

Latvia after joining EU



Abolishment of internal customs borders between EU-25 countries.



Revision of trade policy towards non-EU countries (mainly quotas system and customs duty).





Big surplus of transport capacity, especially in road transport (up to 25%).

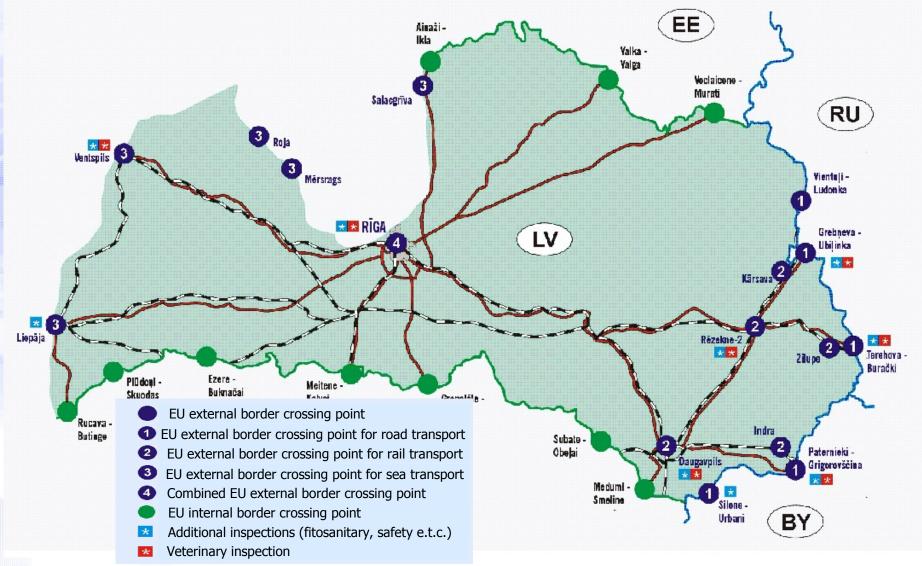


New aspects in trade organization with EU countries (especially in VAT and Excise fields).





Latvia as external border of EU





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Simplified Customs Clearance

INCOMPLETE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

The procedure for incomplete declarations shall allow the customs authorities to accept, in a duly justified case, a declaration which does not contain all the particulars required, or which is not accompanied by all documents necessary for the customs procedure in question.

SIMPLIFIED CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

The simplified declaration procedure shall enable goods to be entered for the customs procedure in question on presentation of a simplified declaration with subsequent presentation of a supplementary declaration which may be of a general, periodic or recapitulative nature, as appropriate.

LOCAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

The local clearance procedure shall enable the entry of goods for the customs procedure in question to be carried out at the premises of the person concerned or at other places designated or approved by the customs authorities.

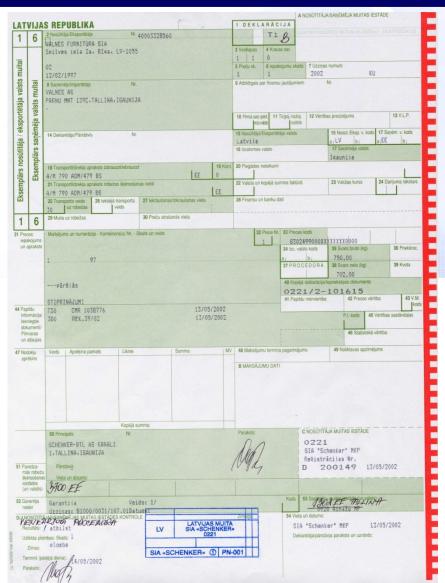


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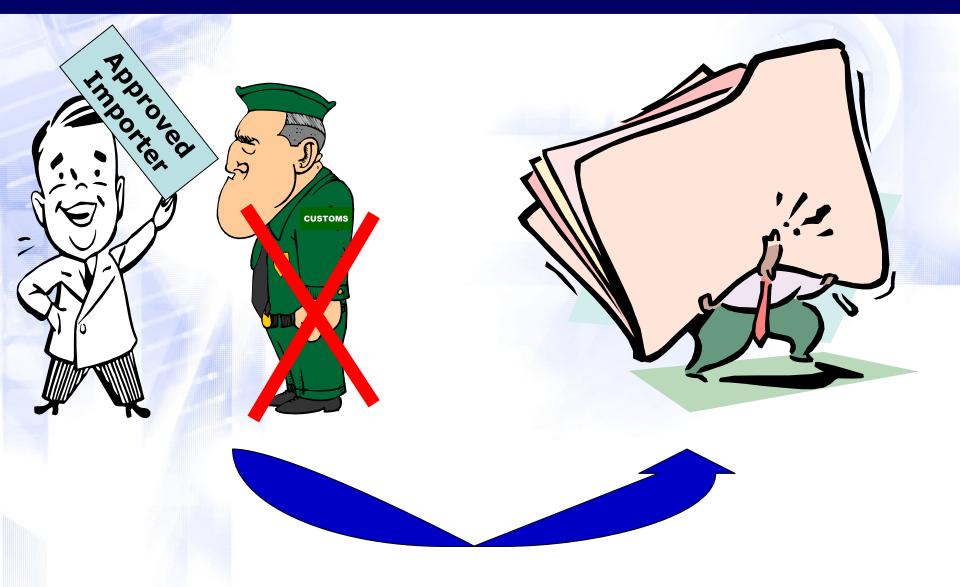




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Local Customs Clearance







Importation to EU via Latvia

VAT is applied as for regular EU transaction (stated only in company's VAT report)

EU

 Possibility to release goods for free circulation in Latvia by paying only customs duty (VAT is postponed to the final receiver in any of EU countries);

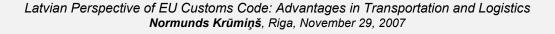
• The final receiver of the goods is calculating all taxes as for regular EU transaction, which means, that VAT physically is not paid, but showed in VAT report;

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• There is no need to apply transit customs procedure to transport goods from the point of importation (Latvia) to the final receiver (and no customs guarantee is required).

