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FORWARD Belgium: focus points



Customs

Correct TSD write-offs for a smooth flow of goods

On 7 October, the information session '**Correct TSD write-offs for a smooth flow of goods**' took place in the Orangerie Room at Bluepoint Berchem. This meeting, organised by FORWARD Belgium and the Belgian Shipping Association in collaboration with The Way Forward, offered concrete insights into:

- Which data is crucial for correct follow-up declarations
- How the shipping agent can efficiently provide this information
- Roles and responsibilities within the logistics chain
- Practical tools such as the IRP's Import Consignment API

Aimed at management and customs officials, the focus was on transparency and coordination between shipping agents, freight forwarders and consignees.

✉ [The slides and recording of the session can be requested from the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)

MASP customs projects for non-customs specialists

The Way Forward will organise an additional online information session for non-customs specialists (C-level or other) on **21 November from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

Similar to a similar session held a year earlier, the entire MASP programme will be explained in broad terms.

The emphasis will be on the impact on the operational process and the role that the various parties must play.

The Teams link can be requested [from the FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#)



Sustainability

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

CBAM has been in force since **1 October 2023**, with a reporting obligation for importers. From **1 January 2026**, financial settlement will follow: companies will then pay for CO₂ emissions at the border.

For freight forwarders, customs representatives and logistics service providers, the role will change significantly. Mistakes can be costly, and many companies are only now realising this – preparation is crucial.

In order to inform members in good time, FORWARD Belgium and IACBAM organised an exclusive webinar on 2 October 2025. [The presentation and/or recording link can be requested from the secretariat.](#)

Legal

Review: Panoptes information session – digital platform for security checks

On 10 October, DG Shipping organised an online information session on the new *Panoptes* platform, which will soon become the central tool for security verifications in the maritime sector. The session was specifically aimed at shipping agents and freight forwarders and provided clarity on the future working method.

👉 The presentation can be requested from [the FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#). You can also contact them if you have any additional questions or require clarification.

New ABAS/KVBG conditions since 15 July 2025

Since 15 July, the **ABAS/KVBG conditions** have been thoroughly revised and greatly expanded. The new version remains remarkably one-sided in favour of the terminals. [You can download it here.](#)

Important points to note:



- Be extremely cautious when signing contracts with terminals or subcontractors that apply these terms and conditions.
- A principled refusal or written reservation remains advisable.
- Proactively inform your customers about the risks and the application of these terms and conditions by subcontractors.
- Consider using a standard letter of protest in which you formally state that you do not accept these terms and conditions — either in your own name or on behalf of your customer.

For questions or support, [please contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)



Young FORWARD Belgium

FORWARD Academy: Leadership of the future

What do ChatGPT and dysfunctional teams have in common with Hermes and Demeter? Executive coach Anja Moortgat connects ancient mythology with modern workplace dynamics in a surprising keynote speech on leadership. Expect humour, recognition and insights that will stay with you.

 Wednesday 22 October – 5.30 p.m.
 BluePoint Antwerp
 Includes networking reception

[More information and registration](#)



Book your personal appointment

If you are unsure which cases FORWARD Belgium handles and/or would like to know more about what FORWARD Belgium can do for your company, you are welcome to make a personal appointment.

We will be happy to visit you to explain everything in detail.

[Make your personal appointment here](#)

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