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PRESS RELEASE

HAROPA and Ports of Normandy join forces to help transport operators get ready for Brexit

After successfully completing the work to ensure customs checks can be carried out whilst keeping traffic flowing as smoothly as possible and after several dry runs, the Normandy channel ports - Le Havre for HAROPA and Caen-Ouistreham, Cherbourg and Dieppe for Ports of Normandy - have joined forces to help supply chain actors to be as ready as they can be for Brexit when it comes into force on 1 January next, producing a series of handy fact sheets and organising site visits.

Reminder: the border crossing process will rely on the smart border system, which is designed to keep port traffic moving in spite of the tighter controls due to Brexit. Under this system only goods that have been pre-declared or have a customs transit document can board the ferry, and lorries are channelled as soon as they disembark according to the customs, veterinary and/or phytosanitary status of the goods they are carrying.

The different trial runs have confirmed that the entire process is operational: from pairing at the port of embarkation to inspection of the goods, if required. All the equipment has been tested: information systems, port layouts and flows, on-board information, coordination between all the actors, etc. Every action that needs to be carried out by every agent has been tried and tested.

The results of these trials have been satisfactory and we can be confident that everything will go off without a hitch on 1 January 2021. The 2 main objectives have been achieved: smooth traffic flow and operational checks.

Nevertheless, there is still one aspect that we need to keep a close eye on: the success of this system relies on everyone involved planning their crossing ahead of time and synchronising their actions. To reproduce the success we have seen in the trials and in the interests of all concerned, it is therefore essential that all the actors in the supply chain anticipate and plan their crossing process correctly.

That is why HAROPA and Ports of Normandy have decided to join forces and create a set of practical fact sheets summarising key information for different situations: "I am a transport operator - what do I have to do?" / "My status is Orange - what do I have to do?" / "I export or

import veterinary or phytosanitary products" etc. These fact sheets can be downloaded from HAROPA and Ports of Normandy websites as well as those of the latter's delegates. See link below.

In addition, transport operators, shippers, importers and customs representatives can contact Ports of Normandy or HAROPA for explanations on how things will work at the port they have chosen. Information sessions will be organised, with the participation of the port operator, the ferry company, customs, the DRAAF (regional food, agriculture and forestry directorate). They will take place in small groups either on site or, depending on the health situation, online.

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Find all the information on:

<https://www.brexitreadybyharopa.haropaports.com/fr>

http://www.pna-ports.fr/web/brexit_fact_sheets.html

<https://www.port-cherbourg.fr/actualites-port-de-cherbourg.php>

<https://www.caen.port.fr/brexit-0-10.html>

<http://www.portdedieppe.fr/Regie-dieppoise-des-activites-portuaires-504.html>

ABOUT PORTS OF NORMANDY

Owner and administrator of the ports of Caen-Ouistreham, Cherbourg, and Dieppe, "Ports of Normandy" comprises:

6,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs (INSEE Study 2016) / €410M invested in Normandy (2007-2020) / 100 ha dedicated to Marine Renewable Energies and 2 forthcoming maintenance sites / 2 million cross-Channel passengers per year / 7 million tonnes of goods per year / Close to 60 cruise ship visits per year and more than 150,000 cruise passengers / 3,200 marina berths, a dry stack marina and 33,600 overnight stays / 1/3 of all fish (tonnage) landed in Normandy / comprehensive ship repair provision.

Ports of Normandy, an alliance between Normandy Council, the departments of Calvados, Manche and Seine-Maritime and the agglomeration communities of Caen-la-Mer, Le Cotentin and Dieppe-Maritime, at the service of economic development in the region. Learn more about "Ports de Normandie" at portsdenormandie.fr

ABOUT HAROPA - PORT OF LE HAVRE

Ideally situated on the Europe's western seaboard, HAROPA - Port of Le Havre is France's leading port for foreign trade and the 5th largest container port in Northern Europe, with almost 6,000 vessels calling every year, including the world's largest container ships. Accessible 24/7, it handles over 70 million tonnes of goods each year, including almost 40% of France's crude oil imports.

A member of HAROPA, France's leading port complex, along with the ports of Rouen and Paris, Le Havre offers fast connections for global shipping lines, serving 600 ports on all continents. One of the largest port complexes in Europe, HAROPA has almost 500 hectares of land available or suitable for development along the Seine axis. It

assists its clients with setting up and managing competitive, sustainable logistics systems to serve the 25 million inhabitants of Europe's largest consumer market.

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