

The Future of Enforcement and the role of Digital Product Passport



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To Protect



Safety



Environment

We supervise goods that cross the EU border in order to **protect** EU and its citizens. We specifically pay attention to goods that impact safety, health, environment or economy



Health



Economy





Douane
Belastingdienst



500 million consumers within 24 hours reach





Customs Challenges

Growing
number of
regulations

Growing
trade
volumes

New business
models
(eCommerce)

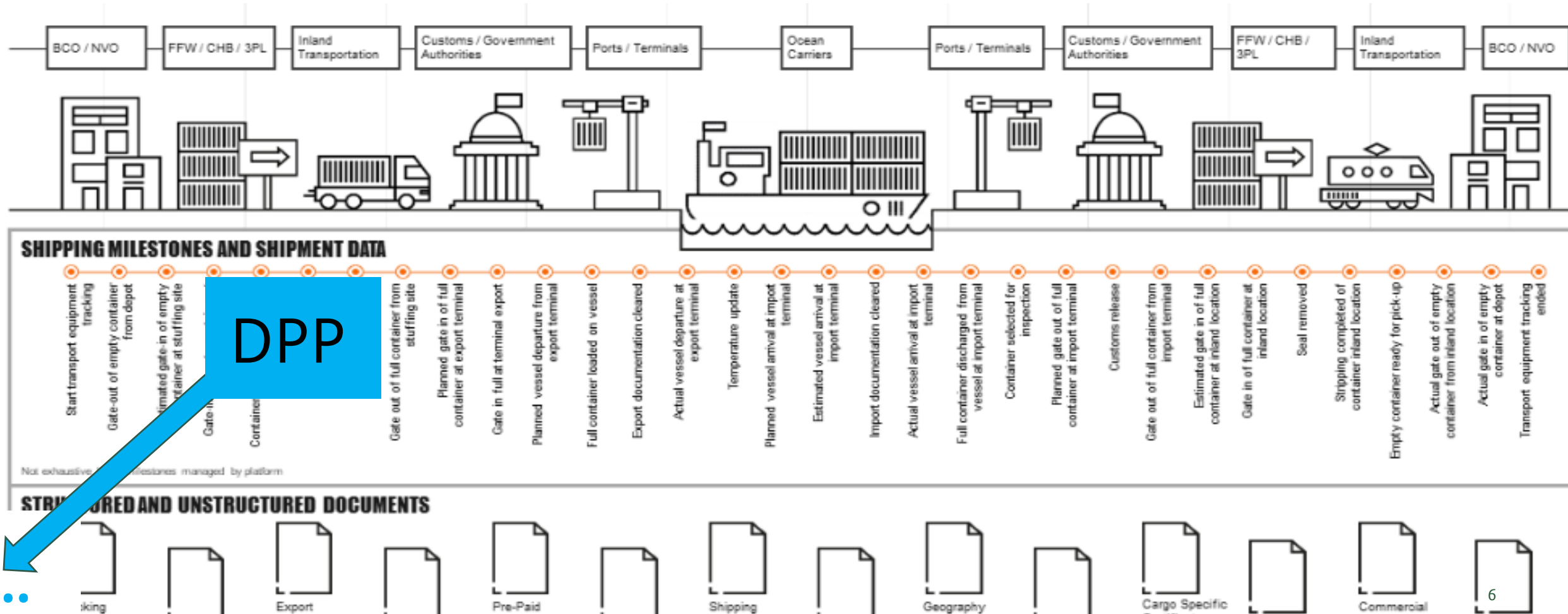
20 Billion declaration lines (2026)



Limited supervision- and enforcement capacity

The best source: supply chain data

procurement note, events, route, Bill of Lading, invoice, certificaten, .. + DPP





Role of Customs at entry

Identifiers seen by Customs:

- **Unique Product Identifier (GTIN / model)**
- **Unique Operator Identifier (EORI + verified business registry)**
- **Unique Facility Identifier**
- **Unique Registration Identifier**
- **Status: valid / invalid / revoked**

Not seen by Customs:

The full DPP-data content. These data remain in the hands of the DPP service provider

- **LCA / CO2 footprint**
- **Material components, substances of concern (SOC)**
- **Recyclage-instructies**
- **Repair manuals, dismantle instructions,**
- **Supply chain details**

1. Existence check: through CERTEX :

Does an active DPP record exists in the central registry for this SKU / batch / series?

2. Authenticity check:

Is the data structured according to EU standards (JSON-LD) and digitally signed ?

3. Authorisation check:

Is the record uploaded by an authorised economic operator?



When 1 of these 3 fails => blockage at the border .

At suspicion of fraud,

Market surveillance authority will do research and will (de)block the shipment via CERTEX (release/hold)



Benefits for Customs

Automated controls with DPP-registry for (Unique Parcel Identifier, Taric, EORI).

Improved compliance (potentially)

- Less errors by managing DPP-data centrally (big cies) in Customs & Trade compliance department.

- Less room for declarant to deviate from importer data (owner of the DPP data).

Clearance process easier



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