



71st Trade Contact Group Plenary Session

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Taxation and
Customs Union

Agenda adoption

71st TCG Agenda Adoption
Draft Agenda shared on 8 July

Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

Item 1: **Customs Reform**

Item 2: **AOB**

Opening Remarks

1. Customs Reform

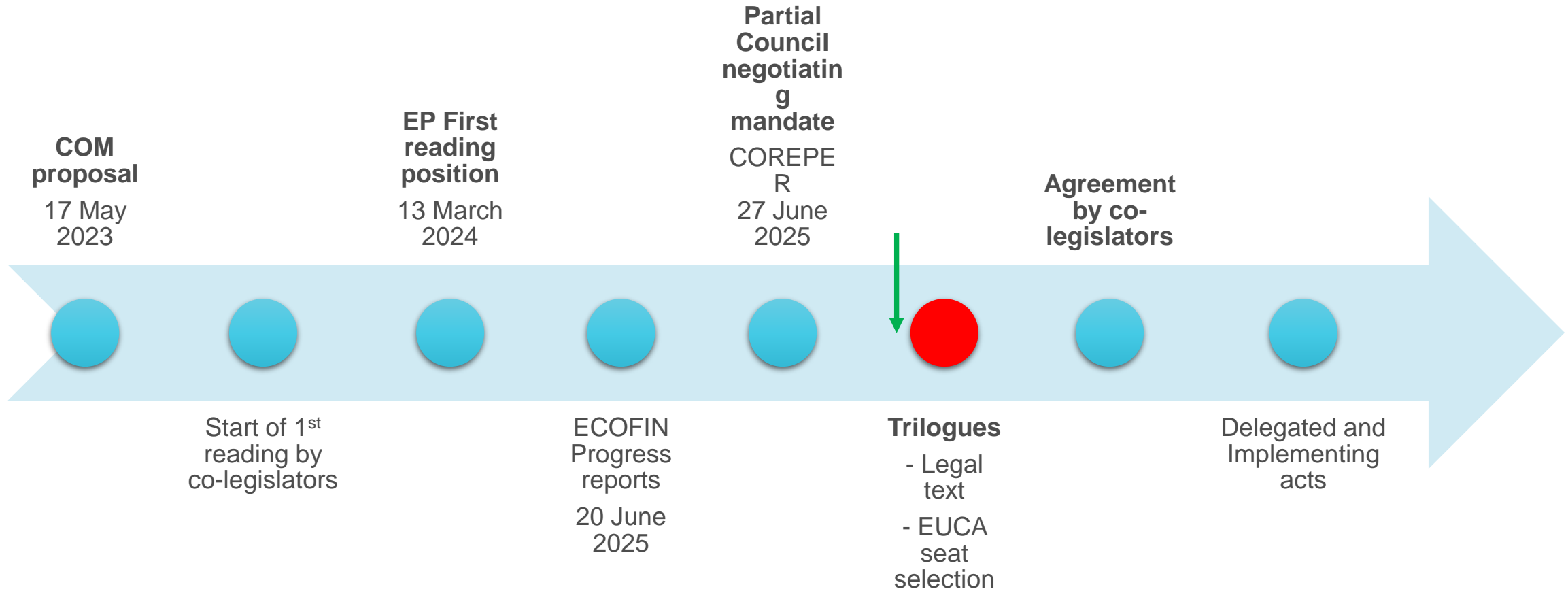
State of Play

The Council: Polish Presidency

- **33 CUG meetings**
(five presidencies and more than 100 CUG meetings to reach the mandate)
- **1 HL CUG**
- **1 informal CUG**
- **More than 60 experts** involved in drafting the compromise text
- **20 June – ECOFIN > progress report**
- **27 June – COREPER > MANDATE**