This solution is based on EC Regulations No 2913/92 and No 2454/93, as well as Law on Value Added Tax of the Republic of Latvia (Article 33).







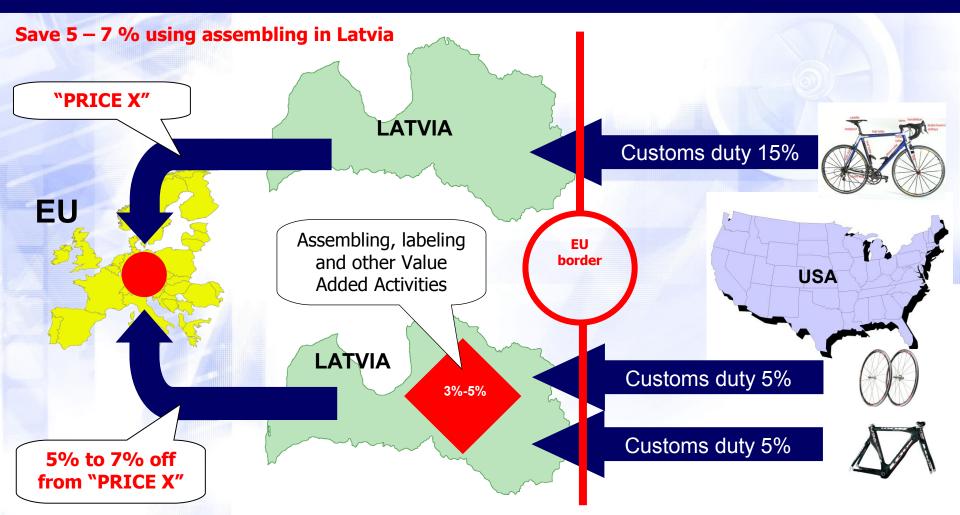
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USA

Importation to EU via Latvia

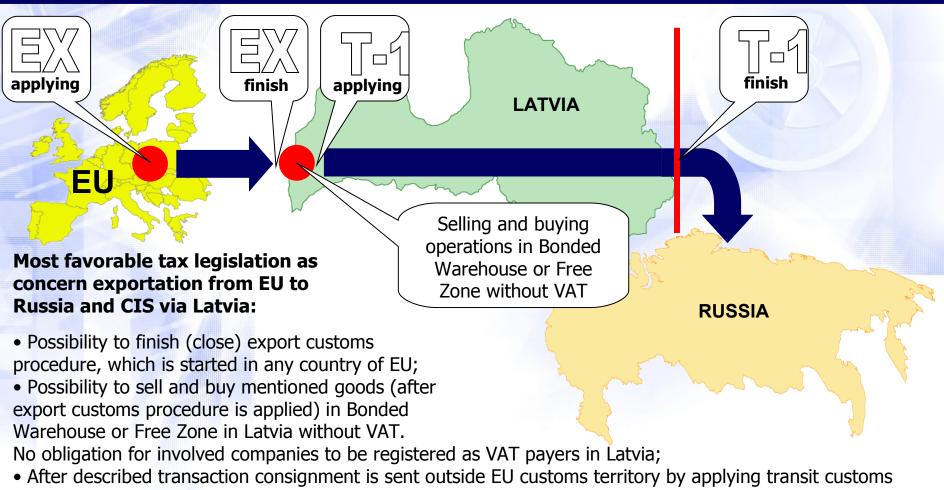


This very simple example illustrates only one possibility how any importer can save 5% to 7% out of the total value of his product, by locating his logistics centre or EU distribution warehouse in Latvia.





Exportation to Russia / CIS via Latvia



procedure.

This solution is based on EC Regulations No 2913/92 and No 2454/93 (Article 793), as well as Law on Value Added Tax of the Republic of Latvia (Article 3 and 18).

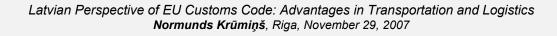




Transit to Russia / CIS via Latvia







An Authorized Economic Operator can be defined as an economic operator who is reliable throughout the Community in the context of his customs related operations, and, therefore, is entitled to enjoy benefits throughout the Community.



An AEO certificate provides either an easier admittance to customs simplifications, or it entitles the holder to facilitations concerning security and safety controls. In addition, there are benefits which are open to all categories of AEO, such as, amongst others, fewer physical and document based customs controls (unless other Community legislation prescribes a fixed amount). Economic operators can also request a joint certificate ("customs simplifications" together with "security and safety") comprising all benefits referred to above.





Authorized Economic Operator



An AEO Certificate - Customs Simplifications is issued to any economic operator established in the Community who fulfils the criteria of customs compliance, appropriate record-keeping standards and financial solvency.

The holder of this certificate is entitled to:

- easier admittance to customs simplifications;
- fewer physical and document-based controls;
- priority treatment if selected for control;
- possibility to request a specific place for such control.



An AEO Certificate – Security and Safety is issued to any economic operator established in the Community who fulfils the criteria of customs compliance, appropriate record-keeping standards, financial solvency, and maintains appropriate security and safety standards.

The holder of this certificate is entitled to:

- possibility of prior notification;
- reduced data set for summary declarations;
- fewer physical and document-based controls;
- priority treatment if selected for control;
- possibility to request a specific place for such control





