



STATEMENT

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As of the 1st of May 2016, the substantive provisions of the Union Customs Code (UCC) apply across the European Union. Reaching this milestone was an important step towards the UCC's objective of more harmonized and simplified customs procedures throughout Europe. The European Express Association (EEA) welcomes the constructive approach of the European Commission, Member States, the European Parliament and other economic operators. The EEA remains committed to engage in the ongoing work that is still to be done to for customs to work for Europe.

The European Express Association (EEA) is the representative organisation for the express industry in Europe. The industry specialises in time-definite, reliable transportation services for documents, parcels, and freight. It allows European business to rely on predictable, expeditious delivery of supplies, thereby enabling them to attain and maintain global competitiveness. The express industry employs over 250,000 people across the EU and supports a further 175,000 indirect jobs in Europe through the supply-chain. The express industry's employees are widely spread across the EU.