Customs reform – state of play



The Council mandate

Key changes to the Commission's proposal

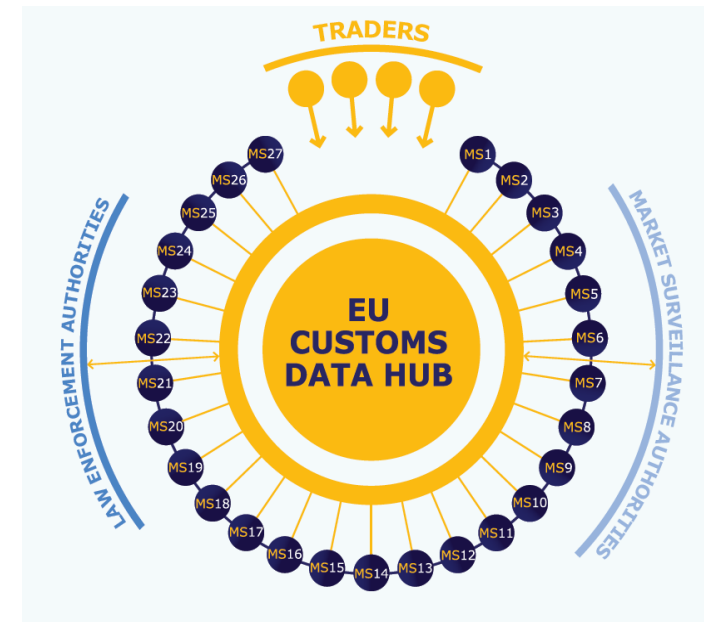
The Council: EU Customs Authority

- **Elements** reviewed in the Council mandate:
 - **Tasks:**
 - less focus on Union dimension
 - Additional tasks e.g.:
 - Communication channel with stakeholders
 - Consultation mechanism with the business sector
 - **Governance of EUCA:** *less strong role for COM*
- **Seat:**
 - Several MS have (informally) shown interest
 - Co-legislators first agree on criteria and selection procedure
 - COM calls for applications and assesses them
 - Co-legislator jointly decide



The Council: EU Customs Data Hub

- Main changes:
 - *More limited data access*
 - *Digital sovereignty*
 - *Introduction of the notion of data auditor*



The Council: E-commerce



- **Main changes in the Council mandate:**
 - **Deemed importer** definition provides choice between supplier and facilitator
 - **5 models** of deemed importer:
 - 1. T&C IOSS holder with CWDS** [Art 25, 42(2)(b), 59(2), 61, 122a, 181(4), 184(2) & 188(2)]
 - 2. T&C IOSS holder** [Art 25, 42(2)(b), 59(2), 181(4), 184(2) & 188(2)]
 - 3. IOSS holder with deferred payment authorization** [42(1)(d)(ii), 59(2) & 188(1)]
 - 4. IOSS holder without deferred payment authorization** [42(1)(d)(ii) & 59(2)]
 - 5. Non-IOSS holder** [Art 42(2)(a)]
 - **Customs valuation rules** adaptation to distance sales
 - **Handling fee**

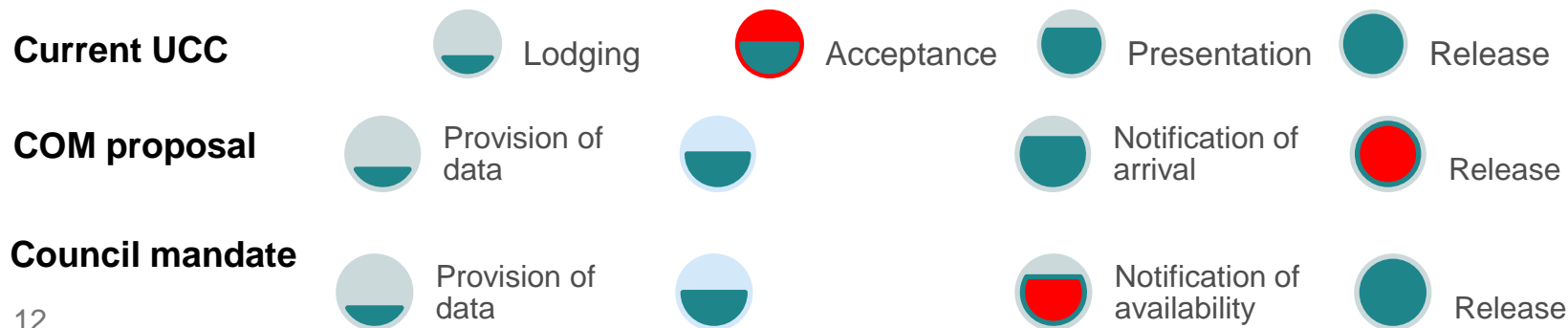
The Council: Customs Processes I

- **Main changes in the Council mandate:**
 - **Definition of importer**
Sequence of other operators that could subsequently take the role and responsibilities of the importer along the supply chain
 - **Definition of exporter**
Largely copied the current DA definition and covers re-export obligations
 - **Indirect customs representatives**
*Responsible when importer/exporter are not established in EU;
Representatives having AEO status can always enjoy their benefits (i.e. when acting as direct/indirect representative)*
 - **AEO-C to exist in parallel with Trust and Check**
Criteria and enhanced simplifications
 - **Temporary storage** duration back to 90 days
 - **Re-export** reintroduced



