



# NEWSFLASHroad

Dear valued customer,

We would like to keep you informed about the most recent market information via this NEWSFLASHroad.

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## Direct Representation Customs

**For some time now, European customs legislation has allowed customs agents to make a declaration as a direct representative. However, until now, this has not been possible in practice for imports into Belgium and customs procedures were not equipped to do so.**

Following a decision by the Minister of Finance, customs legislation and the appropriate procedures have now been modified, allowing the introduction of "direct representation". This means that a company such as yourself can now be represented directly by Schenker NV when importing and exporting goods.

### *How does this affect you?*

Schenker will create the declaration in your name and on your behalf and customs will inspect this declaration. During completion Schenker will pay the import levies in your name and goods will be released, making them available to you.

This means that Schenker will continue to take care of any customs formalities and will also be able to pay import levies up front to Customs, after which we will send you an invoice to cover our services plus any prepaid import charges and other costs.

This makes little difference when it comes to the import/export company's liability. Whether opting for direct or indirect representation, the importer/exporter remains liable for meeting their obligations under the Customs Code.

### *How can Schenker continue to serve you as a customs agent?*

Attached you can find a blank authorization appointing Schenker NV as Direct Representative. Please complete and sign this form and return it to us.

The Belgian government has confirmed that authorization must be given by a legal body.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or remarks.

Best regards,  
Frank Van Noten  
Customs Manager