

## **EU Conclusions on implementation of Customs Revenue Collection Agreement of 17 January 2013**

**Brussels, 5 November 2013**

1. The collection of all applicable customs duties and excise duties as well as VAT at the IBM crossing points Jarinje/Rudinca-Jarinjë and in Tabavije/Bërnjak – Tabalije/Brnjak will start on 14 December 2013 at 00:00. In case the final round of municipal elections in the four northern municipalities takes place later than on 1 December, the collection will start on the second Saturday at 00:00 after the final round. An information campaign will start 10 days before the collection.
2. The Management Board of the Development Fund will be convened before the collection starts.
3. From the first day of collection, all revenues will be paid either in cash or through a point of sale. The branch of a commercial bank at the crossing points will be established with the support of the Kosovo authorities. The collection will be carried out in accordance with 17 January 2013 agreement, including its provisions on registration of companies and the reference to the Development Fund on receipts and bank statements.
4. For goods that fall under a controlled regime (licensing), companies must apply for licenses in accordance with Kosovo legislation within 3 months of the start of the collection. During that period, companies may bring into Kosovo those goods but have to pay all applicable customs duties and excise duties as well as VAT in accordance with Kosovo legislation.
5. For those companies, who have applied but have not met the licensing requirements under Kosovo legislation, the relevant Kosovo authorities will specify the requirements in order for the companies to upgrade their facilities and/or fulfil other conditions. During that period and no later than 31 December 2014, these companies may continue to bring into Kosovo those goods and pay the revenues, unless the shortcomings constitute a serious health or environmental hazard.
6. If applicable, inspection for licensing purposes will be conducted in accordance with Kosovo legislation by the competent authorities, including local authorities.
7. Both parties will exchange before 30 November 2013 their respective lists of licensed human and veterinary medicinal products and devices. Pristina will add those products and devices to its list of licensed human and veterinary medicinal products and devices by 31 December 2013 in accordance with the Kosovo legislation.
8. Goods where exclusive distribution rights exist will not be prevented from entry, provided that those goods are original products.
9. Municipal offices in the four northern municipalities may assist the companies in the preparation of requests for licensing to the competent Kosovo authorities. The latter will accept direct submission of these requests by these municipal offices with the appropriate proxy from the companies.
10. Until the start of customs collection, the current agreements for all goods in the north will remain in force. The parties will comply with its modalities.
11. For the implementation of the above, EULEX will be present, in line with and for the duration of its mandate, and in accordance with the IBM agreement.