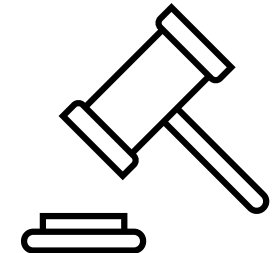
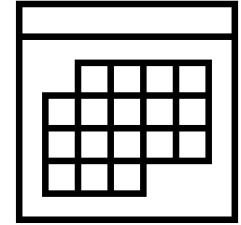
The Council: Customs Processes II

- **Competent customs office**
Offices where the goods are located are more relevant.
- **Placement of goods under customs procedure**
***Notification of availability** of the goods at the place of release is the moment when the rules governing a customs procedure starts applying*
- **Customs debt:** *the debt **arises when** the economic operator notifies the availability of the goods (instead of the release) and the **place of incurrence** of the customs debt is linked to the place where the goods are located (except for T&C)*

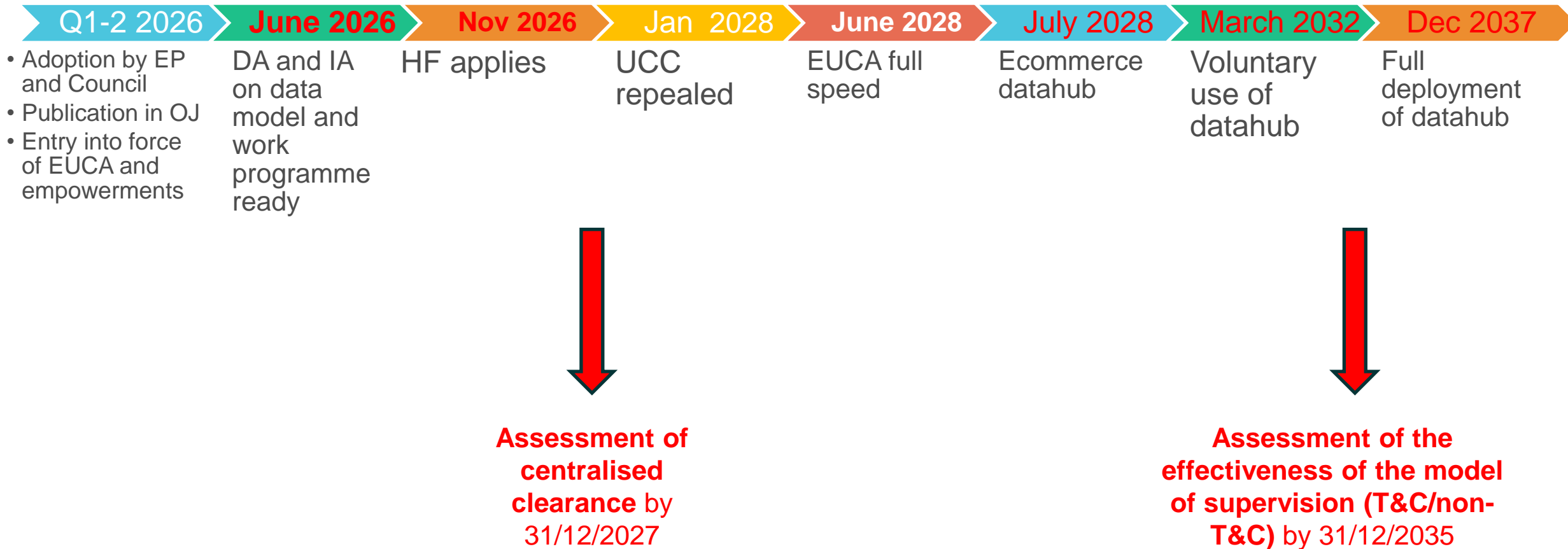


The Council: Other provisions

- **Application dates**
 - *EUCA and EUCDH set-up*
- **Customs cooperation**
 - *MS want to keep their **bilateral agreements***
 - ***Prior MS authorisation** to exchange their information in the EUCDH*
- **Infringements and penalties**
 - *Title XIV almost deleted*
 - ***No support** for the minimum harmonisation tabled by COM*



Transitional period – legal overview (Art. 264/258)



Next Steps

Council and interinstitutional negotiations

Interinstitutional negotiation

UCC trilogues

- Political trilogue (kick-off trilogue): 8 July, Strasbourg
- Technical trilogues

Seat selection process

- Criteria
- Selection procedure
- Timeline

Rest of the customs reform package

Council Regulation

- Customs duty relief (€150)
- TARIC (bucket system)

VAT Directive

- IOSS extended to goods >150€ and to distance sales from specific customs warehouses

Other Commission's tasks

EUCA set-up

- Governance
- Human resources
- Budget

EU Customs Data Hub set-up

- Pilot
- Involvement of MS

Q&A

Thank you



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