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How is the EU adapting its external trade and customs law to ever faster global economic integration, which is creating new opportunities, additional competition and fresh challenges for the operators involved? The new proposals, the effectiveness of current measures, and the need for new instruments will be analysed in this seminar.

Trade law. In 2006 the European Commission adopted a paper on "Global Europe: Competing in the World", designed to increase the contribution of European trade policy to the Lisbon Strategy (COM(2006)567). What should be the next step? There are new measures to combat international crime, counterfeiting and piracy through the Customs Action Plan. To be mentioned here is the Regulation (EC) 1889/2005 on controls of cash entering or leaving the Community came into force in 2007. The "ConTraffic" system based on route-risk analysis was also developed in 2006. Finally a regulation is proposed on enhancing supply chain security.

Customs law. The Regulation on a Modernised Community Customs Code was finally adopted on 19 February 2008, which ought to simplify the legislation and benefit all the actors involved. Since 1 January 2008 the concept of "Authorised Economic Operator (AEO)" is designed to facilitate trade for reliable traders and on 1 July 2009 an electronic system will be introduced for the exchange of advanced information between traders and customs authorities about all goods coming into or leaving the EU.

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Thursday, 15 May 2008

08:30 Arrival and Registration
09:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Session I – Improvement in the current regime of Trade Defence Instruments (TDI)

Chair: *Georg Berrisch*

09:15 **The reform of the TDI**
Elements of the review: more balanced approach to the Community interest; transparency of process and objectivity of decision-making, and up-to-date definition of the community industry
Edmund McGovern
Tibor Scharf

10:00 **Anti-dumping proceedings**
Edwin Vermulst

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Anti-subsidy proceedings: a better solution for distortive trade practices?**
Bernard O'Connor

11:30 **Anti-dumping and countervailing duties: recent developments in case-law and Commission / Council practice**
Influence of WTO law; award and withdrawal of market economy status; analysis of risk of recurrence (whether to continue measures in an expiry review); role of national judges, etc.
Hubert van Vliet

12:00 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

Session II – Trade Barriers Regulation (TBR) and market access strategy

Chair: *Rainer M. Bierwagen*

14:30 **Analysis of Trade Barriers Regulation**
Robert MacLean

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Changes in the market access strategy**
Jens Schaps

16:30 **Latest news on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) EU basic priorities**
Jens Schaps

17:15 Discussion

17:30 End of the first day of conference

Book launch – 17:45

The conference will feature a reception celebrating the publication of "EC Customs Law" 2nd edition (OUP) by Timothy Lyons QC

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Friday, 16 May 2008

Session III – New customs environment for EU trade

Chair: *Jacquelyn MacLennan*

09:00 **Modernized Customs Code**
Jean-Michel Grave

09:30 **Customs classification and binding tariff information**
Austin Valentine / Ilze Kuniga

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **Rules of origin**
Paulette Vander Schueren

11:00 **Customs valuation and transfer pricing**
Santiago Ibañez

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Light Buffet

Session IV – Safety and Security

Chair: *James Killick*

13:30 **Adapting customs control techniques to new challenges**
Christophe Zimmermann

14:00 **Security measures**
Mikolt Csap

15:00 End of the seminar