small to medium size enterprises. From all sectors, questions on customs procedures on the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement have been raised, from protocol on rules of origin to the date of application and regime for goods on sea or in transit.

Considering the above, we would urge the services of Directorate General of TAXUD, in cooperation with the services of Directorate General for Trade, to organise a webex meeting to address all the questions operators have channeled to their European associations. Such webex could in turn be transformed into a webinar that could be watched on-line and accessible to all.

Clear information on customs procedures is critical to ensure that operators, and in particular SMEs, take full advantage of the trade preferences as from the entry into force of the agreement.

We are in the process of collecting all questions raised by operators and will circulate them to you. We would also appreciate, if the principle of such webex is agreed, that you propose a couple of dates so we can chose a date that would be the most convenient.

We thank you for your attention, and look forward to hearing from you the above.

Yours sincerely

